

FCI Contracting Charges Guide 2022 REVISED

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 €1.30/ litre

Updated & Amended

Prices are shown as GUIDE ONLY, PLUS VAT at 13.5% and per area or per hour & include operator, unless otherwise stated ©FCI 2022	2022 (Updated)
CONTRACTING OPERATION	(All Charges Include 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*	22-25/bale
Bale, wrap, stack and move (excl. plastic)	15-17/bale
Bale and wrap (inc. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost) *For NRF add €1/bale*	16-17/bale
Bale and wrap including combinations (excl. plastic)	13-15/bale
Baling silage (4 x 4)	9/bale
Bale and wrap (incl. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost)	20-22/bale
Bale and wrap (excl. plastic)	17-18/bale
Wrap (4x4) (excl. plastic)	4 - 4.50/bale
Bale Transport	85/hr or 6/bale
Bale Stacking	85-90/hr
Large square bales of silage (6x4x3) (excl. plastic)	18-19/bale
Large 5x3x2 silage bales wrapped (excl. plastic)	11-12/bale
Hay - small square bales	2.00/bale
Hay - round bales (4x4)	7-8/bale
Hay - cutting/mowing	28-30/ac
Hay - turning/rowing/rowing	16-18/ac
Straw - small square bales	2.00/bale
Straw - round bales (4x4)	6-7/bale
Straw - round bales (5x4)	7-9/bale
Straw - (8x4x3)	14-16/bale
Straw - (6x3x3)	9/bale
Straw - (8x3x3)	11-13/bale
Cultivations	

Min till cultivation (per pass)	40-42/ac
Levelling harrow	22-24/ac
Disc harrowing	40/ac/run or 135/hr
Ploughing - lea	55-60/ac
Ploughing - stubble	52-55/ac
Power harrowing/run (3m)	60/ac/run or 165/hr
Rolling	16/ac or 65/hr
Sub-soiling /Mole draining/hr	155-165/hr
Gravel Mole Drainage	17/ton gravel or 165/ac
Drilling/Sowing Operations	
Conventional grain/fertiliser	55-60/ac
Conventional seed only	45-50/ac
Direct drill	60-65/ac
Maize seeding (inc. laying plastic and spraying, but excl plastic cost)	100-105/ac
One pass - seed only	55-60/ac
One pass - combine drill	60-65/ac
Min-till/Strip-Till drill	65-70/ac
One-pass grass reseeding	65-70/ac
Grass seeding -quality job, seeding & rolling (not incl. seed)	270 -280/ac
Plough, till & sow maize	250-275/ac
Seed Cleaning	
Cleaned and dressed	190-195/tonne
Complete Cultivation Work	
Plough and one pass	90-95/ac
Plough, till and sow grain	115-120/ac
Fertilizer Application	
Broadcasting - 2 bags per acre	50/tonne or 105/hour
Broadcasting - general	50/tonne or 105/hour
Bulk spreading	50/tonne or 105/hour
Lime spreading	9-11/tonne
Spraying	
Low volume - 83 l/ac	20-22/ac
Combining & Beet	
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape	72-75/ac
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape & Chopping	75-85/ac
Grain transport (up to 15 kilometres)	12/tonne
Beet harvesting	170-175/ac
Hedgecutting	
Hedgecutter - flail	65-70/hr
Hedgecutter - sawhead	85-90/hr
Hedgecutter - excavator/digger	90-100/hr
Mulching hedges	90-100/hr

Silage & Willow Harvesting	
Mowing - conditioner	28-30/ac
Raking/Tedding/Rowing	16-17/ac
Precision chop grass silage - complete job (in pit)	170/ac (extra for long draw)
Maize silage - complete job (in pit)	210/ac (extra for long draw)
Wagon silage - complete job (into the pit)	150/ac (extra for long draw)
Whole crop silage - complete job (into the pit)	170/ac (extra for long draw)
Zero Grazing	90-95/load (will vary with capacity & distance)
Willow harvesting complete job	250/ac (extra for long draw)
Topping Grassland	25/ac or 70/hour
Slurry & Muck Spreading	
Muck loading wheeled loader	75-80/hr
Muck spreading - flail	65-70/hr
Muck spreading - 10 tonne	75-85/hr
Muck spreading - 14 tonne	100-110/hr
Loading and spreading - 12 tonne spreader	150-160/hr
14 tonne dual/rear discharge spreader and loader	175-185/hr
Slurry agitation	110-130/hr
Slurry spreading - 1500 gal tanker	65-75/hr
Slurry spreading - 2500 + gal tanker	70-90/hr
Slurry spreading - 3000 + gal tanker	100-110/hr
Umbilical spreading (set up charge - laying out & reeling in €100/hr)	175-185/hr
Trailing Shoe - 2500 + gal tanker	95-100/hr
Plant & Tractor Hire & Snow Work	
14t excavator	90-100/hr
Digger hire (3CX)	75/hr
Tractor and dumper - 14 tonne	75-80/hr
Wheel Loader - 10 tonne	85-90/hr
Teleporter	75/hr
Mini - digger	40-45/hr
Road sweeper	68/hr
Tractor Hire (100 to 150hp tractor & operator)	68/hr
Tractor Hire (150 to 200hp tractor & operator)	75/hr
Tractor Snow Hire (100 to 150hp tractor & operator)	82/hr
Tractor Snow Hire (150 to 200hp tractor & operator)	85/hr
Wheel Loader Snow Hire - 10 tonne	95-100/hr
Forestry Contracting	
Forwarded Small	100-115/hr
Forwarded Large	130-140/hr
Timber Harvester Small	140-150/hr
Timber Harvester Large	150-170/hr

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