

ALABAMA, 2017-2018  
 FESCUE FOR GRAZING  
 ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS PER ACRE  
 FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

ITEM	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE OR COST/UNIT	TOTAL PER ACRE	YOUR FARM
<b>1. VARIABLE COSTS</b>					
SOIL TEST	ACRE	1.00	0.33	0.33	_____
FERTILIZER					
NITROGEN	LBS.	120.00	0.45	54.00	_____
PHOSPHATE	LBS.	50.00	0.40	20.00	_____
POTASH	LBS.	50.00	0.30	15.00	_____
LIME (PRORATED)	TONS	0.33	35.00	11.55	_____
HERBICIDE	ACRE	0.33	9.00	2.97	_____
LABOR(WAGES & FRINGE)	HOUR	2.47	12.50	30.93	_____
LAND RENT	ACRE	1.00	22.00	22.00	_____
TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT	ACRE	1.00	3.50	3.50	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	DOL.	80.14	0.0550	4.41	_____
<b>TOTAL VARIABLE COST</b>				<b>164.69</b>	
<b>2. FIXED COSTS</b>					
TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	ACRE	1.00	2.19	2.19	_____
PRORATED ESTAB. COST	DOL.	309.90	0.10	30.99	_____
GENERAL OVERHEAD	DOL.	164.69	0.07	11.53	_____
<b>TOTAL FIXED COSTS</b>				<b>44.71</b>	
<b>3. TOTAL COSTS OF ALL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				<b>209.40</b>	

FERTILIZER RATES USED (120-50-50) BASED ON MEDIUM LEVEL OF SOIL FERTILITY (NITROGEN APPLIED IN SPLIT APPLICATIONS, 60# FALL AND 60# SPRING). SOIL TESTING IS RECOMMENDED EVERY THIRD YEAR ON PASTURE FIELDS. ONE SOIL TEST SAMPLE INVOLVES PULLING APPROXIMATELY 20 CORES OVER 10 ACRES. COST IS ABOUT \$10 PER SOIL TEST SAMPLE. SOIL TESTING IS RECOMMENDED ON INDIVIDUAL FIELDS; FERTILIZER AND LIME COSTS REFLECT CUSTOM SPREADING; FOR ESTABLISHMENT COSTS, SEE FESCUE ESTABLISHMENT BUDGET.

THESE ESTIMATES SHOULD BE USED AS GUIDES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.