

NAAC CONTRACTING PRICES SURVEY 2021

These are average prices surveyed from NAAC members – the actual price may vary considerably between regions, soil types, distance travelled, size of contract undertaken, size and type of equipment used, and the amount of product applied. The NAAC is also aware that many contractors are making individual arrangements with customers about diesel (for example, separate fuel surcharge, fuel used on farm). The prices do not reflect this market trend and such agreements may make a significant difference to contracting charges. Prices are based on red diesel at 50p/litre, are intended as a guide only and are per area unless otherwise stated.

Soil preparation	£/ha	£/acre	£/hour
Ploughing – light land	63.19	25.57	
Ploughing – heavy land	67.09	27.15	
Extra for furrow press on plough	6.69	2.71	
Deep ploughing (over 30cm)	76.06	30.78	
Rotavating	72.74	29.44	
Subsoiling	66.39	26.87	
Mole ploughing – single leg	88.17	35.70	
Mole ploughing – twin leg	89.00	36.00	
Stubble raking	23.24	9.40	
Disc harrowing	59.00	23.29	
Power-harrowing – shallow	53.91	21.82	
Power-harrowing – deep	59.37	24.03	
Spring-tine harrowing	40.40	16.35	
Pressing (Rexiustwin/Cultipress or similar)	36.31	14.70	
One-pass tillage train	63.12	25.55	
Rolling – flat	28.03	11.35	
Rolling – ring	19.25	7.79	
Bed tilling	259.55	105.04	
Chain harrowing	25.53	10.33	
Drilling	£/ha	£/acre	£/hour
Cereals – conventional	51.37	20.79	
Cereals – combi-drill	63.81	25.83	
Cereals – direct	59.24	23.97	
OSR – subsoiler	66.90	27.07	
Sugar beet	61.25	24.80	
Potato planting	190.00	76.89	
Carrot/parsnip/onion – precision	54.36	22.00	
Maize – precision	51.00	20.64	
Maize – under film	142.49	57.67	
Grass seed – broadcast	32.33	13.09	
Grass seed – harrow	34.34	13.90	
Grass seed – cross-drilling	63.80	25.82	
Application	£/ha	£/acre	£/hour
Fertiliser – granular	12.40	5.02	
Fertiliser – extra for variable-rate	4.83	1.96	
Fertiliser – liquid	13.38	5.42	
Spraying – arable	13.89	5.62	
Spraying – grassland	21.00	8.50	
Spraying – more than 80ha (200 acres)	12.77	5.17	
Spraying – less than 20ha (50 acres)	13.18	5.33	
ATV spraying			42.19

Slug-pelleting	7.89	3.19	
Avadex application	18.29	7.40	
Weed wiping			55.00
Lime spreading	£7.58/t		
Muck and slurry	£/t		£/hour
FYM – tractor and rear-discharge spreader			54.10
FYM – tractor and side-discharge spreader			56.00
Self-propelled muckspreading	4.00		
Loading and spreading chicken litter	3.75		
Slurry spreading – tanker trailing shoe or dribble bar			53.54
Slurry – umbilical			89.00
Slurry – extra pump			46.50
Slurry – injection			78.33
Loading shovel			60.00
Harvesting	£/ha	£/acre	£/hour
Combining – cereals	93.13	37.69	
Combining – extra for straw chopper	22.73	9.20	
Combining – OSR out of windrow	94.12	38.09	
Combining – OSR direct	92.63	37.49	
Swathing – OSR	57.00	23.07	
Combining – peas/beans	94.89	38.42	
Combining – grain maize	112.06	45.37	
Grain carting			43.18
Potatoes – harvesting	695.00	281.26	
Potatoes – harvesting and carting	1055.00	426.95	
Potatoes – destoning	285.00	115.34	
Sugar beet – harvesting	238.00	96.31	
Sugar beet – harvesting and carting	269.44	109.04	
Topping/flail mowing	40.64	16.45	
Grass – topping	38.00	15.45	
Grass – mowing	30.17	12.21	
Grass – tedding	17.62	7.13	
Grass – raking	18.36	7.43	
Forage harvesting only	72.66	29.41	
Forage harvesting – wholecrop, three trailers and clamping	181.76	73.56	
Silage – complete service	166.63	67.43	
Forage harvesting – maize (three trailers and clamping)	186.94	75.65	
Extra trailer for silage			44.17
Forage wagon/hour			117.08

Baling (may vary with bale density)	£/bale		
Small conventional	0.78		
80x90cm	4.00		
120×70cm	5.04		
120x90cm	6.21		
120×130cm	7.83		
Round 120cm	3.35		
Round 150cm	3.59		
Wrapping	£/bale		
Round 120cm (six layers)	6.25		
Round 120cm (four layers)	5.00		
Square 120×70cm (six layers)	7.62		
Square 120×70cm (four layers)	6.62		
Bale chasing	2.64		
Mobile feed	£/t		
Mobile feed milling/mixing	19.92		
Crimping	11.60		
Tractor hire (including driver)			£/hour
100-150hp			38.12
150-220hp			42.32
220-300hp			55.76
300hp+			72.82
Tractor and post knocker			46.22
Ditching – 180deg digger			39.50
Ditching – 360deg digger			43.89
Drain jetting			58.00
Additional charge for trailer			8.13
Forklift/telehandler			43.52
Sheep shearing and husbandry	£ a head		
Shearing – ewes	1.65		
Shearing – rams	3.10		
Crutching	0.73		
Sheep dipping	1.20		
Foot-trimming – sheep	14.75		
Foot-trimming – cattle	13.33		
Hedgecutting			£/hour
Flail			40.04
Saw blade			51.00
Hedging and fencing (with materials)	£/m		£/hour
Hedge laying	15.00		
Verge bank mowing			48.88
Fence erection – post and four barb	6.25		
Fence erection – post, stock net and two barb	8.00		
Fence erection – post and three rails	16.00		
Specialist			£/hour
Snow clearing			57.00
Labour only			19.38
Chainsaw and operator			35.00