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# AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES

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## 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 year after planting.

Item	Quantity	Your Quantity	Unit	Price	Your Price	Total	Calculated Estimate
<b>Variable costs</b>							
Custom operations							
Plant analysis kit	1	_____	acre	\$ 10.70	_____	\$ 10.70	_____
Fertilizer spreading	1	_____	acre	\$ 25.00	_____	\$ 25.00	_____
Fertilizer	1	_____	acre	\$ 13.00	_____	\$ 13.00	_____
Fungicides	1	_____	acre	\$ 39.50	_____	\$ 39.50	_____
Herbicides	1	_____	acre	\$ 139.44	_____	\$ 139.44	_____
Insecticides	1	_____	acre	\$ 29.63	_____	\$ 29.63	_____
Plants	20	_____	plants	\$ 5.30	_____	\$ 106.00	_____
Labor	1	_____	acre	\$ 344.25	_____	\$ 344.25	_____
Operator labor	2.8	_____	hours	\$ 15.00	_____	\$ 42.00	_____
Fuel	8	_____	gallon	\$ 3.50	_____	\$ 28.00	_____
Repairs and maintenance	1	_____	acre	\$ 13.95	_____	\$ 13.95	_____
Additional Inputs		_____			_____		_____
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Interest	1	_____	acre	\$ 26.38	_____	\$ 26.38	_____
<i>Total variable costs</i>						\$ 817.85	_____
<b>Fixed costs</b>							
Equipment	1	_____	acre	\$ 28.62	_____	\$ 28.62	_____
Land charge	1	_____	acre	\$ 200.00	_____	\$ 200.00	_____
Irrigation	1	_____	acre	\$ 240.00	_____	\$ 240.00	_____
Additional Inputs		_____	acre		_____		_____
<i>Total fixed costs</i>						\$ 468.62	_____
<b>Total costs</b>						\$ 1,286.47	_____

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