

Appendix 2

Pasture improvement costs

The following table gives guideline costs per hectare on the annual cost of improving soil fertility. For example, one hectare with soil index of 1 for P and K would require €100/ha (€60 + €40) of additional P/K fertiliser for 3-5 years of the plan to raise the fertility level. Lime requirement could add a further €110-220 to this cost.

Guideline € per hectare cost for meeting soil fertility and lime requirements

<i>Annual € cost per ha of building soil fertility to Index 3</i>				
Current Soil Index		P	K	Years
1		€40	€60	3-5
2		€20	€30	2-3
<i>Total cost € per ha of meeting lime requirements</i>				
Lime Requirement (5-10 t/ha)	Low	Medium	High	
	€110	€165	€220	