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Overview

A survey of custom operators in Nebraska is conducted every two years. In 2026, a total of 108 responses were received, reflecting rates charged for machine hire services and other work performed for neighboring farms, ranches, or as part of a broader business enterprise.

Survey participants primarily self-identified as custom service providers, while others were identified by Nebraska Extension personnel. Most respondents completed the survey online, with only a few completing a paper version.

Actual rates paid for custom services may vary due to differences among respondents and service providers across the state. The State Summary includes state averages for custom services with six or more survey responses received. Additional details are provided for all custom operations with at least three responses throughout the rest of the report.

The report is organized into seasonal sections. The first section includes spring and summer operations such as planting, tillage, and hay baling. The second half covers fall operations, including harvesting, hauling grain, and miscellaneous services. The Table of Contents lists the main custom operation categories.

Related Reports

Supplemental Nebraska livestock custom rates surveys were conducted in 2023 and 2025 and published in alternating years with this report. Additional information is available at: cap.unl.edu/custom-rates/livestock

Regional Differences

Custom rate data are grouped by Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Districts (Figure 1). Due to the diversity of agricultural practices across the state, rates for similar operations may vary significantly by region.

Understanding the Data

Number Reporting
The number of usable responses received for a specific operation. Results based on more responses are generally more reliable. Data is not reported for operations with fewer than three responses. In some cases, the total number reported for State figures is less than the sum of the numbers reported from each district. This occurs when custom operators report their rates and work in more than one crop reporting district.

Average Rate
An estimate of the prevailing charge for an operation. Reliability improves as the number of responses increases. Consider the range, as variability may be significant.

Most Common Rate (Mode)
The rate reported more frequently than any other. The average and mode are often similar. A mode is not reported if no value occurs more than once or if multiple values occur equally.

Range
The minimum and maximum reported values. Differences may reflect varying field conditions, service scope, or whether travel is included.

Costs to Consider in Establishing Custom Rates

The information in this publication should be used as a general guide when determining rates to charge or pay for custom operations.

Reported rates include charges for equipment, fuel, labor, and supplies such as baling wire or twine. Seed, fertilizer, and chemical costs are not included unless otherwise specified.

Average custom rates may not fully cover all operator costs. Rates change annually due to fluctuations in expenses and the availability of custom operators. The rates in this report reflect prevailing conditions in late winter 2025 and early 2026.

When setting rates beyond 2026, operators and farm owners should evaluate machinery, labor, and fuel costs specific to their operation.

Adjusting for Fuel Price Changes

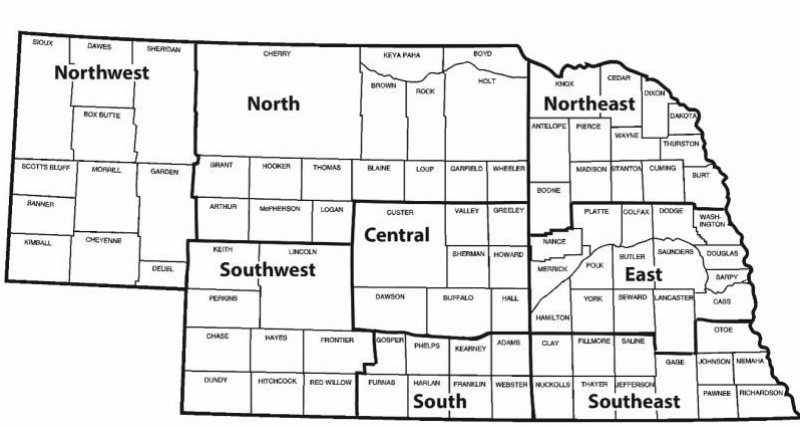
Custom rates may need to be adjusted as fuel prices change. For example, if diesel increases by $0.90 per gallon (from $3.50 to $4.40) and a power unit uses 0.80 gallons per acre, the additional cost would be $0.72 per acre. (Calculated by multiplying $0.90 x 0.80 machine usage per acre = $0.72.) This amount could be added to the custom rate charge to recover the cost of fuel.

Calculating Machine Costs

Variation in reported rates suggests that calculating machinery ownership and operating costs is valuable when determining custom rates. Some operators include full ownership costs, while others charge only for operating expenses.

If limited data is available in a region or equipment has been upgraded, recalculating rates may be necessary. Commercial operators should ensure rates cover machinery, labor, risk, and a return to management.

Figure 1. Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Districts



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2026 STATE SUMMARY OF THE MOST POPULAR CUSTOM PRACTICES

LAND TILLAGE OPERATIONS

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Disk Harrowing, Primary (heavy), rate per acre	20.69	25	7-30	27
Disk Harrowing, Finishing (light), rate per acre	19.47	20	7-26	29
Harrowing, Spike or Spring Tooth, rate per acre	14.75	15	8-28	8
Chisel Plow for Primary Tillage, rate per acre	25.75	25	17-36	8
Deep Chisel, rate per acre	36	28	28-60	8
Subsoil or Rip, rate per acre	27.40	25	15-35	15
Field Cultivator, rate per acre	19.28	20	9-26	16
Vertical or Turbo Tillage, rate per acre	21.31	25	14-28	18
Strip Tilling, rate per acre	25.67	22	14-36	9
Strip Tilling with Fertilizer Application, rate per acre	26.71	30	18-36	14
Rolling Stalk Chopper Not PTO Driven, rate per acre	15.29	15	12-20	7
Cultivation Tillage, conventional, rate per acre	21.33	20	12-40	6
Cultivation Tillage, handling residue, rate per acre	18.75	20	12-26	8
Cultivation Tillage, hill or ditch, rate per acre	21.62	12	12-50	13

PLANTING AND POST PLANTING OPERATIONS

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
DRILLING				
- Small Grains, conventional drill, rate per acre	17.86	15	10-25	14
- Small Grains, no-till drill, rate per acre	22.55	20	15-40	31
- Soybeans, conventional drill, rate per acre	22.33	25	18-25	6
- Soybeans, no-till drill, rate per acre	24.02	20	15-40	26
SEEDING				
- CRP Ground, rate per acre	30	30	15-45	8
- Cover Crops - Drill, rate per acre	22.27	25	15-30	28
PLANTING ROW CROPS				
- No coulters, with band applicator, rate per acre	26.36	25	15-49	14
- No coulters, without band applicator, rate per acre	29.19	-	20-44	8
- Coulters, with band applicator, rate per acre	30.01	25	20-50	20
- Coulters, without band applicator, rate per acre	25.95	23	18-36	15
- Ridge planting, with band applicator, rate per acre	28.26	30	20-42	17
- Ridge planting, without band applicator, rate per acre	29.14	30	20-45	11

HAYING AND BALING

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Mowing Hay, rate per acre	18.71	20	10-25	7
Raking Hay, rate per acre	8.17	10	5-12.5	15
Swathing with Crushing/Crimping, rate per acre	19.26	20	14-25	17
Raking Cornstalks, rate per acre	9.67	10	4-15	6
BALING				
- Large Round Bales with Net Wrap, rate per bale	17.88	20	12-25	26
- Cornstalks Large Round Bales with Net Wrap, rate per bale	21.22	20	18-27	9
LOADING AND MOVING BALES				
- Loading and Moving Large Round Bales, rate per mile	4.82	5	2-7	11

SMALL GRAIN HARVEST

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Combining Small Grains (no hauling), flat rate per acre	47.39	45	36-65	9
Combining Small Grains, minimum rate per acre with additional $0.24 average per bushel charge above 24 bushels	33.57	30	30-45	7
Hauling Small Grain to Local Storage, cents per bushel	0.21	0.15	0.15-0.33	11

APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Dry Fertilizer Solid Broadcast, inc. labor & applicator, rate per acre	9.66	8	8-17	14
Dry Fertilizer Variable Rate, rate per acre	12.48	12	9-22	12
Liquid Fertilizer Constant Rate, labor & applicator, rate per acre	12.82	9	8-25	22
Liquid Fertilizer Variable, labor & applicator, rate per acre	15.25	18	9.5-23	18
Anhydrous Ammonia, knife with coulters, rate per acre	19.69	20	10-25	16

INSECT, DISEASE, AND WEED CONTROL

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Spraying Weed Control, self-propelled sprayer, rate per acre	9.85	11	7-12.5	29
Crop Spraying by Drone of Fungicides, Insecticides, and/or Herbicides, Weed Control, self-propelled sprayer, rate per acre	15.17	15	13-20	6

HARVESTING GRAINS & SOYBEANS

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Combining Irrigated Corn, flat rate per acre	50.70	50	25-82	30
Combining Irrigated Corn, flat rate per bushel	0.32	0.32	0.26-0.45	8
Combining Dryland Corn, flat rate per acre	49.29	45	30-82	42
Combining High Moisture Corn, flat rate per acre	58.60	60	47-75	10
Combining High Moisture Corn, rate per bushel	0.34	-	0.26-0.45	8
Combining Soybeans, flat rate per acre	50.87	40	28-85	38

HAULING OPERATIONS

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
HAULING GRAIN				
- Irrigated Corn from Field to Local Storage (15 miles or less), rate per bushel	0.14	0.15	0.05-0.28	31
- Dryland Corn from Field to Local Storage (15 miles or less), rate per bushel	0.15	0.15	0.06-0.28	39
- High Moisture Corn from Field to Local Storage (15 miles or less), rate per bushel	0.15	0.15	0.1-0.25	15
- Soybeans from Field to Local Storage (15 miles or less), rate per bushel	0.15	0.15	0.06-0.27	34
- Grain from Combine with Tractor and Grain Cart to Edge of the Field, rate per acre	5.83	5	4-8	6
- Grain with Truck to Storage or Elevator, flat rate per bushel	0.16	0.15	0.07-0.30	22

OTHER CUSTOM SERVICES

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Grain Bin Storage, no air or electric charge included, monthly rate per bushel	0.02	0.01	0.01-0.04	7
Grain Bin Storage, with air or electric charge included, monthly rate per bushel	0.03	0.02	0.01-0.06	6
Mowing Grass (CRP or Pasture), rate per hour	154.29	100	100-250	7
Checking Pivots During Irrigation Season, rate per acre	14.19	20	5-35	9
Closing Pivot Tracks, rate per hour	161.11	150	50-250	9
Closing Pivot Tracks, rate per pivot	357.14	250	100-1000	7
Tractor Rent, Greater than 250 h.p., rate per metered hour	158.57	150	85-400	7

CUSTOM CONTRACT FARMING

Custom Practice	Average Rate	Most Common	Range	Number Reporting
Dryland Corn, rate per acre (with average number of times over the field = 4.3)	154.29	100	100-250	7
Dryland Soybeans, rate per acre (with average number of times over the field = 6.8)	125	100	100-180	6

CUSTOM PRACTICE	NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								
	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast	STATE
LAND TILLAGE OPERATIONS									
DISK HARROWING, TANDEM OR OFFSET, PRIMARY (HEAVY, DEEP, LEAVING ROUGH SURFACE), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	6	5	11	#	#	5	**27**
Average Rate	17	-	21.08	20.60	19.50	-	-	21.40	**20.69**
Range	14-22	-	15-25	14-25	7-25	-	-	18-26	**7-30**
Most Common	-	-	25	25	25	-	-	18	**25**
DISK HARROWING, TANDEM OR OFFSET, FINISHING (SECONDARY, LIGHT, SEEDBED PREPARATION), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	4	#	4	7	12	3	3	6	**29**
Average Rate	21.50	-	17.62	18.14	18.71	19	22	22	**19.47**
Range	14-25	-	10-24	9-25	7-25	15-22	16-25	18-26	**7-26**
Most Common	25	-	-	20	20	-	25	25	**20**
HARROWING, SPIKE OR SPRING TOOTH, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	4	#	#	3	**8**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	15.50	-	-	20.33	**14.75**
Range	-	-	-	-	9-28	-	-	15-28	**8-28**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**15**
MOLDBOARD PLOWING, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	3	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	48.33	**43.25**
Range	-	-	-	-	28-60	-	-	35-60	**28-60**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CHISEL PLOW (4 to 12 inches) FOR PRIMARY TILLAGE, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	**8**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	23.33	-	-	-	**25.75**
Range	-	-	-	-	17-28	-	-	-	**17-36**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**25**
DEEP CHISEL (Over 12 inches), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	4	#	#	3	**8**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	38.25	-	-	41.67	**36**
Range	-	-	-	-	28-60	-	-	30-60	**28-60**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**28**
SUBSOIL OR RIP, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	3	6	4	#	#	**15**
Average Rate	-	-	24.50	24.33	26.33	30	-	-	**27.40**
Range	-	-	15-35	18-30	15-35	25-35	-	-	**15-35**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	25	30	-	-	**25**

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	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast	STATE
FIELD CULTIVATOR (3 to 8 inches with shanks or sweeps), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	4	7	#	#	3	**16**
Average Rate	-	-	23.33	14.25	19.21	-	-	19.67	**19.28**
Range	-	-	20-25	9-20	9-25	-	-	15-26	**9-26**
Most Common	-	-	25	-	20	-	-	-	**20**
VERTICAL OR TURBO TILLAGE, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	3	4	6	4	#	3	**18**
Average Rate	21	-	21.33	19.50	21.58	23	-	22.67	**21.31**
Range	16-25	-	16-24	14-25	14-28	20-25	-	18-25	**14-28**
Most Common	-	-	24	-	25	25	-	25	**25**
COMBINATION TILLAGE OPERATIONS, PRIMARY TILLAGE, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**23.50**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**18-30**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
COMBINATION TILLAGE OPERATIONS, FINISHING TILLAGE, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**21.80**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**18-26**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**20**
STRIP TILLING (Tillage only, leaving about an 8-inch seedbed), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	7	#	#	#	#	**9**
Average Rate	-	-	-	25.86	-	-	-	-	**25.67**
Range	-	-	-	14-36	-	-	-	-	**14-36**
Most Common	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	**22**
STRIP TILLING (Tillage with fertilizer application, leaving about an 8-inch seedbed), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	4	#	#	7	3	3	#	#	**14**
Average Rate	28.50	-	-	27.43	24.33	29	-	-	**26.71**
Range	26-30	-	-	18-36	18-36	25-32	-	-	**18-36**
Most Common	30	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	**30**
STALK SHREDDER, PTO DRIVEN, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#3	#	#	#	5
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**19.40**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**15-25**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**20**
ROLLING STALK CHOPPER, Not PTO (for ridge plant acres), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	5	#	#	#	#	7
Average Rate	-	-	-	14.80	-	-	-	-	**15.29**
Range	-	-	-	12-20	-	-	-	-	**12-20**
Most Common	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	**15**

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	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast	STATE
PLANTING AND POST PLANTING OPERATIONS									
DRILLING SMALL GRAINS, CONVENTIONAL DRILL WITH DISK OR ROW OPENING DEVICE, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	4	5	#	#	**14**
Average Rate	-	-	15.33	-	15.75	18.60	-	-	**17.86**
Range	-	-	10-24	-	10-21	15-25	-	-	**10-25**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	**15**
DRILLING SMALL GRAINS, NO-TILL DRILL, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	4	#	4	6	10	6	#	6	**31**
Average Rate	23.75	-	19.75	25.83	21	22.17	-	23.67	**22.55**
Range	20-28	-	15-24	18-40	15-30	20-28	-	15-30	**15-40**
Most Common	-	-	20	-	20	20	-	30	**20**
DRILLING SOYBEANS, CONVENTIONAL DRILL WITH DISK OR ROW OPENING DEVICES, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**22.33**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**18-25**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**25**
DRILLING SOYBEANS, NO-TILL DRILL, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	6	10	3	#	6	**26**
Average Rate	-	-	20.75	28.33	22.50	24.33	-	23.75	**24.02**
Range	-	-	15-24	22-40	15-30	20-28	-	20-30	**15-40**
Most Common	-	-	24	30	20	-	-	20	**20**
PLANTING DRY EDIBLE BEANS, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	31.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**30.50**
Range	25-35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**25-35**
Most Common	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**35**
PLANTING SUGAR BEETS, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**29**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**25-35**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SEEDING GRASS SEED, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**30.4**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**24-38**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SEEDING GRASS SEED WITH DEPTH BANDS, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**33**
Range	24-40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**24-40**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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SEEDING LEGUMES, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**31.25**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**20-40**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SEEDING LEGUMES SEED WITH DEPTH BANDS, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**31.67**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**25-35**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**35**
SEEDING CRP GROUND, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**8**
Average Rate	35.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**30**
Range	26-45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**15-45**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**30**
PLANTING COVER CROPS - DRILL, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	6	7	12	4	3	5	**28**
Average Rate	-	-	20.50	22.86	21.50	23.25	24	24.30	**22.27**
Range	-	-	15-24	18-30	15-30	18-28	22-25	22-30	**15-30**
Most Common	-	-	20	20	20	-	25	22	**25**
PLANTING COVER CROPS - BROADCAST Seeding, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	13.33	-	-	-	**13**
Range	-	-	-	-	10-15	-	-	-	**10-15**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	**15**
PLANTING COVER CROPS - AERIAL SEEDING WITH DRONE, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	**19**
Range	-	-	-	-	14-20	-	-	-	**14-25**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	**20**
PLANTING ROW CROPS, NO COULTERS OR ROW CLEANING DEVICE, Includes NO-TILL, WITH band applicator, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	7	#	#	#	**14**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	29.14	-	-	-	**26.36**
Range	-	-	-	-	18-49	-	-	-	**15-49**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	**25**
PLANTING ROW CROPS, NO COULTERS OR ROW CLEANING DEVICE, Includes NO-TILL, NO band applicator, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	**8**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.67	**29.19**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20-44	**20-44**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast	STATE
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH COULTERS, WITH band applicator, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	5	#	11	#	3	5	**20**
Average Rate	-	-	26.80	-	30.93	-	30	30.25	**30.01**
Range	-	-	20-35	-	20-50	-	25-40	25-45	**20-50**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	20	-	25	-	**25**
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH COULTERS, NO band applicator, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	4	4	#	#	5	**15**
Average Rate	-	-	27.50	26.50	24.06	-	-	24.45	**25.95**
Range	-	-	20-35	23-32	20-28	-	-	18-36	**18-36**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**23**
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH ROW CLEANING DEVICES FOR RIDGE PLANTING, WITH band applicator, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	4	5	#	#	3	**17**
Average Rate	26.67	-	-	27.50	32.80	-	-	28.33	**28.26**
Range	25-30	-	-	20-35	30-42	-	-	25-30	**20-42**
Most Common	25	-	-	-	30	-	-	30	**30**
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH ROW CLEANING DEVICES FOR RIDGE PLANTING, NO band applicator, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	5	#	#	#	3	**11**
Average Rate	-	-	-	25.40	-	-	-	34.50	**29.14**
Range	-	-	-	20-30	-	-	-	22.50-45	**20-45**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**30**
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, ROTARY HOE, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**26**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**8-50**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, CONVENTIONAL CROP CULTIVATOR, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	#	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	-	16.67	-	-	-	-	**21.33**
Range	-	-	-	12-20	-	-	-	-	**12-40**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**20**
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, CULTIVATOR HANDLING RESIDUE AND / OR MAKING RIDGES, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	4	#	#	#	#	**8**
Average Rate	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	**18.75**
Range	-	-	-	12-20	-	-	-	-	**12-26**
Most Common	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	**20**
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, HILL OR DITCH FOR IRRIGATION, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	6	4	#	#	#	**13**
Average Rate	-	-	-	16.50	22.25	-	-	-	**21.62**
Range	-	-	-	12-20	12-50	-	-	-	**12-50**
Most Common	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	**12**

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HAYING, BALING and GRINDING HAY									
MOWING HAY, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**7**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**18.71**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**10-25**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**20**
RAKING HAY, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	4	#	5	#	#	#	**15**
Average Rate	11.67	-	7	-	8	-	-	-	**8.17**
Range	10-12.50	-	6-8	-	7-10	-	-	-	**5-12.50**
Most Common	12.50	-	7	-	8	-	-	-	**10**
MOWING AND RAKING HAY (Where one rate is quoted or contracted.), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**28**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**20-37**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SWATHING HAY WITH CRUSHING/CRIMPING, rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**159**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**135-180**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SWATHING HAY WITH CRUSHING/CRIMPING, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	4	#	6	3	#	#	**17**
Average Rate	20	-	16.75	-	19.83	18.33	-	-	**19.26**
Range	17.50-25	-	14-20	-	14-25	15-25	-	-	**14-25**
Most Common	17.5	-	-	-	20	15	-	-	**20**
BALING SMALL SQUARE BALES WITH TWINE TIE, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 60#), rate per bale									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1.94**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1.10-3**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1.10**
BALING SMALL SQUARE BALES WITH WIRE TIE, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 66#), rate per bale									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**2.50**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1.50-3**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**3**

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BALING LARGE SQUARE BALES, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 900#), rate per bale									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	15.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**16.25**
Range	15-17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**15-18**
Most Common	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**15**
LOADING AND STACKING SMALL SQUARE BALES in field, rate per bale									
Number Reporting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**2.50**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1-5**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**2**
BALING LARGE ROUND BALES WITH NET WRAP, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 1,559#), rate per bale									
Number Reporting	#	#	5	4	7	3	4	3	**26**
Average Rate	-	-	16.20	20.75	18.14	15.67	17.25	17.33	**17.88**
Range	-	-	12-20	18-25	12-22	15-16	15-20	17-18	**12-25**
Most Common	-	-	16	20	20	16	17	17	**20**
LOADING AND MOVING LARGE ROUND BALES, rate per mile									
Number Reporting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**11**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**4.82**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**2-7**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**5**
RAKING CORNSTALKS, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	#	#	#	#	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	**9.67**
Range	-	-	4-10	-	-	-	-	-	**4-15**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**10**
BALING CORNSTALKS WITH NET WRAP, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 1,192#), rate per bale									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	#	#	#	#	**9**
Average Rate	-	-	18.67	-	-	-	-	-	**21.22**
Range	-	-	18-20	-	-	-	-	-	**18-27**
Most Common	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	**20**
SMALL GRAIN HARVEST(WHEAT, OATS, AND BARLEY)									
WINDROWING GRAIN CROPS, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	4	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	16.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**16.12**
Range	14-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**14-20**
Most Common	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**14**
COMBINING SMALL GRAINS, FLAT CHARGE WITH NO HAULING, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	3	#	3	**9**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	48.33	-	55.83	**47.39**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	45-55	-	42.50-65	**36-65**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	**45**

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COMBINING SMALL GRAINS, MINIMUM WITH EXTRA CHARGE FOR HIGH YIELDS, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	5	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	**7**
Average Rate	32	-	-	-	-	35.67	-	-	**33.57**
Range	30-35	-	-	-	-	30-45	-	-	**30-45**
Most Common	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**30**
ADDITIONAL FEE ABOVE MINIMUM FOR COMBINING SMALL GRAINS-YIELD OVER 22 BU. PER ACRE, rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.32**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.3-0.35**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.3**
HAULING SMALL GRAIN FROM COMBINE TO LOCAL STORAGE, flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	**11**
Average Rate	0.27	-	-	-	-	0.24	-	-	**0.21**
Range	0.18-0.33	-	-	-	-	0.17-0.30	-	-	**0.15-0.33**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.15**
HAULING SMALL GRAIN EXTRA DISTANCE, additional rate per bushel (when hauling over 12 miles)									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.11**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.01-0.20**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER (EXCLUDING COST OF FERTILIZER)									
DRY FERTILIZER SOLID BROADCAST, (INCLUDING POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	11	#	#	6	**14**
Average Rate	-	-	-	11.33	10.07	-	-	8.79	**9.66**
Range	-	-	-	8-17	8-17	-	-	8-10	**8-17**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	8	**8**
DRY FERTILIZER VARIABLE RATE, (INCLUDING POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	8	#	#	6	**12**
Average Rate	-	-	-	12.75	12.41	-	-	11.96	**12.48**
Range	-	-	-	9.25-19	9.25-19	-	-	9-22	**9-22**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	**12**
LIQUID FERTILIZER CONSTANT RATE, (INCLUDING POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	7	9	5	4	8	**22**
Average Rate	-	-	-	13.43	14.22	11.20	15.25	13.50	**12.82**
Range	-	-	-	9-20	8.50-25	8-19	9-20	8-25	**8-25**
Most Common	-	-	-	9	-	9	-	9	**9**

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LIQUID FERTILIZER VARIABLE RATE, (INCLUDING POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	6	9	3	4	6	**18**
Average Rate	-	-	-	15	15.67	13.67	16.50	13.25	**15.25**
Range	-	-	-	10-20	10-20	10-20	10-23	9.50-20	**9.50-23**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	**18**
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, CONVENTIONAL KNIFE, (INCLUDING POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**24.33**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**18-35**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, KNIFE WITH COULTERS, (INCLUDING POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	10	#	3	10	**16**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	19.65	-	19.33	20.10	**19.69**
Range	-	-	-	-	10-25	-	18-20	17.50-25	**10-25**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	20	-	20	20	**20**
INSECT, DISEASE, AND WEED CONTROL PER APPLICATION (EXCLUDES COST OF MATERIALS)									
INJECTION PUMP FOR CHEMICALS - CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION, (POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**5.33**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**4-7**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CROP SPRAYING of INSECTICIDES &/or HERBICIDES by SELF-PROPELLED SPRAYER, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	5	6	12	3	4	11	**29**
Average Rate	9.17	-	10.60	9.71	10.21	10	10.50	9.32	**9.85**
Range	7.50-12	-	9-12	7-12	7-12.50	8-12	9.50-12.50	8-11	**7-12.50**
Most Common	-	-	11	10	10	-	10	10	**11**
CROP SPRAYING BY DRONE OF FUNGICIDES, INSECTICIDES AND/OR HERBICIDES, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	16.67	-	-	-	**15.17**
Range	-	-	-	-	15-20	-	-	-	**13-20**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	**15**
CUSTOM CONTRACT FARMING (DOES NOT INCLUDE INPUT COSTS)									
DRYLAND SOYBEANS (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD =6.8), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	4	#	#	#	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	125	-	-	-	**125**
Range	-	-	-	-	100-180	-	-	-	**100-180**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	**100**

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IRRIGATED SOYBEANS (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 6.7), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**130**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**105-155**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DRYLAND CORN (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 4.3), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	5	#	#	#	**7**
Average Rate	-	-	176.67	-	154	-	-	-	**154.29**
Range	-	-	120-250	-	100-250	-	-	-	**100-250**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	**100**
IRRIGATED CORN (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 4.4), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	3	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	184.67	-	163.33	-	-	-	**169.80**
Range	-	-	120-250	-	120-250	-	-	-	**120-250**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	**120**

DOES THE CUSTOM FARMING RATE INCLUDE HAULING GRAIN FROM FIELD TO FARM?

Statewide, 3 Responded "No" and noted that they charge an average rate of $8.00 per acre for running a tractor and grain cart in the field

DOES THE CUSTOM FARMING RATE INCLUDE HAULING GRAIN FROM FIELD TO LOCAL STORAGE OR ELEVATOR?

Statewide, 6 Responded "No" and noted that they charge an average rate per bushel = $0.16 per bushel for hauling.

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HARVESTING GRAINS & SOYBEANS									
COMBINING IRRIGATED CORN, flat rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	3	10	4	11	#	#	5	**30**
Average Rate	-	45	49	53.50	46.91	-	-	58.40	**50.70**
Range	-	25-60	35-80	50-60	30-60	-	-	45-82	**25-82**
Most Common	-	-	50	50	40	-	-	55	**50**
COMBINING IRRIGATED CORN, flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	6	#	#	#	#	**8**
Average Rate	-	-	-	0.31	-	-	-	-	**0.32**
Range	-	-	-	0.26-0.45	-	-	-	-	**0.26-0.45**
Most Common	-	-	-	0.27	-	-	-	-	**0.32**
COMBINING IRRIGATED CORN, Additional charge per acre to run a tractor and grain cart in the field.									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	**7**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.33	**6.14**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5-12	**4-12**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	**5**
COMBINING IRRIGATED CORN, Additional charge per bushel to run a tractor and grain cart in the field.									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.06**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.03-0.08**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.08**
HAULING IRRIGATED CORN FROM FIELD to LOCAL STORAGE (15 miles or less), flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	3	3	8	9	7	#	3	5	**31**
Average Rate	0.19	0.10	0.14	0.13	0.14	-	0.12	0.14	**0.14**
Range	0.10-0.28	0.05-0.15	0.10-0.18	0.10-0.20	0.06-0.20	-	0.11-0.14	0.10-0.16	**0.05-0.28**
Most Common	-	-	0.15	0.12	0.20	-	-	0.15	**0.15**
COMBINING DRYLAND CORN, flat rate per acre									
Number Reporting	4	#	11	7	15	3	#	10	**42**
Average Rate	40	-	50.45	47.57	47.13	46.67	-	56.30	**49.29**
Range	32-45	-	30-75	38-60	30-65	45-50	-	44-82	**30-82**
Most Common	45	-	40	50	60	45	-	55	**45**
COMBINING DRYLAND CORN, flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	0.35	-	-	-	-	**0.35**
Range	-	-	-	0.27-0.45	-	-	-	-	**0.27-0.45**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast	STATE
COMBINING DRYLAND CORN, BASE ACRE PLUS YIELD CHARGE, base rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**49.60**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**38-70**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**50**
YIELD PER ACRE THAT TRIGGERS AN ADDITIONAL PER BUSHEL CHARGE									
Average Bu/Acre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**120**
ADDITIONAL PER BUSHEL CHARGE WHEN YIELD (noted above) PER ACRE IS MET									
Average Rate/Bushel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.23**
COMBINING DRYLAND CORN, Additional charge per acre to run a tractor and grain cart in the field.									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	4	#	#	5	**12**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	7.20	**12.42**
Range	-	-	-	-	3-40	-	-	4-12	**3-50**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	**5**
COMBINING DRYLAND CORN, Additional charge per bushel to run a tractor and grain cart in the field.									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.11**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.02-0.25**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.08**
HAULING DRYLAND CORN FROM FIELD to LOCAL STORAGE (15 miles or less), flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	4	#	9	9	12	3	3	11	**39**
Average Rate	0.20	-	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.18	0.12	0.15	**0.15**
Range	0.12-0.28	-	0.10-0.18	0.10-0.20	0.06-0.25	0.12-0.25	0.11-0.14	0.10-0.25	**0.06-0.28**
Most Common	0.20	-	0.15	0.12	0.10	-	-	0.12	**0.15**
COMBINING HIGH MOISTURE CORN, flat rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	3	**10**
Average Rate	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	58.33	**58.60**
Range	-	-	-	50-65	-	-	-	55-60	**47-75**
Most Common	-	-	-	65	-	-	-	60	**60**
COMBINING HIGH MOISTURE CORN, flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	6	#	#	#	#	**8**
Average Rate	-	-	-	0.32	-	-	-	-	**0.34**
Range	-	-	-	0.26-0.45	-	-	-	-	**0.26-0.45**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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COMBINING HIGH MOISTURE CORN, Additional charge per acre to run a tractor and grain cart in the field.									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**34.67**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**5-65**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**60**
HAULING HIGH MOISTURE CORN FROM FIELD to LOCAL STORAGE (15 miles or less), flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	7	#	#	3	4	**15**
Average Rate	-	-	-	0.13	-	-	0.12	0.16	**0.15**
Range	-	-	-	0.10-0.20	-	-	0.11-0.14	0.12-0.20	**0.10-0.25**
Most Common	-	-	-	0.12	-	-	-	0.15	**0.15**
COMBINING SOYBEANS, flat rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	11	8	15	#	#	10	**38**
Average Rate	-	-	51.73	50.25	48.47	-	-	53.20	**50.87**
Range	-	-	35-85	40-60	28-85	-	-	40-75	**28-85**
Most Common	-	-	40	50	40	-	-	50	**40**
COMBINING SOYBEANS, Additional charge per acre to run a tractor and grain cart in the field.									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	5	**9**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	3.67	-	-	7	**6.11**
Range	-	-	-	-	2-5	-	-	4-12	**2-12**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	**5**
COMBINING SOYBEANS, Additional charge per bushel to run a tractor and grain cart in the field.									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.10**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.10**
HAULING SOYBEANS FROM FIELD to LOCAL STORAGE (15 miles or less), flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	9	9	11	#	3	11	**34**
Average Rate	-	-	0.14	0.13	0.16	-	0.12	0.17	**0.15**
Range	-	-	0.10-0.18	0.10-0.20	0.06-0.27	-	0.10-0.14	0.10-0.27	**0.06-0.27**
Most Common	-	-	0.15	0.10	0.15	-	-	0.15	**0.15**
COMBINING GRAIN SORGHUM, flat rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**49.75**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**42-60**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**42**

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COMBINING SUNFLOWERS, flat rate per acre									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	66.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**66.67**
Range	45-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**45-100**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
COMBINING DRY EDIBLE BEANS WITH PICKUP HEADER, flat rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**88.33**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**65-105**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HAULING OPERATIONS (GRAIN, HAY & SILAGE)									
HAULING GRAIN FROM COMBINE WITH TRACTOR AND GRAIN CART TO THE EDGE OF THE FIELD, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	3	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	5.67	-	-	5.33	**5.83**
Range	-	-	-	-	4-8	-	-	4-7	**4-8**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**5**
HAULING GRAIN FROM COMBINE WITH TRACTOR AND GRAIN CART, rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.08**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.05-0.15**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.05**
HAULING GRAIN WITH GRAIN TRUCK TO STORAGE OR ELEVATOR, flat rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	5	9	#	#	7	**22**
Average Rate	-	-	0.15	0.14	0.15	-	-	0.16	**0.16**
Range	-	-	0.11-0.20	0.10-0.17	0.07-0.25	-	-	0.10-0.25	**0.07-0.30**
Most Common	-	-	0.15	0.17	0.11	-	-	0.15	**0.15**
EXTRA PER BUSHEL CHARGE WHEN HAULING GRAIN ADDITIONAL DISTANCE (When over 13.4 average miles per load)									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	5	#	#	4	**11**
Average Rate	-	-	-	0.02	0.08	-	-	0.09	**0.07**
Range	-	-	-	0.01-0.05	0.01-0.15	-	-	0.02-0.15	**0.01-0.15**
Most Common	-	-	-	0.01	0.08	-	-	-	**0.01**
HAULING LARGE ROUND BALES OF HAY OR CORNSTALKS - 22 Tons Average Weight per Load, (rate per load)									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**260**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**180-400**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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HAULING BALED HAY OR CORNSTALKS - 20 Tons Average weight per load, (rate per loaded mile)									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	3	#	#	#	**9**
Average Rate	-	-	-	5	4.67	-	-	-	**5.28**
Range	-	-	-	4-6	4-5	-	-	-	**4-7**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	**5**
HAULING SILAGE by TRUCK, rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	3	#	3	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	**150**
Range	-	100-250	-	100-250	-	-	-	-	**100-250**
Most Common	-	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	**100**
MAKING SILAGE AND EARLAGE									
CORN SILAGE (FIELD CHOPPING, HAULING, FILLING, AND PACKING SILO), rate per ton									
Number Reporting	#	3	#	3	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	12.83	-	12.83	-	-	-	-	**13.38**
Range	-	10-14.50	-	10-14.50	-	-	-	-	**10-15**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CORN SILAGE (FIELD CHOPPING AND HAULING), flat rate per ton									
Number Reporting	#	3	#	3	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	11.50	-	11.50	-	-	-	-	**11.50**
Range	-	9-13	-	9-13	-	-	-	-	**9-13**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HAULING LIVESTOCK									
HAULING CATTLE with an 18-wheel semi-trailer, rate per loaded mile									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**6**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**4.75-8**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAIN or SEED HANDLING, STORAGE and MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS									
GRAIN BIN STORAGE - MONTHLY RATE PER BUSHEL (Air or Electric Charge NOT included)									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	**7**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	-	-	**0.02**
Range	-	-	-	-	0.01-0.02	-	-	-	**0.01-0.04**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	-	-	**0.01**

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GRAIN BIN STORAGE - MONTHLY RATE PER BUSHEL (With Air or Electric Charge Included)									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	**6**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	**0.03**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02-0.03	**0.01-0.06**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	**0.02**
BAGGING SHELLED CORN - Rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.10**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.06-0.12**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.10**
UNLOADING SHELLED CORN FROM BAG - Rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.11**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**0.06-0.18**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TREATING SOYBEAN SEED (include cost of chemical treatment), rate per bushel									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**10.67**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**5-14**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FENCING, TRENCHING, MOWING									
BUILDING NEW FENCE (LABOR CHARGE ONLY FOR BUILDING 4 STRAND BARBED /WOOD POSTS), rate per foot									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**3**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1.60**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1.30-2**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CLEARING CEDAR TREES, rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136.67	**134**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60-200	**60-200**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**200**
MOWING GRASS (CRP OR PASTURE), rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	4	#	#	#	**5**
Average Rate	-	-	5	-	4.50	-	-	-	**4.60**
Range	-	-	5-5	-	3-5	-	-	-	**3-5**
Most Common	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	**5**

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MOWING GRASS (CRP OR PASTURE), rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	5	#	#	#	**7**
Average Rate	-	-	176.67	-	154	-	-	-	**154.29**
Range	-	-	120-250	-	100-250	-	-	-	**100-250**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	**100**
CHECKING and CLOSING PIVOT TRACKS									
CHECKING PIVOTS DURING IRRIGATION SEASON, rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**43.75**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**25-50**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**50**
CHECKING PIVOTS DURING IRRIGATION SEASON, rate per acre									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	3	#	#	#	**9**
Average Rate	-	-	-	6.67	15	-	-	-	**14.19**
Range	-	-	-	5-10	10-20	-	-	-	**5-35**
Most Common	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	**20**
CLOSING PIVOT TRACKS, rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	4	3	#	#	#	**9**
Average Rate	-	-	-	162.50	125	-	-	-	**161.11**
Range	-	-	-	150-200	50-175	-	-	-	**50-250**
Most Common	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	**150**
CLOSING PIVOT TRACKS, rate per pivot									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	**7**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**357.14**
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**100-1000**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**250**
HEAVY EQUIPMENT SERVICE RATES, SKID STEER and TRACTOR RENTAL RATES									
SKID STEER LOADER RENT, (EXCLUDE FUEL & OPERATOR), rate per metered hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	**4**
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	**105**
Range	-	-	-	-	90-150	-	-	-	**60-150**
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast	STATE
TRACTOR RENT, TRACTOR ONLY (EXCLUDE FUEL AND OPERATOR), UNDER 100 H.P., rate per meter hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	5
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30-100
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
TRACTOR RENT, TRACTOR ONLY (EXCLUDE FUEL AND OPERATOR), 100-149 H.P., rate per meter hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101.88
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62.50-200
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TRACTOR RENT, TRACTOR ONLY (EXCLUDE FUEL AND OPERATOR), 150-250 PTO H.P., rate per meter hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	5
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75-300
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
TRACTOR RENT, TRACTOR ONLY (EXCLUDE FUEL AND OPERATOR), GREATER THAN 250 PTO H.P., rate per meter hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	#	7
Average Rate	-	-	-	111.67	-	-	-	-	158.57
Range	-	-	-	85-150	-	-	-	-	85-400
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS, BULLDOZING /CLEARING LAND, (Includes machinery, fuel, and labor), rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210-275
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS, EXCAVATING & HAULING, (Includes machinery, fuel, and labor), rate per hour									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	4
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	208.33	200
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175-250	175-250
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175

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CUSTOM OPERATOR INFORMATION									
ACRES COVERED PER YEAR IN CUSTOM WORK									
Number Reporting	9	5	16	15	25	8	11	25	**86**
Average Acres	14,913	1,590	3,462	8,243	5,575	14,381	9,581	6,221	**4,781**
Range	320-105,000	150-5,000	180-20,000	500-70,000	60-70,000	200-105,000	200-70,000	70-70,000	**50-105,000**
Most Common	-	-	700	1,500	500	-	1,200	2,000	**1,500**
HOURS SPENT PER YEAR ON CUSTOM WORK OPERATIONS									
Number Reporting	9	4	9	12	21	7	9	23	**70**
Average Hours	635	680	467	1,095	4,821	746	434	359	**575**
Range	63-2,500	100-2,000	90-1,500	40-4,000	20-2,000	20-2,500	20-1,200	40-2,500	**20-4,000**
Most Common	500	-	200	500	200	200	200	100	**200**
LABOR RATE									
AVERAGE LABOR RATE ASSUMED OR INCLUDED IN CUSTOM RATES, rate per hour									
Number Reporting	9	6	15	15	23	7	11	23	**80**
Average Rate	22.33	27.25	27.40	27.60	31.17	23.57	26.64	32.09	**28.79**
Range	15-35	21-37.50	20-40	20-50	20-75	15-30	15-50	15-70	**15-75**
Most Common	25	25	30	25	30	30	30	30	**30**
DIESEL COST									
EXPECTED FARM DELIVERED DIESEL FUEL COST IN 2026, rate per gallon									
Number Reporting	9	6	15	16	25	9	12	25	**85**
Average Rate	2.87	2.82	3.10	2.90	3.04	2.81	2.93	2.93	**2.93**
Range	2.50-3.16	2.35-3.50	2.65-4	2.35-4	2.50-4	2.20-3.21	2.30-4	2.25-4	**2.20-4**
Most Common	3	3	3	3	3	2.80	3	3	**3**

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