

FCI Contracting Charges Guide 2024

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 shown as GUIDE ONLY, PLUS VAT at 13.5% and per area or per hour & include operator, unless otherwise stated ©FCI 2024	2024	2024
CONTRACTING OPERATION	(All Charges in euro EXCLUDING VAT at 13.5%)	(All Charges in euro INCL. 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*	21-23/bale	23-26/bale
Bale, wrap, stack and move (excl. plastic)	14.50-15.50/bale	16.5-17.5/bale
Bale and wrap (inc. plastic 4 layers, extra layers additional cost) *For NRF add €1/bale*	15-16/bale	16-18/bale
Bale and wrap including combinations (excl. plastic)	10.50 -12.50/bale	12 -14/bale
Baling silage (4 x 4)	8 - 8.50/bale	9 - 9.50/bale
Wrap (4x4) (excl. plastic)	4-4.50/bale	4.50-5/bale
Bale Transport	78-83/hr or 5.50/bale	88-94/hr or 6.25/bale
Bale Stacking	78-83/hr	88-94/hr

Large square bales of silage (6x4x3)	16.50-17.50/bale	18.50-20/bale
Large 5x3x2 silage bales wrapped	11.50-12.50/bale	13-14/bale
Hay - small square bales	2/bale	2.50/bale
Hay - round bales (4x4)	6.50-7.50/bale	7-8.50/bale
Hay - cutting/mowing	26-27.50/ac	29-31/ac
Hay - turning/rowing/rowing	12.50-14.50/ac	14-16.50/ac
Straw - small square bales	2/bale	2.50/bale
Straw - round bales (4x4)	6.50-7.50/bale	7-8.50/bale
Straw - round bales (5x4)	6.50-7.50/bale	7-8.50/bale
Straw - (8x4x3)	12-14.50/bale	13.50-16.50/bale
Straw - (6x3x3)	7.50-8.50/bale	8.50-9.50/bale
Straw - (8x3x3)	10-11.50/bale	11-13/bale
Cultivations		
Min till cultivation (per pass)	36-38/ac	40-42/ac
Disc Harrowing	36/ac/run or 125/hr	40.50/ac/run or 142/hr
Ploughing - lea	52-54/ac	55-61/ac
Ploughing - stubble	48-50/ac	52-56/ac
Power harrowing/run (3m)	54/ac/run or 150/hr	61/ac/run or 170/hr
Rolling	14.50/ac or 60/hr	16.50/ac or 68/hr
Sub-soiling /Mole draining/hr	140-150/hr	160-170/hr
Gravel Mole Drainage	15.50/ton gravel or 150/ac	17.50/ton gravel or 171/ac
Drilling/Sowing Operations		
Conventional grain/fertiliser	50-54/ac	56.50-61/ac
Conventional seed only	42-46/ac	47-52/ac
Direct drill	57-60/ac	65-68/ac
Maize seeding (inc. laying plastic and spraying, excl plastic cost)	91-96/ac	103-109/ac
One pass - seed only	51-55/ac	57-62/ac

One pass - seed and fertiliser drill	55-60/ac	63-68/ac
Strip-Till Drill	47/ac	53/ac
Non-Till Disc Drill	50-52/ac	56-59/ac
One-pass grass reseeding	60-64/ac	68-73/ac
Grass seeding -quality job, seeding & rolling (not incl. seed)	250 -255/ac	283 -290/ac
Plough, till & sow maize	230-250/ac	260-283/ac
Seed Cleaning & Crimping		
Cleaned and dressed	174-178/tonne	198-203/tonne
Crimping	16.50 - 18.50/tonne	19-21/tonne
Complete Cultivation Work		
Plough and one pass	88-95/ac	100-108/ac
Plough, till and sow grain	106-110/ac	120-125/ac
Fertilizer Application		
Broadcasting - 2 bags per acre	45/tonne or 96/hour	51/tonne or 109/hour
Broadcasting - general	45/tonne or 96/hour	51/tonne or 109/hour
Bulk spreading	45/tonne or 96/hour	51/tonne or 109/hour
Lime spreading	8.50-10.50/tonne	9.50-11.50/tonne
Spraying		
Low volume - 83 l/ac	12.50-14.50/ac	14-16.50/ac
Liquid Nitrogen - per hour	90/hour	110/hour
Combining & Beet		
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape	68-73/ac	77-82/ac
Cereals & Oil Seed Rape & Chopping	78-83/ac	88-94/ac
Grain transport (up to 15 kilometres)	9.50-11.50/tonne	10.50-13/tonne
Beet harvesting	155-160/ac	175-181/ac
Hedgecutting		
Hedgecutter - flail	62-67/hr	70-76/hr

Hedgecutter - sawhead	78-83/hr	88-94/hr
Hedgecutter - excavator/digger	83-88/hr	94-100/hr
Mulching hedges	83-92/hr	94-104/hr
Silage & Willow Harvesting		
Mowing - conditioner	26-27/ac	29-31/ac
Raking/Tedding/Rowing	15-16.50/ac	17-18.50/ac
Precision chop grass silage - complete job (in pit)	160-170/ac (extra for long draw)	180-193/ac (extra for long draw)
Maize silage - complete job (in pit)	183-188/ac (extra for long draw)	207-213/ac (extra for long draw)
Wagon silage - complete job (into the pit)	150-160/ac (extra for long draw)	170-180/ac (extra for long draw)
Whole crop silage - complete job (into the pit)	175-180/ac (extra for long draw)	198-204/ac (extra for long draw)
Samco Silage Bagging	26/linear metre	29.50/linear metre
Zero Grazing	83-93/load (will vary with capacity & distance)	94-106/load (will vary with capacity & distance)
Willow harvesting complete job	220/ac (extra for long draw)	250/ac (extra for long draw)
Topping Grassland	22/ac or 57/hour	25/ac or 64/hour
Slurry & Muck Spreading		
Muck loading wheeled loader	68-73/hr	77-83/hr
Muck spreading - flail	60-62/hr	68-73/hr
Muck spreading - 10 tonne	68-78/hr	77-88/hr
Muck spreading - 14 tonne	90-100/hr	102-113/hr
Loading and spreading - 12 tonne spreader	140-145/hr	159-165/hr
14 tonne dual/rear discharge spreader and loader	160-168/hr	181-190/hr
Slurry agitation	100-120/hr	113-136/hr
Slurry spreading - 1500 gal tanker	67-72/hr	76-81/hr
Slurry spreading - 2500 + gal tanker	73-83/hr	83-94/hr
Slurry spreading - 3000 + gal tanker	98-104/hr	112-118/hr
Umbilical spreading (set up charge - laying out & reeling in €100/hr)	160-170/hr	180-193/hr

Dribble Bar - 2500 + gal tanker	88-93/hr	100-105/hr
Trailing Shoe - 2500 + gal tanker	93-104/hr	105-118/hr
Plant & Tractor Hire & Snow Work		
14t excavator	85/hr	96/hr
Digger hire (3CX)	68-70/hr	77-79/hr
Tractor and dumper - 14 tonne	73-83/hr	82-94/hr
Wheel Loader - 10 tonne	83-93/hr	94-106/hr
Teleporter	68-70/hr	77-79/hr
Mini - digger	38-42/hr	43-47/hr
Road sweeper	63-65/hr	71-74/hr
Tractor Hire (100 to 150hp tractor & operator)	60-62/hr	68-70/hr
Tractor Hire (150 to 200hp tractor & operator)	70-75/hr	79-85/hr
Tractor Hire (200hp to 250hp tractor & operator)	78-83/hr	88-94/hr
Wheel Loader Snow Hire - 10 tonne	95-115/hr	108-130/hr
Tractor Snowplough Hire (100 to 150hp tractor & operator)	84-94/hr	95-106/hr
Tractor Snowplough Hire (150 to 200hp tractor & operator)	98-108/hr	112-122/hr
Digger hire (3CX) at snow work	78-83/hr	88-94/hr
Forestry Contracting		
Forwarded Small	92-110/hr	104-125/hr
Forwarded Large	124-130/hr	140-147/hr
Timber Harvester Small	130-140/hr	147-158/hr
Timber Harvester Large	140-160/hr	158-181/hr