

Caterpillar Tunnels at Broadfork Farm (Numbers based on a 12' X 120' tunnel)

Item	Description	Supplier	Unit Cost	@4'	@6 ′
Arches	PVC pipes 1.5" 20'	Vandenbussche	\$14.37	445.47	301.77
	lengths				
Ground	15mm Rebar 4'	Casey Concrete	\$2.68	166.16	112.56
Posts	(\$0.67/ft)	Amherst			
Plastic End	T-posts 8'	Scotia Gold Co-op,	\$8	16.00	16.00
Anchors		Coldbrook, NS			
Clips	SS Snap clips ¼""	Fehr Bros	\$1.17	72.54	49.14
Rope	Poly Rope .312" Poly	Source Atlantic, Saint	\$47.51	47.51	47.51
	3-strand rope 1200'	John, NB			
	roll				
Plates	2" X 4" Galvanized	Multi-shelter Solution	\$2.42	150.04	101.64
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Plastic	Super UVA 6 mil clear	Octa Greenhouse,	\$2.20/ft	\$430	\$430
	25' x 320 '	Amherst, NS	+ freight		
TOTAL=				1327.72	1058.62
Measured at 12 X 120 COST PER SQ. FT				\$0.92	\$0.74

Prices include freight but not taxes.

On the end arches at each end of the tunnel 8' rebar lengths were used to help maintain rigidity against the inward push forced by the plastic.

Casey Concrete charges a \$25 cutting fee that is included in the listed price above. When installing the posts I felt like a 5' piece would be better as some still felt a little loose and soft when at appropriate depth.

This season we are trying a 6' bow spacing in the spring/summer/fall months and moving the tunnels to a 4' spacing for the structures we want to leave up over winter.