



NAAC Contracting Prices Survey 2024

Prices are based on red diesel at £0.85 per litre. Please note that prices are likely to vary as input costs change and contractors should add a fuel surcharge if diesel prices are over £0.85 to cover their costs. If any non-agricultural operations are carried out, expect the costs to be higher to take account of using white diesel.

These survey prices are intended as a guide only. They are average prices surveyed from NAAC members - however the actual price may vary considerably between regions, soil types, distance travelled, size of contract undertaken, size and type of equipment used, amount of product applied etc. Contractors may also have individual arrangements with customers regarding diesel (eg. separate fuel surcharge, fuel used on-farm etc). The prices below do not reflect this market trend, and this may make a significant difference to contracting charges.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CONTRACTORS CALCULATE THEIR OWN COSTS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Soil preparation	COST £/hectare	COST £/acre	COST £/hour
Ploughing:			
- Light land	74.19	30.02	
- Heavy land	81.46	32.97	
- Add for furrow press on plough	9.06	3.67	
Deep ploughing (over 30cm)	92.41	37.40	
Rotovating (ploughed land/grass)	97.72	38.33	
Sub-soiling/Flat lifting	77.41	31.33	
Mole-ploughing:			
- Single leg	102.15	41.34	
- Twin leg	101.26	40.98	
Stubble raking	29.96	12.13	
Disc harrowing	58.34	23.61	
Power harrowing:			
- Shallow/ seedbed prep	67.35	27.26	
- Deep/ on ploughing	76.32	30.89	
Spring-tine harrowing	45.79	18.53	



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Pressing: (Rexius twin/Cultipress or similar)	53.28	21.56	
One-pass tillage train (solo/discordon etc)	78.08	31.60	
Rolling:			
- flat (grassland)	34.46	13.94	
- ring (seedbeds)	23.00	9.31	
Bed tilling	250	101.17	
Chain harrowing	33.81	13.68	
Drilling	COST £/hectare	COST £/acre	COST £/hour
Cereal drilling:			
- conventional (Vaderstad/Sprinter etc)	60.82	24.62	
- combi-drilling (powerharrow drill/combination)	82.27	33.29	
- direct drilling (tine/disc/strip)	77.53	31.38	
Rape drilling with flat-lift/subsoiler	86.48	35.00	
Sugar beet drilling	66.10	26.75	
Potato planting	248.55	100.59	
Carrot/parsnip/onion precision drilling	98.84	40.00	
Maize precision drilling	57.51	23.27	
Maize drilling under plastic	163.08	66.00	
Grass seed - broadcast	34.02	13.77	
Grass seed - drilling with harrow	47.08	19.35	
Grass seed - cross drilling (per pass)	63.53	25.71	
Application	COST £/hectare	COST £/acre	COST £/hour
Fertiliser distribution:			
- spinning disc	15.87	6.46	
- extra for variable rate application	4.46	1.80	
Liquid fertiliser	15.95	6.39	
Crop spraying	15.07	6.10	



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Grassland/pasture/paddock spraying	24.85	10.06	82.73
ATV spraying			48.29
Slug-pelleting	11.18	4.53	
Avadex application	19.33	7.82	
Weed wiping			75.00
	COST £/tonne		
Lime spreading	7.75		
Slurry and Farmyard Manure	COST £/tonne		COST £/hour
FYM spreading – tractor and rear discharge spreader	3.52		70.42
FYM spreading - tractor and side discharge spreader	5.00		60.00
Loading and spreading chicken litter	5.31		
Loading shovel			72.75
		COST per m cubed	COST £/hour
Slurry spreading – tanker trailing shoe or dribble bar			74.92
Slurry spreading – umbilical		2.22	137
- extra pump			72.50
Slurry injection			110
Slurry Separating Service (with capacity of + \- 100m3 per hour)			100
Hedges, boundaries and forestry	COST £/metre run		COST £/hour
Hedge cutting - flail			53.53
Hedge cutting – saw blade			68.94
Hedge laying	17.10		
360 Excavator (7.5t) and tree shear			80.16
Verge bank mowing			56.71



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Fence erection (with materials)			
post and 4 Barb	8.04		
post, stock net & 2 Barb	11.02		
post and 3 rails	25.13		
Harvesting	COST £/hectare	COST £/acre	COST £/hour
Combining cereals	116.36	47.09	
- Extra for straw chopper on combine	11.86	4.8	
Oilseed rape harvesting			
combining out of windrow	112.84	45.67	
- direct combining	114.90	46.50	
- Swathing rape	54.05	21.88	
Combining peas/beans	113.84	46.07	
Combining grain maize	138.10	55.89	
Grain carting to barn			57.48
Potato harvesting only	800.35	323.90	
Potato harvesting and carting	1235.48	500	
Potato - de-stoning land	319.39	129.26	
Sugar beet harvesting - harvesting only	292.01	118.17	
Sugar beet harvesting - harvesting and carting	325.31	131.65	
Topping margins/ flail mowing	52.96	21.43	
Grass - topping	47.57	19.25	62.73
Grass - mowing	38.23	15.47	
Grass - tedding	23.39	9.47	
Grass - raking	24.18	9.78	



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Forage harvesting only	83.34	33.73	
Whole crop forage harvesting, cart (3 trailers) & clamping	208.33	84.11	
Complete service – mow, rake, forage harvest, cart (3 trailers) and clamp	191.25	77.40	
Maize harvesting incl. carting (3 trailers) and clamping	212.38	85.95	
Extra trailer for carting silage/maize/whole crop		7.25	61.06
Forage wagon/hour			131.20
Baling*	Cost £/bale		
Small conventional	1.13		
- 80cm x 90cm	4.66		
- 120cm x 70cm	5.89		
- 120cm x 90cm	7.13		
- 120cm x 130cm	8.09		
- Round 120cm	4.11		
- Round 150cm	4.69		
- <i>*note these prices may vary with bale density</i>			
Bale-wrapping:			
Round 120cm (with 6 layers of plastic)	7.12		
- Round 120cm (with 4 layers of plastic)	6.17		
- Round 120cm (without plastic)	3.14		
- Square 80cm x 90cm (with 6 layers of plastic) NEW	7.25		
- Square 120cm x 70cm (with 6 layers of plastic)	8.83		
- Square 120cm x 70cm (with 4 layers of plastic)	9.58		
- Square 120cm x 70cm (without plastic)	3.56		
Combi baling and wrapping (with 6 layers of plastic)	9.50		
Bale Chasing (per bale)	3.11		



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Mobile Feed	COST £/tonne		
Mobile feed mixing and processing from	27.33		
Crimping	14.75		
Tractor hire			COST £/Hour
Tractor + post knocker + man			55.00
Ditching using 180 degree digger			46.17
Ditching using 360 degree digger			52.34
Drain jetting			60
Tractor + man 100 – 150 hp Tractor			50.33
Tractor + man 150 – 220 hp Tractor + man			57.80
Tractor + man 220 – 300 hp Tractor + man			69.79
Tractor + man 300 hp + Tractor + man			91.60
Additional charge for trailer			12.81
Forklift/Telehandler + man			54.89
Livestock Services	COST £/Head		
Sheep shearing			
shearing ewe	1.81		
rams	3.70		
crutching	0.78		
Sheep dipping <i>*note there may be an additional charge for used dip removal.</i>	1.50		
Specialist			COST £/Hour
Snow ploughing/clearing			71.80
Labour only			19.94
Chainsaw with operator			35.27