

Green Cleaning™ Systems

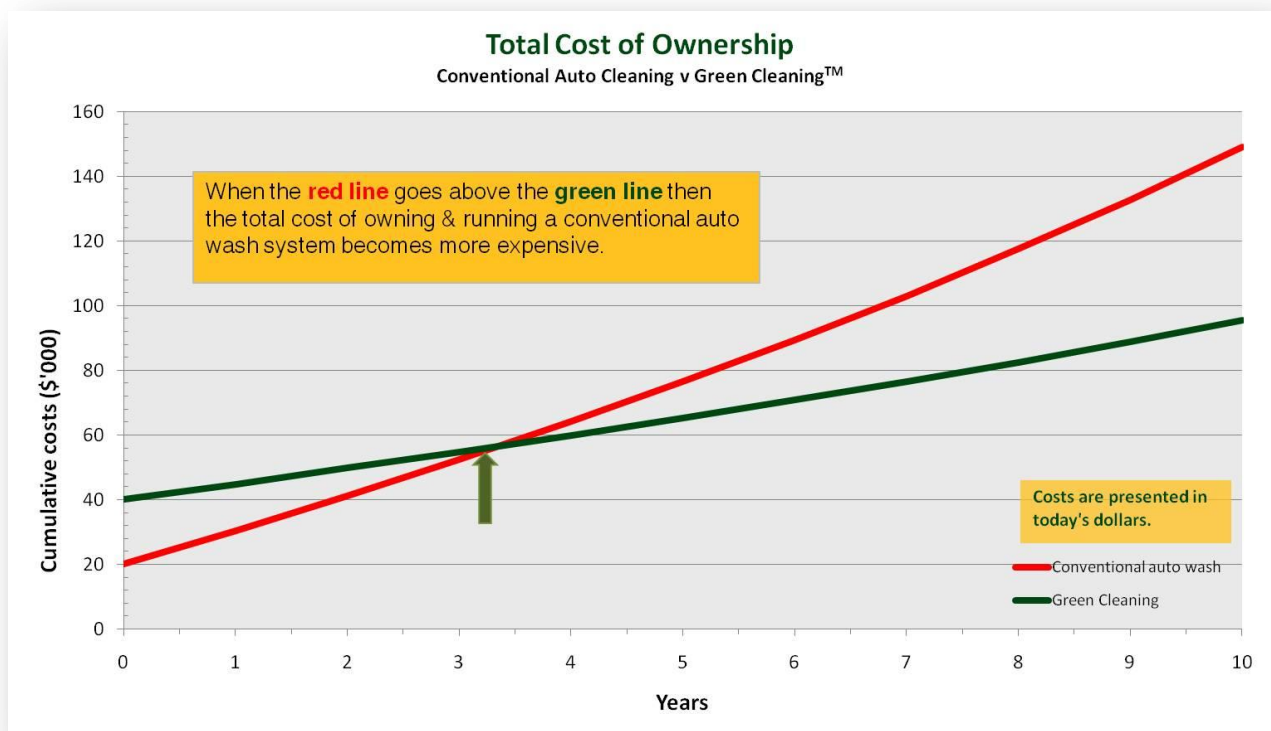
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Fact Sheet #6. The total costs of machine cleaning

A good way to compare the financial merits between a conventional cleaning system and a Green Cleaning™ system is to work out the total cost of ownership (TCO) for each option. The TCO is a financial tool that can help determine the total cost of a piece of equipment over its lifetime. It includes the initial capital cost as well as the operating costs during its practical service life.

Example 1: Building a new dairy

The graph below shows an example of the cumulative total costs – in a new 50 unit rotary – for a conventional auto cleaning system and a Green Cleaning™ system. In this example, the initial capital costs of the conventional cleaning system and the Green Cleaning™ system are \$20,000 and \$40,000 respectively.



The estimated operating costs for each year are then added. For the first three years the total costs for the conventional cleaning system are less than that of the Green Cleaning™ system. But since the operating costs of the Green Cleaning™ system are much lower, the total costs for this system are overtaken by those of the conventional cleaning system after 3.25 years. After ten years the conventional cleaning system has cost \$53,752 more to own and operate – despite it initially being cheaper to purchase.

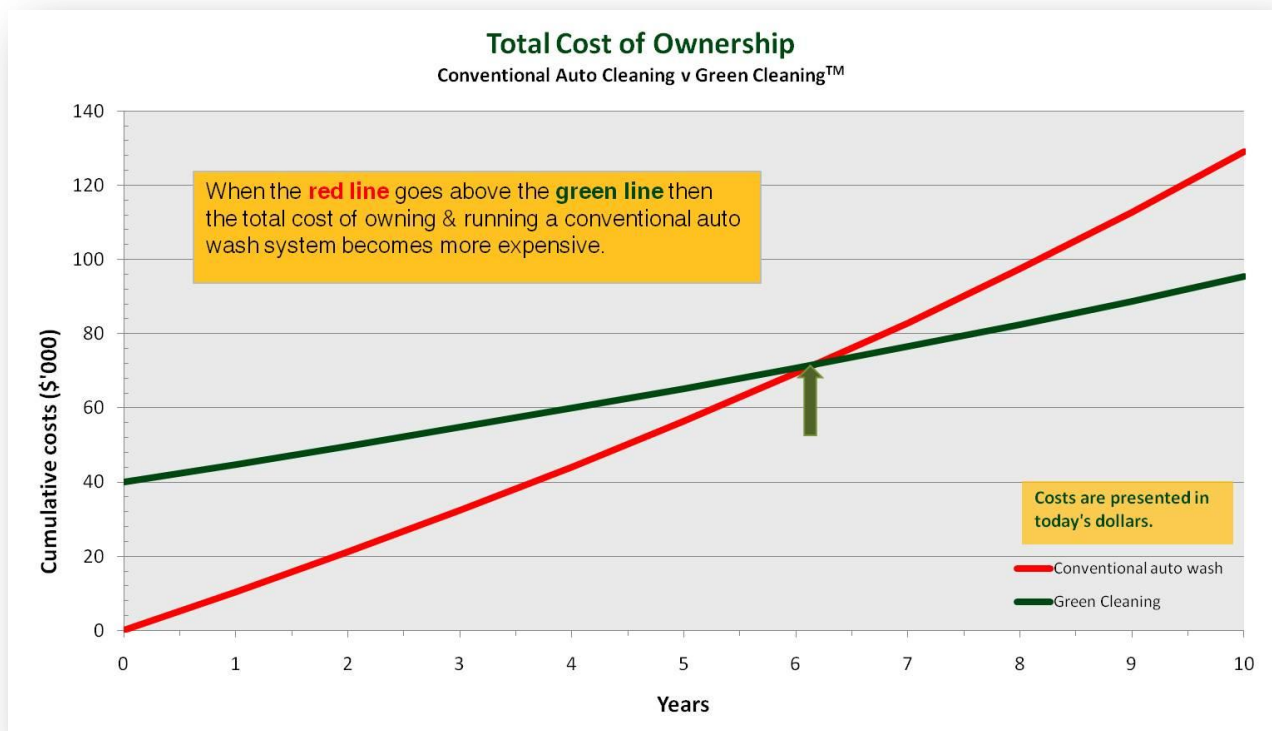
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The details of what the operating costs comprise are presented in the table on the next page. It shows the cost components; heating, chemical and water. Chemical & water costs are expected to follow the Consumer Price Index (CPI) whereas electricity prices are anticipated to rise substantially in the future. In this example prices are expected to rise 15% per year over and above the CPI. The cumulative total costs are presented in today's dollars.

Conventional auto cleaning system											
Year	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Capital outlay	\$ 20,000										
Annual costs											
Heating	\$ 6,257	\$ 7,195	\$ 8,274	\$ 9,516	\$ 10,943	\$ 12,584	\$ 14,472	\$ 16,643	\$ 19,139	\$ 22,010	
Chemicals	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Water	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207
Total annual costs (TC)	\$ 10,963	\$ 11,902	\$ 12,981	\$ 14,222	\$ 15,650	\$ 17,291	\$ 19,179	\$ 21,350	\$ 23,846	\$ 26,717	
TC Present value (PV) @ 5%	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,441	\$ 10,795	\$ 11,214	\$ 11,701	\$ 12,262	\$ 12,903	\$ 13,630	\$ 14,450	\$ 15,371	\$ 16,402
TC Cumulative PV @ 5%	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,441	\$ 41,237	\$ 52,450	\$ 64,151	\$ 76,413	\$ 89,316	\$ 102,946	\$ 117,397	\$ 132,768	\$ 149,170
Green Cleaning system											
Capital outlay	\$ 40,000										
Annual costs											
Heating*	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,612	\$ 3,004	\$ 3,455	\$ 3,973	\$ 4,569	\$ 5,254	\$ 6,042	\$ 6,948	\$ 7,991	
Chemicals	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
Water	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713	\$ 713
Total annual costs (TC)	\$ 5,084	\$ 5,425	\$ 5,817	\$ 6,267	\$ 6,785	\$ 7,381	\$ 8,067	\$ 8,855	\$ 9,761	\$ 10,803	
TC Present value (PV) @ 5%	\$ 40,000	\$ 4,842	\$ 4,920	\$ 5,025	\$ 5,156	\$ 5,316	\$ 5,508	\$ 5,733	\$ 5,993	\$ 6,292	\$ 6,632
TC Cumulative PV @ 5%	\$ 40,000	\$ 44,842	\$ 49,762	\$ 54,787	\$ 59,943	\$ 65,259	\$ 70,767	\$ 76,500	\$ 82,493	\$ 88,785	\$ 95,418

Example 2: Upgrading an existing cleaning system

In some instances the dairy may already have a perfectly functioning conventional cleaning system. The choice to install a Green Cleaning™ system will mean that the difference in the initial capital costs will be greater than that for a new dairy. In this instance there is no initial capital cost for the conventional cleaning system (as it is already in place), whilst the capital cost for the Green Cleaning™ system is \$40,000 – a difference of \$40,000 rather than the \$20,000 difference seen in Example 1. The same assumptions are used here as in Example 1, and the total costs of ownership (capital and on-going costs) of each system are shown graphically below.



The \$40,000 difference in the initial capital outlay means that it takes just over 6.1 years before the total cost of ownership of the conventional system overtakes that of the new Green Cleaning™ system. After ten years the conventional cleaning system has cost \$33,752 more to own and operate – despite there being no additional up-front capital costs for staying with the conventional cleaning system. The table below shows the breakup of costs over the ten year period.

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*Assumptions: Electricity tariffs: off-peak 13 c/kWh, peak 22.3 c/kWh; convention wash program involves 3 x 350 L cycles, warm pre-rinse, hot

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detergent wash & hot sanitizer cycles. Green Cleaning™ program involves warm pre-rinse, warm detergent wash and warm sanitizing cycles. Benefits from renewal energy sources (solar, heat recovery) are not included in the calculations.

Further information

Contact your local milking machine equipment or dairy detergent supplier for more information. Also refer to the following fact sheets about Green Cleaning™.

- Green Cleaning™ Fact Sheet #1. What are Green Cleaning™ systems?
- Green Cleaning™ Fact Sheet #2. Green Cleaning™ systems – a closer look
- Green Cleaning™ Fact Sheet #3. Frequently asked questions
- Green Cleaning™ Fact Sheet #4. Economics of Green Cleaning™ systems
- Green Cleaning™ Fact Sheet #5. Summary report – On farm trial

More information is available at www.agvetprojects.com.au/greencleaning.

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