

## **Instructions for using the interactive budgets**

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to use these forms. If you do not have this program installed on your computer, you can download a free version [here](#).

You can make changes to the interactive PDF budget files for this publication by inputting your own prices and quantities in the green-outlined cells for any item. You will need to click on and add your own estimated price and quantity information to all of the green-outlined cells to complete your customized budget.

The cells outlined in red automatically calculate your revised totals based on the changes you made to the cells outlined in green.

When you are finished, you can print the budget using the green **Print Form** button at the bottom of the form.

You can use the red **Clear Form** button to clear all the information from your budget when you are finished.

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## Honeycrisp Stem Clipping Calculator

	<u>Traditional harvest</u>	<u>Your Estimate</u>	<u>Stem Clipping</u>	<u>Your Estimate</u>
Bu. harvested/hour/worker	15	_____	10	_____
Labor costs/hr	\$11.00	_____	\$11.00	_____
Cost per bushel	\$0.73	_____	\$1.10	_____
Estimated average return per bu. (1)	\$28.50	_____	\$28.50	_____
Price/bu. less harvest cost	\$27.77	_____	\$27.40	_____
Harvested bu/A	700	_____	700	_____
Packout % (2)	80%	_____	88%	_____
Gross return less harvest cost	\$15,549.33	_____	\$16,878.40	_____
Increase/decrease in return/A	----->		\$1,329.07	_____

***The numbers shown are meant as examples only, you should enter your farm's information in the green outlined cells.***

1. Average return to grower for 2013 and 2014 reported by a local packer.
2. Packer data suggest a 10% packout increase for stem cutting vs. traditional harvest