Spring Beans

Table 16: Spring Beans Returns

	Average	top 1/3	Top v Average
Physical			
Total No. hectares	1298		
No. Of Farms	94	31	
Tillage Adj. Ha	14	14	+ 0
Yield t/Ha	6.9	7.3	+ 0.4
Financial			
Crop Sales €/tonne	€160	€161	+ 1
Gross Output /ha	€ 1,114	€ 1,194	+ 81
of which is straw/ha	€12	€24	+ 12
Material Costs/ha	€ 450	€ 416	- 34
Total Machinery Costs/ha	€ 252	€229	- 23
of which are contractor/ha	€100	€27	- 73
Other Variable Costs/ha	€9	€5	- 5
Gross Margin / Ha	€ 402	€ 545	+ 142
Fixed Costs / Ha	€272	€331	+ 60
Net Margin/ha	€131	€213	+ 83
Net Margin including DP	€ 337	€ 428	+ 91
Key Figures			
Break Even Costs €/ton*	€143	€135	- 8
Land Lease Costs/ha	€145	€203	+ 58
Net Margin/ha (exc. Land Rental)	€482	€ 631	+ 149

 $^{^{*}}$ Cost per ton excluding straw

• Spring beans average yields are 0.2 t/ha (3%) above the Teagasc harvest report yield of 6.7t/ha. The top group produced 0.6t/ha (9%) over the Teagasc harvest report average.

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- The top farms produced 0.4 t/ha more yield than the average group.
- Despite achieving a higher yield the top group spent less on materials (-€34/ha) and machinery (-€23/ha)
- Average net margin including protein payment was €337 and the top group achieved a net margin including protein payment of €428/ha (+27%).
- Average net margin increased by 50% from 2016 mainly due to a 0.8t/ha increase in yield.

