Cost Budget

Florida Flatwoods Stargrass, Bermudagrass Annual Growing Costs 2003 ¹

1 Acre

Item	Unit	Quantity	Price	Value		Your Farm
Operating Costs						
Dolomite ^{2,3}	Ton	0.25	35.00	\$	8.75	
N-P ₂ O ₅ -K ₂ O (16-8-16) ^{2,4}	Cwt	4.00		\$	44.00	
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Nitrogen ^{2,5}	Cwt	1.00	36.00		\$36.00	
Micronutrients ⁶	Lbs	8.20	0.51	\$	4.18	-
Herbicide ⁷	Quarts	0.75	6.13	\$	4.60	
Tractors and Machinery						
Spraying	Acre	1.00	8.41		\$8.41	
Labor	Hour	0.12	6.50	\$	0.78	
Interest on Operating Capital	Dollar	\$ 92.93	0.10	\$	9.29	
Total Operating Costs				\$	116.01	
Ownership Costs						
Return to Management	Acre	1.00	\$ 26.40	\$	26.40	
Machinery						
Discs	Acre	1.00	\$ 3.02	\$	3.02	
Plows	Acre	1.00	\$ 3.83	\$	3.83	
Mowers	Acre	1.00	\$ 2.86	\$	2.86	
Spreaders	Acre	1.00	\$ 0.66	\$	0.66	
Tractors						
60-80 hp	Acre	1.00	•	\$	1.95	-
100 + hp	Acre	1.00		\$	15.75	
Overhead	Acre	1.00	•	\$	66.00	
Land Rent	Acre	1.00	\$ 20.00	\$	20.00	
Total Ownership Costs				\$	140.47	
TOTAL COSTS				\$	256.48	

Notes:

- 1. Dry matter yield in establishment year expected at 2.5 ton/acre
- 2. Fertilizer and dolomite costs include custom spreading
- 3. Application is based on application of 1 ton of dolomite for every four years. Soil test may indicate the need to lime more or less frequently; target pH is 5.5
- 4. Apply in early February
- 5. Apply in June 50# of N per acre. Apply in September, 50# of N per acre can be obtained through Ammonium Nitrate or Ammonium Sulfate
- 6. Includes 2# each of elemental Zn, Mn, Cu, and Fe from a sulfate source 0.2# of B and 5# of S
- 7. 1.5 quart per acre of Weedmaster® every 2 years.

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