

FCI Contracting Charges Guide 2021

These are the average guideline charges 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. FCI is also aware that many contractors make individual arrangements with their client farmers regarding diesel (eg separate fuel surcharge, fuel used on-farm etc). The guide charges 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 2021	2021
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) *For NRF add €1/bale*	15-16/bale
Bale, wrap, stack and move (excl. plastic)	11-12/bale
Bale and wrap (inc. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost) *For NRF add €1/bale*	11-12/bale
Bale and wrap including combinations (excl. plastic)	9.50-10/bale
Baling silage (4 x 4)	5.50/bale
Mow, bale and wrap (incl. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost)	17-18/bale
Mow, bale and wrap (excl. plastic)	14-15/bale
Wrap (4x4) (excl. plastic)	3.0-3.50/bale
Bale Transport	65-68/hr or 3.5-5/bale
Bale Stacking	65-68/hr
Large square bales of silage (6x4x3)	9-9.5/bale
Large 5x3x2 silage bales wrapped	13-14/bale
Hay - small square bales	1/bale
Hay - round bales (4x4)	5-5.50/bale
Hay - cutting/mowing	23-25/ac
Hay - turning/rowing/rowing	12-13/ac
Straw - small square bales	1/bale
Straw - round bales (4x4)	5-5.50/bale
Straw - round bales (5x4)	5.5-6.0/bale
Straw - (8x4x3)	11-12/bale
Straw - (6x3x3)	6/bale
Straw - (8x3x3)	9-9.5/bale
Cultivations	

Min till cultivation (per pass)	34-35/ac
Levelling harrow	17-18/ac
Disc harrowing	29/ac/run or 105/hr
Ploughing - lea	46-50/ac
Ploughing - stubble	40-45/ac
Power harrowing/run (3m)	50/ac/run or 140/hr
Rolling	12/ac or 46/hr
Sub-soiling /Mole draining/hr	125-135/hr
Gravel Mole Drainage	9.5/ton gravel or 140/ac
Drilling/Sowing Operations	
Conventional grain/fertiliser	44-46/ac
Conventional seed only	34-36/ac
Direct drill	52-55/ac
Maize seeding (inc. laying plastic and spraying, but excl plastic cost)	82-85/ac
One pass - seed only	44-46/ac
One pass - combine drill	52-55/ac
Min-till/Strip-Till drill	52-55/ac
One-pass grass reseeding	50-52/ac
Grass seeding -quality job, seeding & rolling (not incl. seed)	220 -230/ac
Plough, till & sow maize	195-200/ac
Seed Cleaning	
Cleaned and dressed	165-170/tonne
Complete Cultivation Work	
Plough and one pass	71-76/ac
Plough, till and sow grain	91-96/ac
Fertilizer Application	
Broadcasting - 2 bags per acre	40/tonne or 90/hour
Broadcasting - general	40/tonne or 90/hour
Bulk spreading	40/tonne or 90/hour
Lime spreading	5.50-6.50/tonne
Spraying	
Low volume - 83 l/ac	17.50-18.50/ac
Combining & Beet	
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape	56-60/ac
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape & Chopping	62-65/ac
Grain haulage (up to 15 kilometres)	6.50/tonne
Beet harvesting	140-145/ac
Hedgecutting	
Hedgecutter - flail	56-60/hr
Hedgecutter - sawhead	66-70/hr
Hedgecutter - excavator/digger	70-80/hr

Mulching hedges	58-80/hr
Silage & Willow Harvesting	
Mowing - conditioner	23-25/ac
Raking/Tedding/Rowing	11.50-12.50/ac
Precision chop grass silage - complete job (in pit)	135/ac (extra for long draw)
Maize silage - complete job (in pit)	170/ac (extra for long draw)
Wagon silage - complete job (into the pit)	125/ac (extra for long draw)
Whole crop silage - complete job (into the pit)	135/ac (extra for long draw)
Zero Grazing	68-70/load (will vary with capacity & distance)
Willow harvesting complete job	200/ac (extra for long draw)
Slurry & Muck Spreading	
Muck loading wheeled loader	66-70/hr
Muck spreading - flail	50-55/hr
Muck spreading - 10 tonne	66-70/hr
Muck spreading - 14 tonne	88-95/hr
Loading and spreading - 12 tonne spreader	133-136/hr
14 tonne dual/rear discharge spreader and loader	155-160/hr
Slurry agitation	95-100/hr
Slurry spreading - 1500 gal tanker	50/hr
Slurry spreading - 2500 + gal tanker	66-70/hr
Slurry spreading - 3000 + gal tanker	90-95/hr
Umbilical spreading (set up charge - laying out & reeling in €100/hr)	155-160/hr
Trailing Shoe - 2500 + gal tanker	88-93/hr
Plant & Tractor Hire & Snow Work	
14t excavator	75/hr
Digger hire (3CX)	55/hr
Tractor and dumper - 14 tonne	55-60/hr
Wheel Loader - 10 tonne	66-70/hr
Teleporter	55/hr
Mini - digger	33-36/hr
Road sweeper	50/hr
Tractor Hire (100 to 150hp tractor & operator)	55/hr
Tractor Hire (150 to 200hp tractor & operator)	60/hr
Tractor Snow Hire (100 to 150hp tractor & operator)	65/hr
Tractor Snow Hire (150 to 200hp tractor & operator)	70/hr
Wheel Loader Snow Hire - 10 tonne	75-85/hr
Forestry Contracting	
Forwarded Small	80-100/hr
Forwarded Large	100-120/hr
Timber Harvester Small	120-130/hr
Timber Harvester Large	130-150/hr