

**Results:**

Mustard Green Manure Crop Estimated Variable Costs-2002

Item	Unit	Cost/unit	Quantity	Mustard cost/ac	Normal cost/ac <sup>1</sup>
Seed	lb.	\$2.35	10	\$23.50	\$0.00
Planting	acre	\$6.10	1	\$6.10	\$0.00
Fertilizer	lb.	\$0.38	100	\$38.00	\$0.00
Herbicide	acre	\$15.00	1	\$15.00	\$0.00
Irrigation power	acre-in	\$1.78	9	\$16.02	\$5.34
Chopping	acre	\$6.00	1	\$6.00	\$6.00
Disking/packing	acre	\$5.00	2	\$10.00	\$10.00

**Total: \$114.62 \$21.34**

**Mustard cost over normal practice: \$93.28**

**Mustard cost over normal practice, without fertilizer costs: \$55.28**

**Other costs to consider:**

- 1) Cost of extra labor, equipment, and management time at a time of the year when the mustard may not be your priority task
- 2) Cost of fitting the mustard into your rotation
- 3) Cost of extra irrigation water if you exceed your base amount

<sup>1</sup> Costs normally incurred following wheat harvest