Irrigation FACTSHEET



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IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT COSTS - 2003 -

Introduction

This publication is intended to be used as a guide only in determining the approximate cost of an irrigation system. Prices shown are average values and will vary depending on dealer location, equipment manufacturer and quantity purchased. Where a range of prices is shown the product may be available in more than one material (ie plastic or brass) or price fluctuations are too great to provide an accurate single price.

Average System Cost and Labour Requirements

The cost of an irrigation system on a per acre basis can vary due to:

- Field size, shape and layout.
- Climatic region. Irrigation systems in the Central Interior or Okanagan Valley must apply much more water than similar systems in the Fraser Valley.
- Soil type. Irrigation design parameters for sandy, gravelly soils are different than loamy, clay soils.
- Distance from the water source to the field to be irrigated.
- The pump and motor size required to overcome friction and elevation differences.

Types of System	Estimated Cost \$/Acre	Range of Costs \$/Acre	Labour Cost Hrs./Acre/Irrigation
Portable Handmove	\$ 500	\$ 400 - 650	1.2
Wheelmove	650	550 - 900	0.5
Stationary Gun	480	350 - 700	1.2
Travelling Gun	900	700 - 1100	0.3
Solid Set	1600	1200 - 2000	0.15
Centre Pivot	980	700 - 1260	0.05
Trickle	1800	1400 - 2250	0.05

Table 1 Irrigation System Costs

 Table 2 Mainline and Supplyline Prices - \$/100 ft.

Nominal Size in Inches	Plain Aluminum c/w Couplings	Aluminum with Valves at 120 ft.	PVC Class 200	PVC Class 160	PVC Class 125	Steel 12 Gauge
3	\$ 223	\$ 275	\$ 145	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 520
4	300	345	233	190	152	650
5	405	450		290		750
6	535	580	502	411	332	1040
8	850	900	834	676	561	1300
10	1175	1125	1285	1052	873	1560

Lateral Prices

Wheelmove prices are unassembled and complete with couplings, sprinklers and mover units. Handmoves are complete with couplings, sprinklers and risers.

Table 3 Lateral Prices

Size	Cost
Aluminum Wheelmove	
18 GA. 4" - 5' Wheels	\$ 13,600
18 GA. 4" - 6' Wheels	13.900
18 GA. 5" - 5' Wheels	15,300
Aluminum Handmove	
2" (100 ft. lengths)	\$ 248
3" (100 ft. lengths)	280
4" (100 ft. lengths)	352

Table 4 Solid Set System Prices

Nominal Size in Inches	Class 200	Class 160	Class 125
¹ / ₂ (100 ft. lengths)	\$ 13	-	-
3/4	14	-	-
1	19	-	\$ NA
11⁄4	32	\$ 25	22
11/2	40	32	25
2	58	47	38
21/2	85	70	55
3	125	102	82
4	205	167	135

Table 5 Sprinkler Prices

ltem	Cost		
Risers (1" x ³ / ₄ ") . 12" High . 18" High . 24" High	\$6.50 8.00 9.50		
Undertree Sprinkler ($1\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 gpm)	13.00		
Overtree Sprinkler (5 - 10 gpm)	19.50		
Large Sprinkler (30 - 90 gpm)	135.00		
Giant Gun c/w Nozzle (130 - 500 gpm) Full Circle Part Circle	\$7.70 14.50 12.50 19.00		

Table 6 Trickle Irrigation Equipment Prices

Item	Cost
Line Source - Linear Tape (per 1000 feet) based on 12" spacing	\$ 45 - 85
Point Source Emitters . In-line (1 gph) . Barb (1 gph) . Pressure Compensating (1 gph)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Microjet (complete unit)	\$ 0.45 - 0.70
Micro Sprinklers (complete unit)	\$ 1.60 - 2.25
Trickle Poly Tubing . ¹ / ₂ " (per 1000 feet) . ³ / ₄ " (per 1000 feet) . 1" (per 1000 feet)	\$ 60 105 135
Automation Equipment 3/4" Solenoid Valve 1" Solenoid Valve 1'/2" Solenoid Valve 1" Pressure Reducing Solenoid Valve 1'/2" Pressure Reducing Solenoid Valve 4 Station Time Clock 6 Station Time Clock 8 Station Time Clock 12 Station Time Clock	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
Trickle Filters 150 Mesh Screen (50 gpm) 50 - 100 gpm Sand Filter Complete System	\$ 250 - 390 3200 - 4000 Auto flush add \$1000.00

Table 7 Centre Pivot and Travelling Gun Prices

ltem	Cost		
Electric Drive Centre Pivot - 1200' (including installation)	\$ 68,000 (\$57/ft)		
Travelling Guns Soft Hose 50 - 100 gpm Soft Hose 100 - 250 gpm Soft Hose 300 + gpm 850 - 1000' Reel Irrigator 3" hose 1000 - 1300' Reel Irrigator 4" hose 1000' Reel Irrigator 5" hose	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$		

Table 8 Pump and Motor Prices

Motor H.P.	Single Phase	Three Phase	Phase C	converter	Single Phase Soft Start (Complete System)
			Add a Phase	Roto Phase	
5	\$ 1800	\$ 1500	\$ 1480	\$ 1580	-
71⁄2	2100	1800	1920	2280	\$ 4530
10	2300	2000	2550	2660	4900
15	-	2200	3050	3520	6320
20	-	2500	4000	4200	6650
25	-	2700	4600	5570	7150
30	-	3300	5600	6160	8490
40	-	4000	7500	8160	11,000
50	-	4600	8800	9460	13,800
60	-	5900	12,300	11,500	15,000
75	-	6600	15,300	14,600	17,600