

Tabel 2. Difference in operational costs of grass versus maize cultivation

Operational costs			
Maize	Grass (silage)	Grass (grazing)	Grass (establishment)
Fertilizing (125	Fertilizing (125	Fertilizing (125	Ploughing
Ploughing 135	Harrowing, 25	Harrowing, 25	Seedbed preparation
Fertilizing (186	Fertilizing (120	Fertilizing (120	Grass seed
Sowing 77	Art. Fertiliz 150	Art. Fertiliz 150	Herbicide application
Maize seed 195	Cutting-tec 280	Cutting-tec 140	Herbicides
Harrowing 74	Harvesting 460	Harvesting 230	Fertilizing (
Cover crop 50			Art. Fertiliz
Herbicide application 42			Cutting-tec
Herbicides 106			Harvesting
Harvest 448			
Total costs 1438	1160	790	
Difference in operational costs compar - € 278,-		- € 648,-	

nt year)
95
135
200
42
40
60
75
140
230
1017
- € 296,-