

**Alfalfa, Baleage**  
Estimated Expenses per Acre<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Price	Amount (\$/acre)	Amount (\$/ton)	Amount (\$/bale)	Round 4x5 1065
<b>Income</b>								
Hay	Alfalfa	ton	6.40		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Expenses</b>								
Prorated Establishment Costs		acre	0.25	\$ 461.97	\$ 115.49	\$ 18.05	\$ 9.61	
Fertilizer	N	lb	15.00	\$ 0.60	\$ 8.98	\$ 1.40	\$ 0.75	
	P2O5	lb	60.00	\$ 0.61	\$ 36.81	\$ 5.75	\$ 3.06	
	K2O	lb	190.00	\$ 0.41	\$ 77.67	\$ 12.14	\$ 6.46	
	Boron	lb	2.00	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.03	
	Custom Application	acre	1.00	\$ 12.71	\$ 12.71	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.06	
Lime & Application <sup>5,6</sup>	Custom Application	ton	0.67	\$ 43.63	\$ 29.23	\$ 4.57	\$ 2.43	
Weed Control								
Post-Emerge <sup>7</sup>	Herbicide Application	acre	2.00	\$ 7.83	\$ 15.66	\$ 2.45	\$ 1.30	
	Custom Application	acre	2.00	\$ 11.81	\$ 23.62	\$ 3.69	\$ 1.97	
Pest Control	Pest Control Application	acre	1.00	\$ 6.51	\$ 6.51	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.54	
	Custom Application	acre	1.00	\$ 11.81	\$ 11.81	\$ 1.85	\$ 0.98	
<b>Total Variable Expenses</b>					\$ 340.48	\$ 53.20	\$ 28.19	
<b>Return over Variable Expenses</b>								
<b>Custom Machinery Cost</b>								
Disk Mowing		cutting	4	\$ 16.50	\$ 66.00	\$ 10.31	\$ 5.49	
Tedding		cutting	4	\$ 6.67	\$ 26.68	\$ 4.17	\$ 2.22	
Raking		cutting	4	\$ 8.67	\$ 34.68	\$ 5.42	\$ 2.89	
Baling		cutting	4	\$ 15.17	\$ 60.68	\$ 9.48	\$ 5.05	
Hauling		bale	12.02	\$ 5.42	\$ 65.14	\$ 10.18	\$ 5.42	
Wrapping		bale	12.02	\$ 5.50	\$ 66.10	\$ 10.33	\$ 5.50	
<b>Total Custom Machinery Cost</b>					\$ 319.29	\$ 49.89	\$ 26.57	
Interest on Operating Capital	6 months	acre	\$ 340.48	8.0%	\$ 13.62	\$ 2.13	\$ 1.13	
Cash Rent		acre	1		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Storage</b>								
Shrinkage Loss <sup>8</sup>		annual	15.0%		\$ 101.01	\$ 15.78	\$ 8.40	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>					\$ 673.39	\$ 105.22	\$ 55.89	
<b>Return to Land &amp; Management</b>								

**Alfalfa, Establishment**  
Estimated Expenses per Acre

**Establishment  
Prorated Over  
Years<sup>9</sup>**  
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Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Price	Amount (\$/acre)
<b>Expenses</b>					
Burndown	Burndown	acre	1.00	\$ 15.66	\$ 15.66
Seed	Alfalfa	lb	17.50	\$ 10.02	\$ 175.35
Fertilizer	N	lb	15.00	\$ 0.60	\$ 8.98
	P2O5	lb	60.00	\$ 0.61	\$ 36.81
	K2O	lb	190.00	\$ 0.41	\$ 77.67
	Boron	lb	2.00	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.98
	Custom Application	acre	1.00	\$ 12.71	\$ 12.71
Lime & Application	Custom Application	ton	2.00	\$ 43.63	\$ 87.26
<b>Total Variable Expenses</b>					\$ 416.43
<b>Custom Machinery Cost</b>					
Spraying		acre	1	\$ 11.81	\$ 11.81
No-till Drill		acre	1	\$ 17.08	\$ 17.08
<b>Total Custom Machinery Cost</b>					\$ 28.89
Interest on Operating Capital	6 months	acre	\$ 416.43	8.0%	\$ 16.66
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>					\$ 461.97

## **Alfalfa Assumptions**

1. The budget is based on custom rates for machinery processes. Labor, operating, maintenance, and ownership costs are included in these rates. The baling rate includes binding.
2. The budget is based on no-till establishment.
3. Based on Roundup Ready Alfalfa.
4. Based on inline tube wrapping.
5. Lime prorated at two tons over three years.
6. For a more accurate fertilizer and lime recommendation, take a soil sample. ([Instructions on how to take a soil sample.](#))
7. The post-emergence weed control is based on an average of three common practices. Burndown is a common practice. For weed control and/or burndown recommendations, contact the county Extension office. ([County office contact information.](#))
8. Storage loss is based on an average of multiple studies.
9. Establishment pro-rated expenses for hay are set for four years.