

Spring Oats

Table 13: Spring Oats Returns

	Average	top 1/3	Top v Average
Physical			
Total No. hectares	531		
No. Of Farms	54	18	
Tillage Adj. Ha	10	8	- 2
Yield t/Ha	8.0	8.4	+ 0.4
Financial			
Crop Sales €/tonne	€ 152	€ 166	+ 15
Gross Output /ha	€ 1,368	€ 1,561	+ 193
<i>of which is straw/ha</i>	€ 152	€ 172	+ 20
Material Costs/ha	€ 455	€ 408	- 47
Total Machinery Costs/ha	€ 292	€ 293	+ 1
<i>of which are contractor/ha</i>	€ 139	€ 78	- 61
<i>Other Variable Costs/ha</i>	€ 13	€ 2	- 10
Gross Margin / Ha	€ 608	€ 857	+ 249
Fixed Costs / Ha	€ 308	€ 305	- 3
Net Margin/ha	€ 300	€ 552	+ 252
Key Figures			
Break Even Costs €/ton*	€ 133	€ 121	- 12
Land Lease Costs/ha	€ 133	€ 135	+ 2
<i>Net Margin/ha (exc. Land Rental)</i>	€ 433	€ 687	+ 254

* Cost per ton excluding straw

- Average yields are 0.4t/ha (5%) above the CSO national average, with the top 1/3 of farmers producing 0.8 t/ha (8%) above the CSO national average.
- The top farms had 0.4 t/ha more yield and achieved €15/t more for the grain over the average.

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- The gross margin for the top group was €249/ha (41%) higher than the average. This was achieved by higher gross output, +€193/ha and lower material costs of -€47/ha.
- The top farmers Net Margin was €252 (84%) higher than the average group.
- Average net margin of €300 represents a 209% increase over 2016 and was achieved through a combination of increased gross output and lower costs.

