

FCI Contracting Charges Guide 2019



These are the average guideline prices surveyed from FCI members, the actual prices may vary considerably between regions, soil types, distance travelled, size of contract undertaken, size and type of equipment used, amount of product applied etc. The FCI is also aware that many contractors make individual arrangements with their customers regarding diesel (eg separate fuel surcharge, fuel used on-farm etc). The prices below do not reflect this market trend and such agreements may make a significant difference to contracting charges.

Prices are based on green diesel at 70 cent/litre

Prices are shown as GUIDE ONLY, PLUS VAT at 13.5% and per area or per hour & include operator, unless otherwise stated ©FCI 2019	2019
CONTRACTING OPERATION	(All Charges plus VAT at 13.5%)
Baling & Bale Handling	
Bale, wrap, stack and move (inc. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost)	14/bale
Bale, wrap, stack and move (excl. plastic)	11/bale
Bale and wrap (inc. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost)	10/bale
Bale and wrap (excl. plastic)	7/bale
Baling silage (4 x 4)	5/bale
Mow, bale and wrap (incl. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost)	16/bale
Mow, bale and wrap (excl. plastic)	13/bale
Wrap (4x4) (excl. plastic)	2.75/bale
Bale Transport	63/hr
Bale Stacking	63/hr
Large square bales of silage (6x4x3)	8.50/bale
Large 5x3x2 silage bales wrapped	13/bale
Hay - small square bales	0.50/bale
Hay - round bales (4x4)	5/bale
Hay - cutting/mowing	21/acre
Hay - turning/rowing/rowing	10.50/acre
Straw - small square bales	0.50/bale
Straw - round bales (4x4)	5/bale
Straw - round bales (5x4)	5/bale
Straw - (8x4x3)	9.50/bale
Straw - (6x3x3)	5/bale
Straw - (8x3x3)	8.50/bale

Cultivations	
Min till cultivation (per pass)	32/ac
Levelling harrow	16/ac
Disc harrowing	26/ac/run or €95/hr
Ploughing - lea	42/ac
Ploughing - stubble	37/ac
Power harrowing/run (3m)	47/ac/run or €125/hr
Rolling	10.50/ac or €42/hr
Sub-soiling /Mole draining/hr	115/hr
Gravel Mole Drainage	125/ac or €8.50/ton gravel
Drilling/Sowing Operations	
Conventional grain/fertiliser	42/ac
Conventional seed only	32/ac
Direct drill	47/ac
Maize seeding (inc. laying plastic and spraying, but excl plastic cost)	79/ac
One pass - seed only	42/ac
One pass - combine drill	47/ac
Min-till/Strip-Till drill	42/ac
One-pass grass reseeding	47/ac
Grass seeding -quality job, seeding & rolling (not incl. seed)	210/ac
Plough, till & sow maize	184/ac
Seed Cleaning	
Cleaned and dressed	157/tonne
Complete Cultivation Work	
Plough and one pass	68/ac
Plough, till and sow grain	90/ac
Fertilizer Application	
Broadcasting - 2 bags per acre	37/tonne or 84/hour
Broadcasting - general	37/tonne or 84/hour
Bulk spreading	37/tonne
Lime spreading	5/tonne
Spraying	
Low volume - 83 l/ac	16/ac
Combining & Beet	
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape	52/ac
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape & Chopping	58/ac
Grain haulage (up to 15 kilometres)	5/tonne

Beet harvesting	130/ac
Hedgecutting	
Hedgecutter - flail	47/hr
Hedgecutter - sawhead	63/hr
Hedgecutter - excavator/digger	63-73/hr
Mulching hedges	53-73/hr
Silage & Willow Harvesting	
Mowing - conditioner	21/ac
Raking/Tedding/Rowing	11/ac
Precision chop grass silage - complete job (in pit)	115/ac (extra for long draw)
Maize silage - complete job (in pit)	150/ac (extra for long draw)
Wagon silage - complete job (into the pit)	105/ac (extra for long draw)
Whole crop silage - complete job (into the pit)	125/ac (extra for long draw)
	63/load (will vary with capacity & distance)
Zero Grazing	
Willow harvesting complete job	190/ac (extra for long draw)
Slurry & Muck Spreading	
Muck loading wheeled loader	63/hr
Muck spreading - flail	42/hr
Muck spreading - 10 tonne	63/hr
Muck spreading - 14 tonne	84/hr
Loading and spreading - 12 tonne spreader	125/hr
14 tonne dual/rear discharge spreader and loader	145/hr
Slurry agitation	85/hr
Slurry spreading - 1500 gal tanker	45/hr
Slurry spreading - 2500 + gal tanker	65/hr
Slurry spreading - 3000 + gal tanker	85/hr
Umbilical spreading (set up charge - laying out & reeling in €100/hr)	150/hr
Trailing Shoe - 2500 + gal tanker	85/hr
Plant & Tractor Hire	
14t excavator	65/hr
Digger hire (3CX)	45/hr
Tractor and dumper - 14 tonne	50/hr
Wheel Loader - 10 tonne	55/hr
Teleporter	55/hr
Mini - digger	32/hr
Road sweeper	40/hr
Tractor Hire (100 to 150hp tractor & operator)	45/hr
Tractor Hire (150 to 200hp tractor & operator)	55/hr