

#### Before the season starts

- Decide which crops interest you
- Set up record keeping systems
  - All expenses
  - Planting records
  - Harvest records
  - Sales records
  - Time spent

# **Monthly Expenses**

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	Α	В	С	D	E
1	place	date	thing	expense	income
2	casey's	7/5	diesel	13.95	
3	spahn & rose	7/5	rebar	31.03	
4	van gas	7.7	van gas	61.72	
5	PFI	7/9	field day reimbur	sement	1147
6	market money	7/9	deposit		970
7	jesse tractor	7/9	deposit		100
8	market money	7/12	deposit		338
9	grinnell mutual in	7/12	deposit		227
10	HSF wholesale	7/12	deposit		56
11	decorah tire	7/12	fix tractor tire	90.52	
12	hovey	7/12	tank rental	77.04	
13	mienergy	7/2	electric bill	48.7	
14	decorah mart	7/2	van gas	87.36	
15	IRS	7/12	quarterly filing	175.58	

## **Planting Log - Field**

	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
1		April 23	April 30	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	Jı
2	arugula	25'						
3	basil				25'		140'	
4	beets		65'	100'	60'			110'
5	bok choy	20'						
6	broccoli	78'		100'				
7	brussels sprouts	135'						
8	cabbage	75'			130'			
9	canteloupe				123'			
10	carrots	150'		150'	150'			150'
11	cauliflower							
12	celeriac							60'
13	celery							75'
14	chard	45'			30'			
15	cherry tomatoes						78	

## Planting Log - Greenhouse

A B C D  1 March 5 March 12 March 19 2 basil 3 beets 4 bok choy 5 broccoli 6 brussels sprouts 7 cabbage 2 72
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8 canteloupe
9 cauliflower
10 celeriac 1 288
11 celery 1 288
12 chard 1 72
13 cherry tomatoes
14 chives ~3/4 128
15 collards 1.5 72
16 cucumbers
17 eggplants
18 fennel 1 72 1 72
19 garlic chives ~3/4 128

## **Harvest Log**

In packing shed:

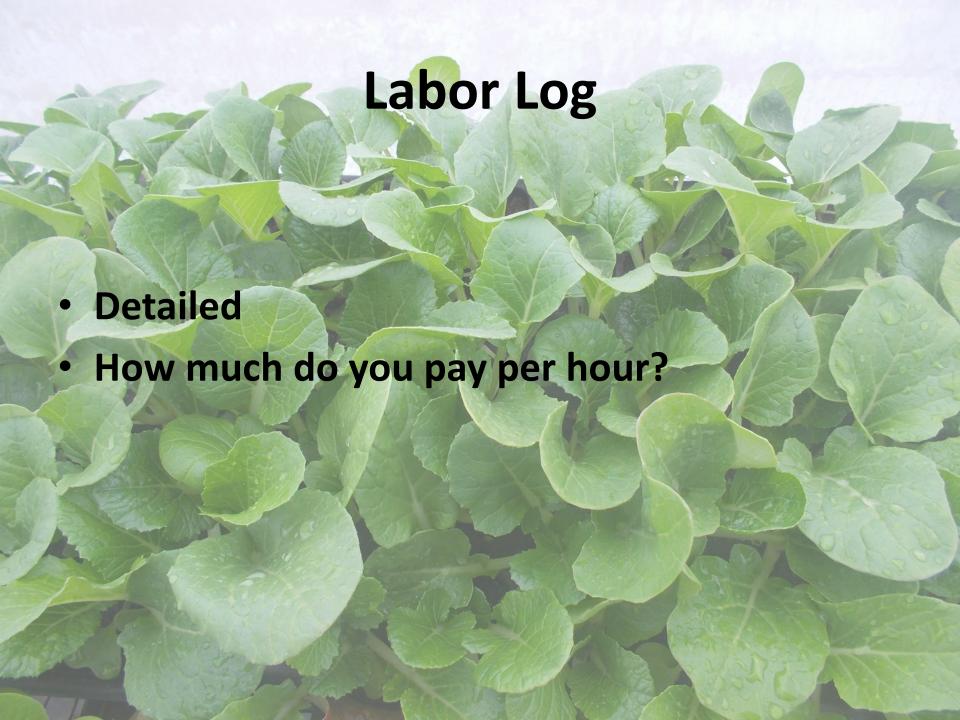
Harvest	16-Oct				
Crop	Amount Harve	sted	FM	CSA	Со-ор
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After harvest:

HARVEST	<b>Cherry Toma</b>	to
Date	# units	
8-Aug	4	
11-Aug	5	
15-Aug	9	
18-Aug	19	
22-Aug	40	
25-Aug	21	
29-Aug	81	
1-Sep	30	
5-Sep	53	
12-Sep	20	

# Sales Log

date	total sales	market share sal	es	
7-7	322	20.5		
Crops	amount taken	amount returned	amount sold	price
salad mix	10	0	10	3
chard	4	1	3	2.5
kale	5	3	2	2.5
hakurei	20	0	20	2.5
scapes	5	0	5	2
scallions	5	0	5	2.5
broccoli	14	1	13	2
parsley	4	3	1	1.5
peas	25	1	24	4
cucumber	30	0	30	0.5
zuc	30	0	30	0.75
cherry toms	3	0	3	4
basil	4	0	4	1
plants	26	19	7	3
shallots	9	0	9	3





#### Post-season work

- Expense categories, and what number is the goal
  - Delivery > cost per trip > fraction of load crop used
  - Greenhouse > cost per flat > add cost of seed
  - Machinery > cost per hour > how many hours the crop used
  - Infrastructure > cost per structure per year > fraction of structure crop used
  - Overhead > cost per bed > how many beds were planted



# **Delivery Cost**

Cost per trip:

Farmers' Mar	ket Cost Decorah
Labor	18
Vehicle Cost	11.75964286
Market Fees	3.888888889
Market Equipn	0.820377778
Market Cost S	34.46890952

Fraction of load crop uses:

FM Decorah	13.5211773
% total load	total delivery cost
0.04545455	1.56676861
0.04166667	1.43620456
0.04347826	1.49864824
0.03703704	1.27662628
0.03225806	1.11190031
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0.03333333	1.14896365
0.02857143	0.98482599
0.03125	1.07715342
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0.03571429	1.23103248

## **Greenhouse Cost**

#### Cost per flat:

Greenhouse	ours	Glen's	
Soil	0.5	0.8	Labor to Drive
Labor to Seed			Labor to Seed
Labor to Move	0.133333333	9.7777778	Rental cost
Labor to Wate			
Flat Cost Subt	1.65	11.5777778	

#### Add cost of seed:

Greenhouse Costs		
Cost/Flat Subt	11.5777778	
Cost of Seed	2.7	
Labor to Up-Po	0.13333333	
Cost/Flat	14.4111111	

# **Machinery Cost**

Cost per hour:

Tractor Cost	
Original Cost /	550
Annual Repair	29.03
Annual Fuel	130.88
Total Annual C	709.91
Hours Used Ar	108.54
Cost/Hour	6.54043762

How many hours crop used:

Section 1987 / First State (1987)	
	Machinery Cost
Till	0.44
Compost	0.76
Mow	0.32
TOTAL	1.52

#### **Infrastructure & Overhead Costs**

Infrastructure Costs		20 years
Fence		166.75
Cooler		147.496
Greenhouse		362.0245
Well		0
Electricity		0
Driveway Gravel		89.082
Totals ->		765.3525

Annual Overhead Costs		
Rent	1500	
Office	117.82	
Website	35.88	
Travel/Confere	570	
Electric	529.95	
Van costs	1134.04	
Organic Certifi	285.59	
Advertising	244.47	
Yearly Supplie	1111.37	
Start-up suppl	1010.684	
Donation	150	
Labor	17200	
Total Overhea	23889.804	

	20 year spread
Total Overhead & Infrastructi	24655.16
Overhead/Bed	206.49
Overhead/Building	19.82

total • cultivatedarea totalarea numberofbedsplanted

total • greenhousearea totalarea
numberofcropsusegreenhouse

## **Compiling results**

Add all crop-specific costs

Divide by units of crop produced

**End result = cost per unit** 

Delivery Cost	129.02
Greenhouse Cost	21.62
Machinery Cost	1.52
Infrastructure/Overhead Cost	137.96
Labor Cost	122.56
Total cost per season	412.68
Units produced per season	362
Cost per unit	1.14

# **Utilizing Results**

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- Do certain markets get you the price you need while others don't?
- Can you get away with not growing some unprofitable crops?
- Can you change your growing practices to increase profitability?
- Do you want these numbers to make all of your decisions?