

# Crop Budgets

## Nebraska – 2012

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This contains information on how the *2012 Nebraska Crop Production Budgets* (EC872) were prepared and tables of input costs used to develop them.

- Crop budgeting procedures
- Machinery operation and ownership costs
- Materials and services prices
- Crop budget production cost summary

*Nebraska Crop Budgets, 2012* (EC872), as well as related publications, can be viewed online at <http://extension.unl.edu/publications>.



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**2012 Budget 1. Alfalfa, Fall Establishment  
Dryland**

	<i>Field Operations</i>	<i>Times or Qty</i>	<i>Labor @ \$20/Hr</i>	<i>Fuel @ \$3.50 and Lube</i>	<i>Repairs</i>		<i>Ownership</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Your Estimate</i>
					<i>Power</i>	<i>Imp.</i>	<i>Power</i>	<i>Imp.</i>		
1	Spread, Fertilizer	1	1.57	1.22	0.40		2.04		5.23	
2	Disc	1	2.02	3.06	0.16	1.29	3.51	1.26	11.30	
3	Harrow	1	1.18	0.44	0.27	0.48	1.40	2.11	5.88	
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5	Roll	1	2.22	2.44	0.57	0.01	2.89	0.18	8.31	
6	Drill	1	3.00	2.74	0.69	3.54	3.54	1.03	14.54	
7	Spray	1	1.00	0.48	0.23	0.72	1.18	0.84	4.45	
8	Spray	0.5	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.14	0.24	0.17	0.90	
<b>Total for Field Operations</b>			\$12.37	\$10.92	\$2.64	\$6.66	\$16.20	\$7.70	\$56.49	
	<i>Materials and Services</i>		<i>Operation Index</i>	<i>Percent Acres Applied</i>	<i>Application</i>		<i>Applied Price</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Your Estimate</i>	
					<i>Rate</i>	<i>Unit</i>				
	11-52-0	Fertilizer	1	100%	100	pounds	0.38	38.00		
	Alfalfa w/Inoculant	Seed	6	100%	12	pounds	5.00	60.00		
	Pursuit	Herbicide	7	100%	4	ounces	5.39	21.56		
	Crop Oil Concentrate	Herbicide	7	100%	2	pints	1.13	2.26		
	*Lorsban 4 E	Insecticide	8	50%	1	pint	5.75	2.88		
<b>Total Materials and Services</b>								\$123.14		
*Insecticide for potato leafhoppers.										
<b>Total Listed Costs for Field Operations and Materials and Services</b>									\$179.63	
Interest on Operations Capital \$155.73 cash expense @ 8.00% for 6 months									6.23	
<b>Total Operating and Use-Related Ownership Costs</b>									\$185.86	
<b>Overhead</b> (accounting, liability insurance, vehicle cost, office expense)									20.00	
Real Estate Opportunity		Dryland (State)	\$1,850 per acre @ 4.00%						74.00	
Real Estate Taxes			\$1,850 per acre @ 1.00%						18.50	
<b>Total Cost per Acre Including Overhead</b>									\$298.36	