

## Fruit and Vegetable Specialty Crop Tables

Farmers' reports of time requirements to plant and manage various crops:

<b>Specialty Crop</b>	<b>Labor Hours/Acre/Year</b>
Apples (avg.)	160
Apples (2011)	236
Blueberries	482
Cantaloupe	161
Grapes	186
Pumpkins	70
Raspberries	138
Strawberries	235
Mixed Vegetables	287
AVERAGE	217 (round: 220)

**Minnesota Specialty Crops, An Analysis of Profitability and Performance:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
[www.mda.state.mn.us/~media/Files/food/organicgrowing/specialtycrop2012.ashx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/~media/Files/food/organicgrowing/specialtycrop2012.ashx)

Pre-harvest production costs per acre:

<b>Specialty Crop</b>	<b>Annual crop pre-harvest production costs per acre</b>
Asparagus	\$5,227
Basil	\$5,149
Specialty Green Beans	\$5,056
Carrots	\$2,831
Eggplant	\$5,951
Garlic	\$9,879
Salad Greens	\$2,013
Snow Peas	\$6,148
Potatoes	\$5,118
Sweet Potatoes	\$3,255
Red Raspberries*	\$2,946
Strawberries*	\$1,902
Cherry Tomatoes	\$6,722
Heirloom Tomatoes	\$6,722
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$4,923</b> (round: \$5,000)
*Includes annual production costs plus one-year value of establishment costs. The total establishment costs are amortized over 10 years for raspberries and over three years for strawberries.	

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[www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a1-17.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a1-17.html)