**Capital Purchase Example: BCS tractor/mower**

Cost of the purchase $5,800

Labor savings (weed & brush cutting)

175 hrs/yr @ $15/hr $2,625/year

Annual operating cost - $250

Total annual savings $2,375

Payback period @2.44 years

Note, this does not account for the value of the tractor for tillage and cutting hay.

**Comparing Options**

***BCS tractor/mower***

Purchase cost $5,800

Labor savings/year $2,375

Payback period @2.44 years

Useful life 15 years

***Kubota tractor/mower***

Purchase cost $25,000

Labor savings/year $2,500

Payback period 10 years

Useful life 25 years

**Comparing Opportunities**

**Hoop house**

Purchase cost $10,000

Profit increase $5,000/year

* Due to season extension

Payback period 2 years

Useful life 5 to 10 years

**Tractor/cultivator**

Purchase cost $25,000

Cost savings $5,000/year

* For tillage & planting

Payback period 5 years

Useful life 25 years