

This 2017 Crop Maintenance Budget Guide is intended to aid in budgeting maintenance costs into grant proposals.

Fruit Crop Maintenance Costs at AgBioResearch Research Centers (\$/acre/year)*						
Activity	Apple/Pear	Cherry	Peach /Nectarine /Plum /Apricot	Juice Grape	Wine Grape	Blueberry
Training/Trellis Work	\$102	\$0	\$0	\$80	\$101	\$0
Pruning	\$703	\$243	\$368	\$255	\$882	\$302
Tying, Tucking, Leaf Pull, etc					\$1,191	
Herbicide Program	\$121	\$121	\$121	\$121	\$143	\$121
Spray Program	\$1,171	\$834	\$684	\$727	\$529	\$725
Mowing/Tillage	\$38	\$36	\$40	\$87	\$51	\$63
Wildlife/Mouse control	\$72	\$65	\$78	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fertilizer	\$88	\$91	\$80	\$98	\$0	\$84
Scouting	\$58	\$41	\$41	\$35	\$57	\$24
Bees	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$0	\$0	\$58
Irrigation **						
Plot Establishment **						
Data Collection **						
Harvesting **						
Research Treatments **						
	\$2,410	\$1,489	\$1,469	\$1,402	\$2,954	\$1,377

* These values represent projected costs of a basic maintenance program for mature full bearing plantings, and don't include additional costs of research activities such as harvesting, irrigation, thinning and treatment sprays.

* Charges will accompany only the activities that research center farm management staff provide to your research plots.

* These figures need to be adjusted for young, non-bearing orchards or special cultivars and training systems.

** Researchers should contact farm managers for complete costs of specific research projects and special activities.