
AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES

Instructions for using the interactive budgets

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to use these forms. If you do not have this program installed on your computer, you can download a free version [here](#).

You can make changes to the interactive PDF budget files for this publication by inputting your own prices and quantities in the green-outlined cells for any item. You will need to click on and add your own estimated price and quantity information to all of the green-outlined cells to complete your customized budget.

The cells outlined in red automatically calculate your revised totals based on the changes you made to the cells outlined in green.

When you are finished, you can print the budget using the green **Print Form** button at the bottom of the form.

You can use the red **Clear Form** button to clear all the information from your budget when you are finished.

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Sample Fresh-Market Highbush Blueberry Budget

Per acre costs for planting.

| Item | Quantity | Your Quantity | Unit | Price | Your Price | Total | Calculated Estimate |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Variable costs | | | | | | | |
| Custom operations | | | | | | | |
| Fertilizer spreading | 2 | _____ | acre | \$ 10.70 | _____ | \$ 21.40 | _____ |
| Fertilizer | 1 | _____ | acre | \$ 25.00 | _____ | \$ 25.00 | _____ |
| Herbicides | 1 | _____ | acre | \$ 122.92 | _____ | \$ 122.92 | _____ |
| Insecticides | 1 | _____ | acre | \$ 29.63 | _____ | \$ 29.63 | _____ |
| Plants | 870 | _____ | plants | \$ 5.30 | _____ | \$ 4,611.00 | _____ |
| Drip tape | 14,520 | _____ | feet | \$ 0.03 | _____ | \$ 435.60 | _____ |
| Mulch (sawdust) | 0.33 | _____ | acre | \$ 250.00 | _____ | \$ 82.50 | _____ |
| Seasonal labor | 73.4 | _____ | hours | \$ 12.00 | _____ | \$ 880.80 | _____ |
| Fuel | 47.7 | _____ | gallons | \$ 3.50 | _____ | \$ 166.95 | _____ |
| Repairs and maintenance | 1 | _____ | acre | \$ 89.94 | _____ | \$ 89.94 | _____ |
| Additional Inputs | | _____ | | | _____ | | _____ |
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| Interest | 1 | _____ | acre | \$ 250.63 | _____ | \$ 250.63 | _____ |
| <i>Total variable costs</i> | | | | | | \$ 6,716.37 | _____ |
| Fixed costs | | | | | | | |
| Equipment ⁽¹⁾ | 1 | _____ | acre | \$ 220.54 | _____ | \$ 220.54 | _____ |
| Land charge | 1 | _____ | acre | \$ 200.00 | _____ | \$ 200.00 | _____ |
| Additional Inputs | | _____ | acre | | _____ | | _____ |
| <i>Total fixed costs</i> | | | | | | \$ 420.54 | _____ |
| Total costs | | | | | | \$ 7,136.91 | _____ |

1. Includes irrigation system.

You should monitor local markets and contact suppliers to determine current prices for all items contained in this sample budget.