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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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## Fresh-market strawberry production budget.

Per-acre costs for establishment of June-bearing matted-row strawberry production.

	Quantity	Your Quantity	Units	Price	Your Price	Total	Calculated Estimate
<b>Variable costs</b>							
Custom hire <sup>1</sup>	1.0	_____	acre	\$125.10	_____	\$125.10	_____
Fertilizer/lime		_____					
10-10-10	300.0	_____	pound	\$0.16	_____	\$48.00	_____
Urea	130.0	_____	pound	\$0.19	_____	\$24.70	_____
Herbicides	1.0	_____	acre	\$86.20	_____	\$86.20	_____
Insecticides	1.0	_____	acre	\$82.70	_____	\$82.70	_____
Fungicides	1.0	_____	acre	\$42.15	_____	\$42.15	_____
Drip tape	6,454.0	_____	ft.	\$0.02	_____	\$129.08	_____
Straw (mulch)	1.8	_____	ton	\$160.00	_____	\$288.00	_____
Plants	6,500.0	_____	plants	\$0.30	_____	\$1,950.00	_____
Hourly labor	67.5	_____	hours	\$15.00	_____	\$1,012.50	_____
Labor (operator)	2.3	_____	hours	\$17.00	_____	\$39.10	_____
Fuel	57.0	_____	gal.	\$2.50	_____	\$142.50	_____
Repairs and maintenance	1.0	_____	acre	\$86.00	_____	\$86.00	_____
Additional expenses		_____					
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Operating interest	1.0	_____		\$158.30	_____	\$158.30	_____
<b>Total variable costs</b>						<b>\$4,214.33</b>	_____
<b>Fixed costs</b>							
Tractors and equipment <sup>2</sup>	1.0	_____	acre	\$184.25	_____	\$184.25	_____
Additional expenses		_____	acre				
Land charge	1.0	_____	acre	\$200.00	_____	\$200.00	_____
<b>Total fixed costs</b>						<b>\$384.25</b>	_____
<b>Total costs</b>						<b>\$4,598.58</b>	_____

1. Custom hire includes plowing, disking, harrowing, pest scouting, and broadcast spreading of soil amendmants and grass seed.

2. Includes overhead and trickle irrigation systems.

Note: A quart of strawberries weighs approximately 1.4 pounds.

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