

2004 Nebraska Farm Custom Rates — Part I

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Every two years a survey of the custom operations is conducted to determine the current rates charged for specific machinery operations. The survey is divided into two parts: spring and summer operations, including planting and small grains harvest in Part I, and information about fall and miscellaneous operations in Part II.

The responses are reported by the Agricultural Statistics Districts shown on the map below. Custom rates reported include charges for the use of necessary equipment, fuel and supplies such as baling wire or twine provided by the custom operator, and labor. Seed, fertilizer and chemical costs are not included.

This survey is not based on a random sample of custom operators in Nebraska. Questionnaires were sent to all the names on our custom operators mailing list. Thus, the results reflect the average of those responding to the specific questions many may not be representative of the rates charged in a particular area. The **Average Rate** should provide an accurate estimate of the prevailing charge for a specific operation, particularly if there are a large number of responses. The **Most Common Rate** is the rate reported more often than any other for that practice. Usually the Average Rate and the Most Common Rate are similar. The Average Rate is calculated to the nearest cent, while the Most Common Rate is more generally reported to the nearest dollar. The **Range** gives the minimum and the maximum amounts reported. It indicates the range of conditions under which the work was performed. The range also may reflect the fact that some rates consider travel to and from the field while others do not.

The rates do not necessarily measure the full economic cost of performing the work specified. Some custom operators may only charge for the operating costs of fuel and labor. Other operators may charge for all costs including depreciation on equipment and a charge for risk. Field conditions such as size, terrain, and location vary, which will account for some of the range in the rates charged.

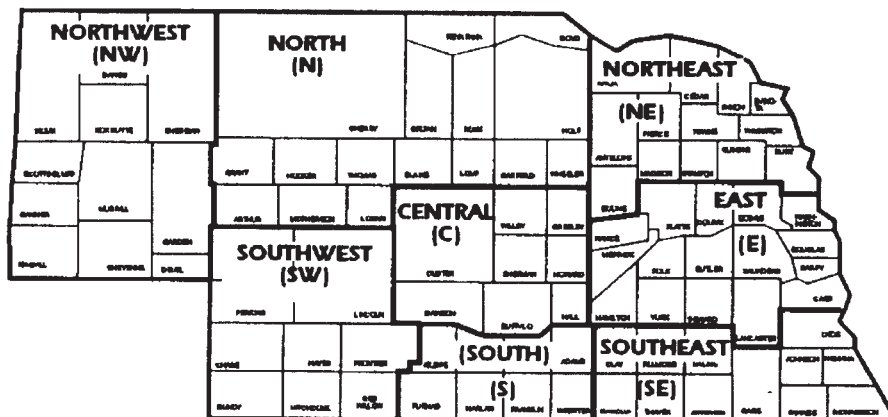
Estimates of the costs of owning and operating farm machinery are available from the authors to compare with these custom rates. One source of estimated costs of owning and operating machines is the "Minnesota Farm Machinery Economics Cost Estimates." It is available electronically at: <http://www.apec.umn.edu/faculty/wlazarus/mf2003.pdf>

The information presented here should be used only as a guide to rates charged in localized areas and under unique conditions. Rates change from year to year due to cost changes and the availability of custom operators. For example, the rates reported in this presentation were the prevailing rates in the Spring of 2004. In determining the rates for 2005, custom operators and farm owners should consider changes in the cost of machinery, labor and fuel.

Factoring in the difference in fuel cost is essential for obtaining an accurate estimate for the cost associated with custom farming. This survey was conducted when fuel prices ranged from \$1.10 - \$1.36. As the prices vary, fuel consumption rates and the change in fuel price can be used to update the custom rates to current prices. For example, if the farm diesel price is \$1.10 per gallon with a consumption rate of .80 gallons per acre, \$.88 would be allocated to the per acre custom rate. If farm diesel prices increased to \$1.35 per gallon, the additional cost due to the fuel increase would be \$.25 X .80 = \$.20. This price then can be added to the previous custom rate. The Minnesota website provides fuel consumption estimates for each machinery operation. A table of change in the cost for each \$.10 changes in fuel prices is available at: <http://lancaster.unl.edu/ag/crops/machine-cost.htm>

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2004 FARM CUSTOM RATES (PART I)

Reported by Crop Reporting District, in Dollars Unless Otherwise Specified

	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	State
LAND TILLAGE OPERATIONS									
MOLDBOARD PLOWING without PLOW PACKER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	12	#	5	#	7	#	#	10	39
Average Rate	10.88	—	11.00	—	11.86	—	—	10.30	10.82
Range	7.00-15.50	—	8.00-15.00	—	7.00-15.00	—	—	7.00-12.00	7.00-16.50
Most Common	10.00	—	10.00	—	15.00	—	—	12.00	10.00
MOLDBOARD PLOWING with PLOW PACKER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	9	#	4	#	3	#	#	#	18
Average Rate	13.19	—	13.75	—	10.50	—	—	—	12.51
Range	7.75-18.00	—	8.00-25.00	—	8.50-13.00	—	—	—	7.75-25.00
Most Common	15.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00
DISK HARROWING, TANDEM OR OFFSET, PRIMARY HARROWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	24	8	14	11	23	10	4	33	127
Average Rate	7.23	10.38	9.08	7.50	7.86	7.90	7.75	7.58	7.93
Range	4.50-10.00	7.00-15.00	6.00-15.00	5.50-10.00	5.75-10.00	6.50-10.00	6.00-10.00	5.00-11.00	4.50-15.00
Most Common	8.00	10.00	7.50	7.00	8.00	10.00	—	8.00	8.00
DISK HARROWING, TANDEM OR OFFSET, FINISHING HARROWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	17	6	15	8	20	10	4	24	104
Average Rate	7.03	8.25	8.40	6.59	7.36	7.05	6.50	7.33	7.38
Range	4.00-10.00	7.00-10.00	6.00-15.00	5.00-9.00	5.50-10.00	5.50-8.00	5.00-8.00	5.00-11.00	4.00-15.00
Most Common	7.00	7.50	6.00	5.00	7.00	8.00	—	7.00	7.00
HARROWING, SPIKE TOOTH, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	#	6	#	8	#	#	#	26
Average Rate	4.80	—	5.00	—	5.25	—	—	—	4.96
Range	4.00-6.00	—	3.00-8.00	—	2.50-10.00	—	—	—	2.50-10.00
Most Common	5.00	—	4.00	—	4.00	—	—	—	4.00
HARROWING, SPRING TOOTH, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	#	5	#	3	#	#	#	18
Average Rate	6.10	—	6.00	—	5.83	—	—	—	6.06
Range	4.50-11.00	—	3.00-10.00	—	4.50-7.00	—	—	—	3.00-11.00
Most Common	5.00	—	6.00	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
CHISEL PLOW FOR PRIMARY TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	18	3	5	4	12	4	#	9	56
Average Rate	7.01	12.00	12.80	8.75	9.46	7.88	—	10.28	9.09
Range	4.50-14.00	10.00-15.00	8.00-15.00	8.00-10.00	7.00-13.00	5.50-9.00	—	7.50-14.00	4.50-15.00
Most Common	6.00	—	15.00	8.00	10.00	9.00	—	10.00	8.00
DEEP CHISEL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	6	3	5	6	10	5	4	13	52
Average Rate	11.83	15.67	15.00	10.50	10.55	10.60	10.63	11.85	11.75
Range	6.00-16.00	12.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	8.00-13.00	7.00-17.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-15.00	6.00-20.00
Most Common	—	—	—	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
SUBSOILER OR RIPPING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	11	6	13	4	16	6	3	15	74
Average Rate	10.82	14.00	13.92	13.00	14.84	11.08	9.17	11.70	12.74
Range	6.00-15.00	7.00-25.00	10.00-25.00	9.00-17.00	7.00-25.00	6.50-13.00	4.50-14.00	7.00-15.00	4.50-25.00
Most Common	6.00	12.00	12.00	—	25.00	12.00	—	12.00	12.00
FIELD CULTIVATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	15	4	12	5	23	4	3	26	92
Average Rate	5.99	7.88	8.44	7.10	6.95	6.38	7.00	7.12	7.06
Range	4.28-9.50	7.00-9.50	5.50-15.00	3.50-9.00	4.00-10.00	5.50-8.00	6.00-8.00	4.00-11.00	3.50-15.00
Most Common	5.00	7.50	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	—	7.00	7.00
ROTARY TILLERS, PTO DRIVEN, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	3	#	#	#	#	11
Average Rate	—	—	14.00	11.17	—	—	—	—	11.14
Range	—	—	8.00-18.00	8.00-13.50	—	—	—	—	5.00-18.00
Most Common	—	—	15.00	—	—	—	—	—	8.00
ROD WEEDER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	13	#	#	#	#	6	#	#	22
Average Rate	4.98	—	—	—	—	7.83	—	—	5.88
Range	4.00-8.00	—	—	—	—	5.50-12.00	—	—	3.50-12.00
Most Common	5.00	—	—	—	—	6.00	—	—	5.00
BLADE PLOW OR WIDE SWEEP BLADE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	13	#	3	#	#	4	#	#	23
Average Rate	6.21	—	10.33	—	—	6.13	—	—	7.01
Range	4.50-12.50	—	8.00-12.00	—	—	5.50-7.00	—	—	4.50-12.50
Most Common	6.00	—	—	—	—	6.00	—	—	6.00

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	State
COMBINATION TILLAGE OPERATIONS, PRIMARY TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	7	3	3	#	#	3	21
Average Rate	—	—	10.43	10.67	15.50	—	—	9.17	10.75
Range	—	—	6.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	11.00-18.00	—	—	8.00-10.00	4.75-18.00
Most Common	—	—	—	10.00	—	—	—	—	10.00
COMBINATION TILLAGE OPERATIONS, FINISHING TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	10	#	5	3	#	3	27
Average Rate	—	—	9.95	—	11.30	7.00	—	8.67	9.83
Range	—	—	6.00-16.00	—	8.00-17.50	6.00-8.00	—	8.00-9.00	6.00-17.50
Most Common	—	—	6.00	—	—	—	—	9.00	12.00
STALK SHREDDER PTO DRIVEN, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	5	10	13	#	#	13	48
Average Rate	6.00	—	8.40	7.30	7.44	—	—	6.85	7.32
Range	5.00-7.00	—	5.00-12.00	5.00-9.00	5.00-15.00	—	—	3.00-9.00	3.00-15.00
Most Common	—	—	12.00	7.00	7.00	—	—	9.00	7.00
ROLLING STALK CHOPPER NOT PTO DRIVEN, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	23	#	#	8	9	7	3	12	49
Average Rate	7.87	—	—	6.69	6.39	6.36	4.83	6.58	6.49
Range	5.00-8.00	—	—	3.50-12.00	5.00-10.00	4.00-8.00	4.00-5.50	4.00-12.00	3.50-12.00
Most Common	5.00	—	—	6.00	5.00	6.00	—	5.00	5.00
ROLLING HARROWING AFTER PLOWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	4	#	#	#	#	#	11
Average Rate	5.83	—	6.00	—	—	—	—	—	6.05
Range	4.50-8.00	—	3.00-12.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00-12.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
PLANTING AND POST PLANTING OPERATIONS									
DRILLING SMALL GRAINS, CONVENTIONAL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	21	7	6	10	11	8	3	14	80
Average Rate	8.26	8.43	9.33	8.10	8.73	8.63	7.33	10.79	8.53
Range	4.50-12.00	5.00-10.00	7.00-10.00	5.00-10.00	4.50-12.50	6.00-10.00	6.00-9.00	6.00-20.00	4.50-20.00
Most Common	6.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	—	—	10.00	10.00
DRILLING SMALL GRAINS, NO-TILL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	8	3	8	5	16	8	3	46	97
Average Rate	9.53	12.00	12.56	11.00	11.00	11.63	10.50	11.60	11.36
Range	5.00-12.50	10.00-14.00	8.50-20.00	7.00-16.00	7.00-17.50	10.00-13.00	8.00-12.00	7.00-20.00	5.00-20.00
Most Common	11.00	—	12.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	—	10.00	12.00
DRILLING SOYBEANS, CONVENTIONAL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	4	6	5	10	#	#	12	42
Average Rate	—	9.00	9.00	8.40	9.15	—	—	10.67	9.27
Range	—	8.00-10.00	6.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	4.50-12.00	—	—	6.00-20.00	4.50-20.00
Most Common	—	9.00	—	8.00	10.00	—	—	8.00	8.00
DRILLING SOYBEANS, NO-TILL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	10	3	24	5	6	51	102
Average Rate	—	—	12.80	12.67	11.52	12.00	10.42	12.04	11.92
Range	—	—	8.50-20.00	10.00-16.00	8.00-18.00	10.00-13.00	8.00-15.00	7.00-20.00	7.00-20.00
Most Common	—	—	12.00	—	12.00	12.00	8.00	12.00	12.00
PLANTING DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	10	#	#	#	#	3	#	3	21
Average Rate	12.30	—	—	—	—	12.33	—	9.33	11.33
Range	4.50-22.50	—	—	—	—	11.00-14.00	—	5.00-13.00	4.50-22.50
Most Common	10.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00
PLANTING SUGAR BEETS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	5
Average Rate	14.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.80
Range	12.00-16.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00-16.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00
SEEDING GRASS SEED, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	4	3	#	4	#	#	5	22
Average Rate	7.88	10.00	11.33	—	8.25	—	—	15.80	10.93
Range	4.00-12.00	5.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	—	7.00-10.00	—	—	10.00-25.00	4.00-25.00
Most Common	—	10.00	12.00	—	8.00	—	—	15.00	10.00
SEEDING GRASS SEED WITH DEPTH BANDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	3	#	4	13
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	12.33	—	13.50	12.69
Range	—	—	—	—	—	10.00-15.00	—	4.00-25.00	4.00-25.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00
SEEDING LEGUMES, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	6	5	#	3	#	#	7	28
Average Rate	11.25	9.17	8.80	—	9.00	—	—	13.29	10.71
Range	8.50-12.50	5.00-12.00	5.00-12.00	—	7.00-10.00	—	—	10.00-25.00	5.00-25.00
Most Common	12.00	10.00	—	—	10.00	—	—	10.00	10.00

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	State
SEEDING LEGUMES WITH DEPTH BANDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4	11
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.25	13.18
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00-25.00	8.00-25.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00
SEEDING CRP GROUND, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	#	7	#	#	7	23
Average Rate	—	—	12.75	—	11.00	—	—	16.29	13.04
Range	—	—	7.00-17.00	—	8.00-17.50	—	—	10.00-25.00	7.00-25.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	—	15.00	15.00
SEEDING CRP GROUND WITH DEPTH BANDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	12
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.00	14.42
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00-25.00	7.00-25.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, ROTARY HOEING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	11	#	5	3	8	3	#	#	36
Average Rate	5.07	—	5.50	7.17	6.13	4.83	—	—	5.44
Range	3.00-8.00	—	3.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	4.00-12.50	4.00-5.50	—	—	3.00-12.50
Most Common	5.00	—	6.00	—	6.00	—	—	—	5.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, CONVENTIONAL CROP CULTIVATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	8	6	7	9	13	8	#	5	58
Average Rate	6.13	5.75	6.50	7.11	7.40	6.94	—	6.70	6.72
Range	4.00-9.00	3.00-7.50	4.00-9.00	5.00-9.00	5.00-15.00	5.00-10.00	—	5.50-7.50	3.00-15.00
Most Common	5.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	—	7.50	7.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, CULTIVATOR HANDLING RESIDUE &/OR MAKING RIDGES, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	3	7	7	14	#	4	9	51
Average Rate	7.60	7.00	7.71	7.86	7.84	—	6.50	7.22	7.45
Range	6.00-9.00	6.00-8.00	4.50-10.00	6.00-10.00	5.75-15.00	—	5.00-8.50	6.00-8.50	4.50-15.00
Most Common	8.00	—	10.00	8.00	6.00	—	—	7.00	7.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, HILLING OR DITCHING FOR IRRIGATION, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	#	#	10	13	4	#	10	47
Average Rate	5.80	—	—	7.45	7.90	6.88	—	7.80	7.38
Range	5.00-7.00	—	—	6.00-9.00	5.50-15.00	5.00-9.00	—	6.00-10.00	4.00-15.00
Most Common	5.00	—	—	7.00	7.00	—	—	7.00	7.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, NO TILL, WITH BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	10	#	8	4	9	4	3	21	60
Average Rate	13.20	—	12.38	11.00	10.67	11.13	13.00	12.00	11.89
Range	9.00-22.50	—	9.00-18.00	8.00-15.00	7.50-12.50	8.50-15.00	11.50-15.00	6.00-20.00	6.00-22.50
Most Common	12.00	—	10.00	8.00	10.00	—	—	12.00	12.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, NO-TILL, WITHOUT BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	#	11	5	15	6	#	27	73
Average Rate	9.60	—	11.09	9.70	9.57	11.08	—	10.33	10.23
Range	8.00-10.00	—	6.00-18.00	6.00-12.50	7.00-15.00	8.00-15.00	—	8.00-14.00	6.00-18.00
Most Common	10.00	—	10.00	—	8.00	—	—	10.00	10.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH COULTERS, WITH BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	7	4	8	4	11	3	#	25	63
Average Rate	12.29	12.13	12.63	10.50	10.95	13.00	—	12.43	12.01
Range	10.00-17.50	10.00-16.50	8.00-20.00	8.00-14.00	7.50-15.00	10.00-15.00	—	9.00-25.00	7.50-25.00
Most Common	12.00	10.00	—	10.00	10.00	—	—	12.00	10.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH COULTERS, WITHOUT BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	6	#	10	5	#	16	45
Average Rate	11.00	—	12.42	—	10.35	11.80	—	10.56	10.76
Range	10.00-13.00	—	7.50-18.00	—	7.50-15.00	10.00-15.00	—	8.00-15.00	6.00-18.00
Most Common	10.00	—	—	—	12.00	—	—	12.00	10.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH ROW CLEANING, WITH BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	10	#	#	9	12	#	4	19	59
Average Rate	11.25	—	—	12.33	12.42	—	10.31	11.95	11.92
Range	8.00-13.00	—	—	8.00-15.00	10.00-20.00	—	7.00-12.75	8.00-18.00	7.00-20.00
Most Common	13.00	—	—	14.00	12.00	—	—	12.00	12.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH ROW CLEANING, WITHOUT BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	4	5	7	#	#	8	34
Average Rate	10.25	—	14.38	11.20	11.93	—	—	10.88	11.47
Range	10.00-11.00	—	10.50-21.00	10.00-13.00	9.00-17.50	—	—	8.50-15.00	8.50-21.00
Most Common	10.00	—	—	10.00	12.00	—	—	10.00	10.00
HAYING AND BALING									
MOWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	6	6	#	7	#	#	7	29
Average Rate	—	6.63	8.25	—	6.79	—	—	7.14	7.37
Range	—	5.00-9.00	6.00-12.00	—	3.00-10.00	—	—	5.50-10.00	3.00-12.00
Most Common	—	5.00	6.00	—	6.00	—	—	6.00	6.00

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	State
RAKING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	6	12	4	13	#	#	17	61
Average Rate	3.80	4.58	3.88	4.00	4.15	—	—	3.29	3.85
Range	2.00-6.00	3.00-9.00	1.00-7.00	3.00-7.00	1.00-10.00	—	—	1.00-8.00	1.00-10.00
Most Common	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	—	—	2.00	3.00
MOWING AND RAKING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	4	3	#	7	#	#	#	17
Average Rate	—	8.50	14.17	—	8.79	—	—	—	9.82
Range	—	8.00-9.00	12.00-18.00	—	7.00-10.00	—	—	—	7.00-18.00
Most Common	—	8.00	—	—	10.00	—	—	—	10.00
SWATHING WITH CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	2	5	4	#	3	35	51
Average Rate	—	—	45.00	40.60	50.00	—	66.33	62.66	58.18
Range	—	—	—	8.00-65.00	15.00-65.00	—	64.00-70.00	10.00-90.00	7.00-90.00
Most Common	—	—	45.00	—	60.00	—	—	60.00	60.00
SWATHING WITH CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	17	4	22	10	22	6	#	56	139
Average Rate	10.65	8.25	8.25	8.25	9.34	9.50	—	8.75	8.96
Range	7.00-14.00	7.00-10.00	6.00-12.00	7.00-10.00	7.00-15.00	8.00-12.00	—	6.00-12.00	8.00-15.00
Most Common	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	—	8.00	8.00
SWATHING WITHOUT CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	6	17
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	26.83	—	—	55.83	46.15
Range	—	—	—	—	7.00-65.00	—	—	10.00-80.00	7.00-85.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00
SWATHING WITHOUT CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	6	#	7	#	#	#	#	7	24
Average Rate	8.92	—	7.64	—	—	—	—	8.00	7.90
Range	7.00-12.00	—	6.00-12.00	—	—	—	—	7.00-9.00	.50-12.00
Most Common	—	—	6.00	—	—	—	—	8.00	8.00
BALING SMALL SQUARE BALES WITH TWINE TIE, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 65), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	7	#	7	#	9	#	#	20	48
Average Rate	0.47	—	0.48	—	0.44	—	—	0.41	0.63
Range	0.30-0.60	—	0.35-0.60	—	0.34-0.60	—	—	0.20-0.70	0.20-0.70
Most Common	0.60	—	0.50	—	0.40	—	—	0.50	0.50
BALING SMALL SQUARE BALES WITH WIRE TIE, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE= 73) PER BALE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	8	#	#	10	21
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	0.57	—	—	0.39	0.49
Range	—	—	—	—	0.34-0.80	—	—	0.20-0.75	0.20-0.80
Most Common	—	—	—	—	0.75	—	—	0.20	0.50
BALING LARGE SQUARE BALES, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE =1200), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	4	#	5	3	4	#	#	13	34
Average Rate	9.81	—	9.80	8.33	11.50	—	—	7.61	8.95
Range	6.75-12.00	—	8.00-15.00	5.00-12.00	7.00-18.00	—	—	4.00-10.00	4.00-18.00
Most Common	12.00	—	8.00	—	—	—	—	9.00	8.00
BALING LARGE ROUND BALES, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE= 1500),PER BALE									
Number Reporting	14	7	22	12	27	7	5	71	166
Average Rate	8.04	6.74	7.53	9.58	8.42	7.86	7.70	8.38	8.18
Range	7.00-9.00	5.40-8.25	6.00-12.00	6.00-25.00	7.00-15.00	7.00-9.00	7.00-8.50	5.00-12.00	2.50-25.00
Most Common	8.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
BALING CORNSTALKS, LARGE ROUND BALES, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 1350), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	3	#	8	6	8	#	#	18	48
Average Rate	9.33	—	10.44	12.33	10.38	—	—	9.33	10.00
Range	7.00-11.00	—	8.00-15.00	7.00-20.00	8.00-15.00	—	—	6.00-12.00	6.00-20.00
Most Common	—	—	8.00	7.00	10.00	—	—	10.00	10.00
LOADING AND STACKING SMALL BALES, PER BALE									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	#	#	#	#	4	12
Average Rate	—	—	1.06	—	—	—	—	0.46	0.67
Range	—	—	0.25-2.00	—	—	—	—	0.25-0.60	0.13-2.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.50	0.25
LIFTING AND MOVING LARGE ROUND BALE WITH TRACTOR, (AVERAGE DISTANCE = 1.95 miles), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	4	5	4	5	10	4	3	14	48
Average Rate	1.50	1.60	2.38	1.40	2.70	1.75	6.90	2.64	2.22
Range	1.00-2.00	0.50-2.00	1.00-5.00	0.50-2.00	1.00-7.00	1.00-2.00	1.00-6.00	1.00-5.00	0.50-7.00
Most Common	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	—	1.00	2.00
WILT CHOPPING ALFALFA OR FORAGE, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	5	#	#	#	#	3	11
Average Rate	—	—	134.00	—	—	—	—	253.33	150.45
Range	—	—	40.00-270.00	—	—	—	—	75.00-585.00	40.00-585.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100.00

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	State
SMALL GRAIN HARVEST (WHEAT, OATS, AND BARLEY)									
WINDROWING GRAIN CROPS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	17	#	7	#	#	5	#	7	41
Average Rate	7.75	—	8.21	—	—	9.30	—	12.57	8.95
Range	6.50-12.00	—	6.00-12.00	—	—	7.50-12.00	—	6.00-34.00	6.00-34.00
Most Common	7.00	—	8.00	—	—	—	—	10.00	8.00
COMBINING SMALL GRAINS, FLAT CHARGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	15	3	7	#	20	5	4	52	108
Average Rate	16.60	18.33	18.14	—	21.35	17.60	18.00	19.11	19.04
Range	12.00-24.00	15.00-20.00	15.00-21.00	—	17.00-25.00	13.00-23.00	14.00-20.00	10.00-24.00	10.00-25.00
Most Common	13.00	20.00	20.00	—	22.00	—	20.00	20.00	20.00
COMBINING SMALL GRAINS, MINIMUM WITH EXTRA CHARGE FOR HIGH YIELDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	21	#	3	#	3	8	#	3	42
Average Rate	13.48	—	17.00	—	21.67	13.25	—	19.33	14.69
Range	12.00-18.00	—	15.00-18.00	—	18.00-29.00	12.00-15.00	—	12.00-24.00	11.00-29.00
Most Common	13.00	—	18.00	—	18.00	13.00	—	—	13.00
PLUS ADDITIONAL FEE PER BUSHEL FOR CROPS YIELDING OVER 25 BUSHEL PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	21	#	#	#	#	8	#	#	36
Average Rate	0.13	—	—	—	—	0.13	—	—	0.13
Range	0.05-0.20	—	—	—	—	0.12-0.15	—	—	0.05-0.20
Most Common	0.13	—	—	—	—	0.13	—	—	0.13
COMBINING SMALL GRAIN, COMBINATION CHARGES REGARDLESS OF YIELD, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	8	#	#	#	4	3	#	9	29
Average Rate	16.06	—	—	—	18.50	15.33	—	19.94	18.10
Range	12.00-27.00	—	—	—	15.00-25.00	12.00-21.00	—	12.00-25.00	12.00-27.00
Most Common	13.00	—	—	—	17.00	—	—	20.00	20.00
PLUS ADDITIONAL FEE, FOR ALL BUSHEL									
Number Reporting	6	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	13
Average Rate	0.15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.16
Range	0.10-0.27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.10-0.27
Most Common	0.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.13
HAULING SMALL GRAIN FROM COMBINE TO LOCAL STORAGE, FLAT RATE, PER BUSHEL									
Number Reporting	24	#	5	4	22	10	6	29	100
Average Rate	0.12	—	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.09
Range	0.07-0.15	—	0.05-0.10	0.05-0.14	0.05-0.14	0.05-0.14	0.04-0.14	0.01-0.12	0.01-0.15
Most Common	0.13	—	0.05	—	0.05	0.13	0.05	0.10	0.10
PLUS EXTRA CHARGE FOR DISTANCE OVER 12 MILES, PER BUSHEL									
Number Reporting	8	#	#	3	12	7	#	9	43
Average Rate	0.03	—	—	0.03	0.02	0.02	—	0.06	0.03
Range	0.01-0.10	—	—	0.01-0.05	0.01-0.05	0.01-0.05	—	0.01-0.17	0.01-0.17
Most Common	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.03	0.01
APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER (EXCLUDING COST OF FERTILIZER)									
DRY FERTILIZER, INCLUDING POWER, LABOR & APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	#	10	#	10	#	3	17	48
Average Rate	4.65	—	4.15	—	4.70	—	3.67	5.27	4.19
Range	3.75-6.00	—	2.00-8.00	—	2.50-7.50	—	3.00-5.00	2.00-6.00	2.00-8.00
Most Common	4.50	—	4.00	—	6.00	—	3.00	3.50	4.00
DRY FERTILIZER, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	#	#	3	#	#	7	19
Average Rate	1.75	—	—	—	2.67	—	—	4.25	3.22
Range	1.00-4.00	—	—	—	1.50-4.50	—	—	1.00-15.00	1.00-15.00
Most Common	1.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.50	1.00
LIQUID FERTILIZER, POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	9	#	13	3	3	19	51
Average Rate	4.50	—	4.86	—	5.52	4.92	5.75	6.31	5.15
Range	—	—	3.50-8.00	—	4.00-9.00	3.75-7.00	4.25-7.00	3.00-10.00	3.00-10.00
Most Common	4.50	—	5.00	—	6.00	—	—	4.00	4.50
LIQUID FERTILIZER, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4	11
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.75	4.83
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50-15.00	1.00-15.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, CONVENTIONAL KNIFE, POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	7	#	5	#	6	#	#	10	33
Average Rate	4.96	—	10.40	—	8.00	—	—	8.00	7.57
Range	2.50-8.50	—	6.00-19.00	—	6.00-10.00	—	—	7.00-10.00	2.50-19.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	—	7.00	7.50
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, CONVENTIONAL KNIFE, APPLICATOR ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	#	#	5	#	#	6	18
Average Rate	2.06	—	—	—	5.85	—	—	5.53	4.75
Range	0.75-5.00	—	—	—	1.50-10.00	—	—	1.50-10.00	0.75-10.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	—	1.50	5.00

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ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, KNIFE WITH COULTERS, POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATION, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	5	#	22	4	4	41	84
Average Rate	7.25	—	11.00	—	8.17	8.00	7.50	8.19	8.29
Range	6.00-9.00	—	7.50-19.00	—	5.00-15.00	5.00-10.00	6.00-8.50	5.00-8.00	5.00-19.00
Most Common	6.00	—	—	—	8.00	—	8.50	8.00	8.00
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, KNIFE WITH COULTERS, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	4	#	#	6	18
Average Rate	—	—	8.17	—	8.00	—	—	2.87	5.04
Range	—	—	2.00-15.00	—	3.00-15.00	—	—	1.50-5.20	1.00-15.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50	1.50
INSECT, DISEASE, AND WEED CONTROL PER APPLICATION (EXCLUDES COST OF MATERIALS)									
SPRAYING WEED CONTROL, BOOM, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	7	3	17	5	25	8	3	38	106
Average Rate	4.64	5.17	4.91	5.00	4.88	3.84	4.25	4.61	4.69
Range	4.00-5.00	3.00-7.50	3.00-8.00	3.50-7.00	3.50-8.00	3.00-4.25	4.00-4.75	2.50-10.00	2.50-10.00
Most Common	5.00	—	5.00	—	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00
SPRAYING WEED CONTROL, PIPE WICK APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4	9
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.15	6.68
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50-8.50	3.00-8.50
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.50	8.50
SPRAYING WEED CONTROL, COMBINATION SPRAYER & TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	3	10
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	9.67	—	—	10.50	10.30
Range	—	—	—	—	5.00-16.50	—	—	8.50-13.00	5.00-16.50
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CROP SPRAYING BY SURFACE VEHICLE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	9	#	12	#	18	4	#	28	73
Average Rate	4.75	—	5.38	—	4.75	4.16	—	4.52	4.72
Range	3.50-6.00	—	3.50-10.00	—	4.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	—	2.50-10.00	2.50-10.00
Most Common	5.00	—	5.00	—	5.00	4.00	—	4.00	5.00
CROP SPRAYING BY AIRCRAFT, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	4	#	3	3	#	9	25
Average Rate	5.25	—	5.25	—	4.75	5.83	—	5.29	5.22
Range	4.25-6.00	—	4.00-6.00	—	4.00-6.00	3.50-9.00	—	3.00-10.00	3.00-10.00
Most Common	—	—	6.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	5.00
LOADING MANURE WITH TRACTOR & LOADER, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	6	#	4	#	#	8	23
Average Rate	—	—	54.17	—	55.00	—	—	55.00	51.52
Range	—	—	45.00-60.00	—	40.00-80.00	—	—	15.00-80.00	15.00-80.00
Most Common	—	—	60.00	—	40.00	—	—	50.00	50.00
HAULING AND SPREADING DRY MANURE, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	#	4	#	#	8	19
Average Rate	—	—	48.75	—	47.50	—	—	56.88	56.05
Range	—	—	40.00-60.00	—	20.00-110.00	—	—	15.00-100.00	15.00-150.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	20.00	—	—	75.00	50.00
PUMPING, HAULING, & SPREADING LIQUID MANURE, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	8
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.00	55.00
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00-85.00	30.00-85.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS									
DIGGING POST HOLES, PER HOLE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	9	15
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	0.88	—	—	0.97	0.82
Range	—	—	—	—	0.15-2.00	—	—	0.25-2.00	0.15-2.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	0.25
DRIVING WOODEN POST, PER POST									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	7
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.38	0.39
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.30-0.50	0.15-0.50
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.50
TRENCHING, PER FOOT									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	#	#	#	6	14
Average Rate	—	—	0.65	—	—	—	—	0.89	0.93
Range	—	—	0.40-0.80	—	—	—	—	0.50-2.00	0.40-2.50
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.60	0.60
TRACTOR RENTAL									
TRACTOR RENT, 50-69 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	4	#	#	6	17
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	10.63	—	—	14.42	15.44
Range	—	—	—	—	8.00-12.05	—	—	5.00-24.00	5.00-40.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	12.00

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	State
TRACTOR RENT, 70-89 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	4	#	#	7	17
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	13.00	—	—	21.50	18.32
Range	—	—	—	—	10.00-15.00	—	—	7.00-45.00	7.00-45.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	15.00	—	—	20.00	15.00
TRACTOR RENT, 90-109 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	5	#	#	9	20
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	18.60	—	—	20.39	19.48
Range	—	—	—	—	13.00-25.00	—	—	10.00-35.00	10.00-35.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	20.00	—	—	20.00	20.00
TRACTOR RENTAL, 110-149 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	5	#	6	4	9	#	#	18	44
Average Rate	22.60	—	29.50	24.25	31.33	—	—	25.19	28.13
Range	18.00-25.00	—	10.00-75.00	12.00-40.00	17.00-65.00	—	—	11.00-60.00	10.00-100.00
Most Common	25.00	—	—	—	25.00	—	—	25.00	25.00
TRACTOR RENTAL, 150- 199 PTO H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	12	#	#	15	40
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	28.58	—	—	32.47	32.98
Range	—	—	—	—	20.00-50.00	—	—	15.00-65.00	15.00-120.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	30.00	—	—	35.00	30.00
TRACTOR RENTAL, 200 & ABOVE PTO H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	3	#	6	#	8	#	#	10	31
Average Rate	29.33	—	32.83	—	34.38	—	—	37.40	38.52
Range	25.00-35.00	—	15.00-45.00	—	25.00-60.00	—	—	20.00-75.00	15.00-140.00
Most Common	—	—	35.00	—	35.00	—	—	30.00	35.00

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WINTER WHEAT, NO FALLOW GROUND (AVERAGE TIMES OVER FIELD = 4), PER ACRE										
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	5	9	
Average Rate	38.33	—	—	—	—	—	—	48.00	45.00	
Range	25.00-60.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.00-65.00	25.00-65.00	
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	
WINTER WHEAT, INCLUDING FALLOW GROUND (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 5),PER ACRE										
Number Reporting	4	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	11	
Average Rate	41.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	58.33	48.95	
Range	25.00-70.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00-65.00	19.00-72.00	
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	
GRAIN SORGHUM (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 4.25), PER ACRE										
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	7	8	
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56.50	56.94	
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.50-75.00	38.50-75.00	
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	60.00	
DRYLAND SOYBEANS (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 4.25), PER ACRE										
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	8	#	#	10	24	
Average Rate	—	—	53.33	—	57.69	—	—	61.30	58.40	
Range	—	—	45.00-65.00	—	22.00-100.00	—	—	47.00-75.00	22.00-100.00	
Most Common	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	50.00	50.00	
IRRIGATED SOYBEANS (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 4.5), PER ACRE										
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	8	#	#	7	22	
Average Rate	—	—	—	—	75.44	—	—	64.57	65.73	
Range	—	—	—	—	22.00-175.00	—	—	50.00-90.00	22.00-175.00	
Most Common	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	—	60.00	65.00	
DRYLAND CORN (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 4), PER ACRE										
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	9	3	#	9	26	
Average Rate	—	—	60.00	—	67.06	34.00	—	56.56	57.87	
Range	—	—	50.00-65.00	—	21.00-100.00	24.00-50.00	—	47.00-65.00	21.00-100.00	
Most Common	—	—	65.00	—	65.00	—	—	50.00	65.00	
IRRIGATED CORN (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 5), PER ACRE										
Number Reporting	#	3	#	#	10	3	#	8	31	
Average Rate	—	72.17	—	—	82.75	62.67	—	71.81	74.56	
Range	—	66.50-80.00	—	—	22.00-175.00	47.00-75.00	—	50.00-100.00	22.00-175.00	
Most Common	—	—	—	—	75.00	—	—	60.00	70.00	
DOES THE CUSTOM FARMING RATE INCLUDE HAULING GRAIN FROM FIELD TO FARM?										
Number Reporting	Yes									16
Number Reporting	No									13
DOES THE CUSTOM FARMING RATE INCLUDE HAULING GRAIN FROM FIELD TO ELEVATOR?										
Number Reporting	Yes									15
Number Reporting	No									19

LABOR RATE

AVERAGE LABOR RATE ASSUMED OR INCLUDED IN CUSTOM RATES, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	22	6	21	11	23	7	6	43	139
Average Rate	9.09	9.50	9.86	9.73	12.49	10.50	12.17	9.94	10.30
Range	7.00-15.00	8.00-10.00	7.00-16.00	7.00-12.00	6.50-42.00	7.50-13.00	7.00-25.00	7.50-15.00	6.50-42.00
Most Common	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	10.00

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