Beef (Fodder)

Table 17: Beet Fodder Returns

	Average	top 1/3	Top v Average
Physical			
Total No. hectares	402		
No. Of Farms	43	14	
Tillage Adj. Ha	9	12	+ 2
Yield t/Ha	78.5	82.4	+ 3.90
Financial			
Crop Sales €/tonne	€38	€ 42	+ 4
Gross Output/ha	€ 2,962	€ 3,472	+ 510
of which is straw/ha	€14	€20	+ 6
Material Costs/ha	€841	€830	- 12
Total Machinery Costs/ha	€ 594	€ 585	- 9
of which are contractor/ha	€296	€219	- 76
Other Variable Costs/ha	€ 25	€13	- 12
Gross Margin / Ha	€ 1,502	€ 2,045	+ 543
Fixed Costs / Ha	€392	€ 443	+ 51
Net Margin/ha	€ 1,110	€ 1,601	+ 491
Key Figures			
Break Even Costs €/ton*	€24	€23	- 1
Land Lease Costs/ha	€102	€113	+ 10
Net Margin/ha (exc. Land Rental)	€1,212	€1,714	+ 502

^{*} Cost per ton excluding straw

- Yields on the top group were 5% higher than the average group which combined with a higher price (+4/t) resulted in a higher gross output per hectare of 510/ha.
- Despite the lower yields the average group spent more on materials (+€12/ha) and machinery (+€9/ha).

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- The average net margin is €1,110/ha with the top group achieving a 44% increase in net margin to €1,601/ha.
- Average net margin increased by 3% over 2016 and remains the most profitable crop in this analysis.

