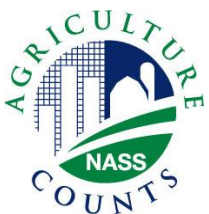


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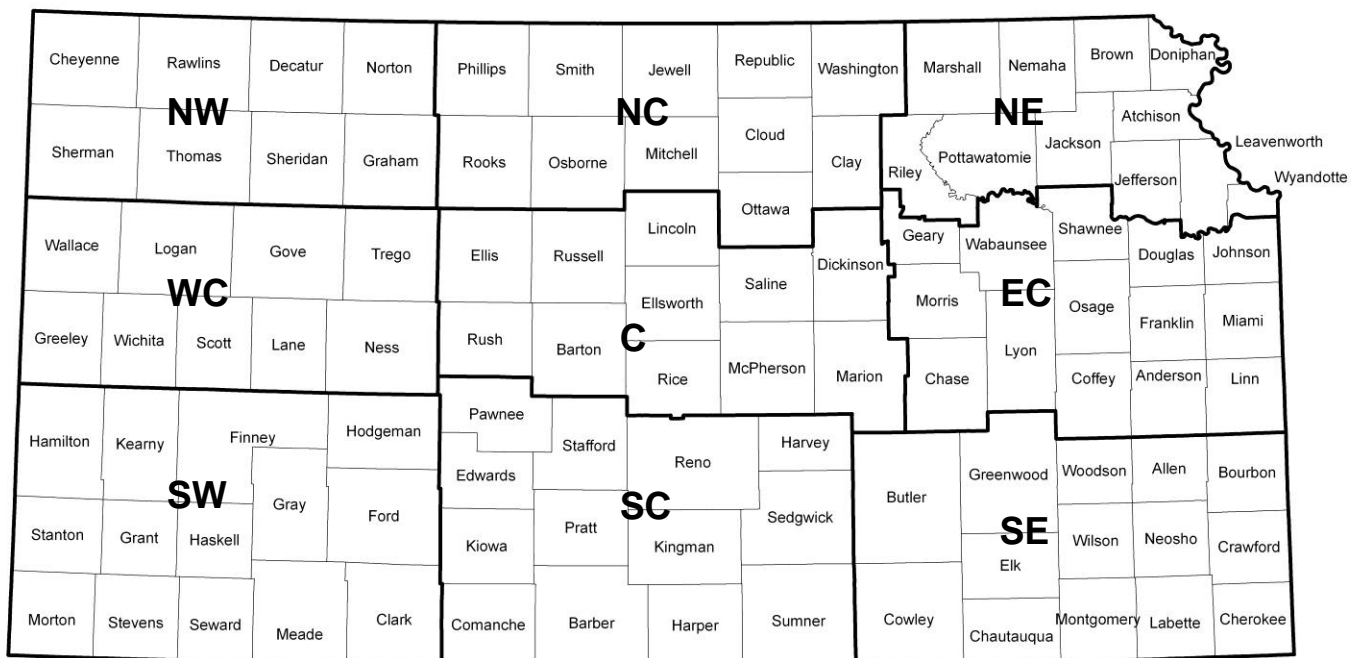
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INTRODUCTION

This publication reports the average rates paid by Kansas farmers and ranchers for custom work performed on their operation in 2009. A special thanks to the 1,387 farmers and ranchers, custom operators, co-ops, and elevators for their response to this survey.

The data in this book provide additional information to custom operators, farmers, and ranchers for making decisions about rate charges. The prices reported here should not be regarded as official or established rates. The average figures in this book give equal weight to all reports received.

The prices in this book include charges for machines, power, fuel, and the operator. These prices do not include the costs of chemicals, seeds, and other materials. The one exception is hay baling materials. Exchange work between farmers is not considered custom work.

There are large variations in the rates charged for specific jobs. For many items, the State averages may not be typical of any particular locale. There are many reasons for price differences. Some farmers may charge lower prices to neighbors, relatives, or close friends. Soil conditions and field sizes are also significant factors. Rates are often lower in western Kansas where the larger farms are well suited to extensive operation with heavy equipment.

The average custom rates charged in 2009 have generally decreased when compared to rates reported in 2008. Of the more than 111 custom work items or machinery rentals in this report, 69 decreased in price, 39 increased in price, and 3 remained unchanged. The report contains historical tables and graphs which show the results of previous surveys.

In the past year, we have received many comments about the Custom Rates report from the agricultural community. We appreciate this feedback and encourage readers to continue sharing their ideas and suggestions regarding this survey.

GRAIN HARVESTING

WHEAT: Custom harvesters charged an average of \$20.86 per acre for harvesting wheat in 2009, down 79 cents from 2008, the first rate decrease since 1999. In many cases, custom harvesters will include an additional charge per bushel to customers with high yields. In 2009 that charge was an average of 20 cents per bushel of wheat for yields greater than 22 bushels per acre. The 2009 flat rate charge per bushel was 20 cents, down 2 cents from last year.

Custom Rates for Wheat Harvest, 2009, by District

District	Per Acre Charge						Flat Rate Charge		
	Number of Reports ^{1/}	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports ^{1/}	Extra Charge for High Yield		Number of Reports ^{1/}	Cents per Bushel	
		Range	Avg.		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels		Range	Avg.
NW	59	13.00-33.00	20.19	58	20.2	22	7	19-23	20
WC	36	13.00-33.00	19.96	38	19.7	22	9	13-23	20
SW	51	13.00-31.00	19.95	47	19.7	21	7	11-23	18
NC	55	13.00-45.00	20.37	47	19.3	22	8	15-23	20
C	66	15.00-45.00	20.84	50	20.0	22	7	18-23	21
SC	95	13.00-40.00	21.08	81	20.4	22	9	17-23	21
NE	36	15.00-35.00	22.32	10	19.8	22	^{2/}		
EC	30	18.00-30.00	22.98	4	21.8	22	^{2/}		
SE	22	18.00-29.00	21.34	9	21.1	20	4	15-20	18
STATE	450	13.00-45.00	20.86	344	20.0	22	53	11-25	20

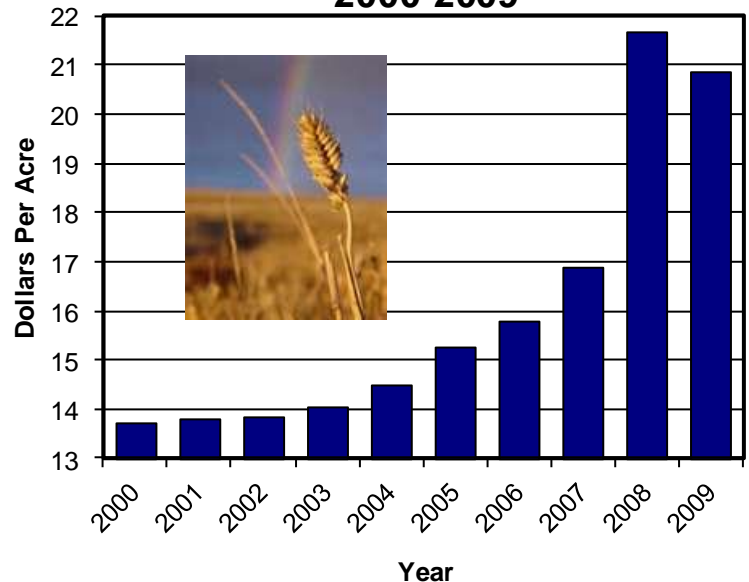
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**Custom Wheat Harvest
Historical Rates**

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Extra Charge for High Yield	
		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels
1993	13.05	12.1	20
1994	13.03	12.2	21
1995	13.02	12.2	20
1996	13.32	12.4	20
1997	13.33	12.6	21
1998	13.32	12.6	21
1999	13.29	12.6	21
2000	13.68	12.8	21
2001	13.77	13.1	20
2002	13.80	13.1	22
2003	14.04	13.6	23
2004	14.48	13.6	21
2005	15.24	14.4	21
2006	15.78	14.9	21
2007	16.85	16.0	21
2008	21.65	21.1	21
2009	20.86	20.0	22

**Custom Wheat Harvest
2000-2009**



GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

GRAIN SORGHUM: Custom harvesters charged an average of \$22.37 per acre for harvesting grain sorghum in 2009, down 62 cents from 2008. In many cases, custom harvesters will include an additional charge per bushel to customers with high yields. In 2009 that charge was an average of 20.4 cents per bushel of grain sorghum for yields greater than 35 bushels per acre. The 2009 flat rate charge per bushel was 24 cents.

Custom Rates for Grain Sorghum Harvest, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports ^{1/}	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports ^{1/}	Extra Charge for High Yield	
		Range	Average		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels
NW	27	17.00-33.00	21.26	23	20.6	37
WC	19	16.00-38.00	23.05	18	20.4	35
SW	18	18.00-35.00	21.94	17	20.7	30
NC	33	14.00-50.00	21.91	26	19.8	37
C	28	15.00-50.00	22.82	23	20.3	36
SC	37	16.00-38.00	22.11	31	20.4	35
NE	11	18.00-28.00	23.41	^{2/}		
EC	10	20.00-30.00	24.90	^{2/}		
SE	3	21.00-25.00	22.67	3	22.7	27
STATE	186	14.00-50.00	22.37	143	20.4	35

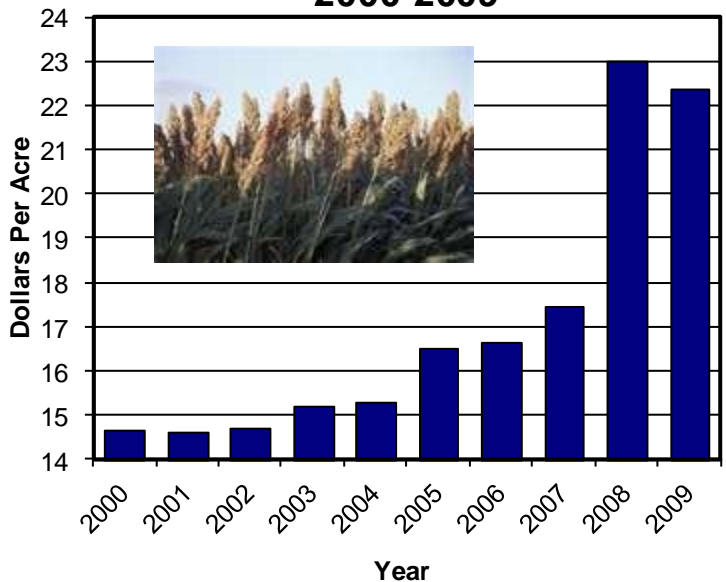
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**Custom Grain Sorghum Harvest
Historical Rates**

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Extra Charge for High Yield	
		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels
1993	14.62	12.0	34
1994	14.27	12.0	35
1995	14.27	11.9	36
1996	14.21	12.3	36
1997	14.35	12.5	37
1998	14.42	12.4	37
1999	14.45	12.7	36
2000	14.64	12.6	34
2001	14.58	12.9	35
2002	14.68	13.0	35
2003	15.19	13.7	35
2004	15.27	13.5	36
2005	16.51	14.6	37
2006	16.64	14.8	36
2007	17.45	15.9	36
2008	22.99	21.6	36
2009	22.37	20.4	35

**Custom Grain Sorghum Harvest
2000-2009**



GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

CORN: Custom harvesters charged an average of \$26.35 per acre for harvesting corn in 2009, down 16 cents from 2008. In many cases, custom harvesters will include an additional charge per bushel to customers with high yields. In 2009 that charge was an average of 19.2 cents per bushel of corn for yields greater than 73 bushels per acre. The 2009 flat rate charge per bushel was 29 cents, down 3 cents from last year.

Custom Rates for Corn Harvest, 2009, by District

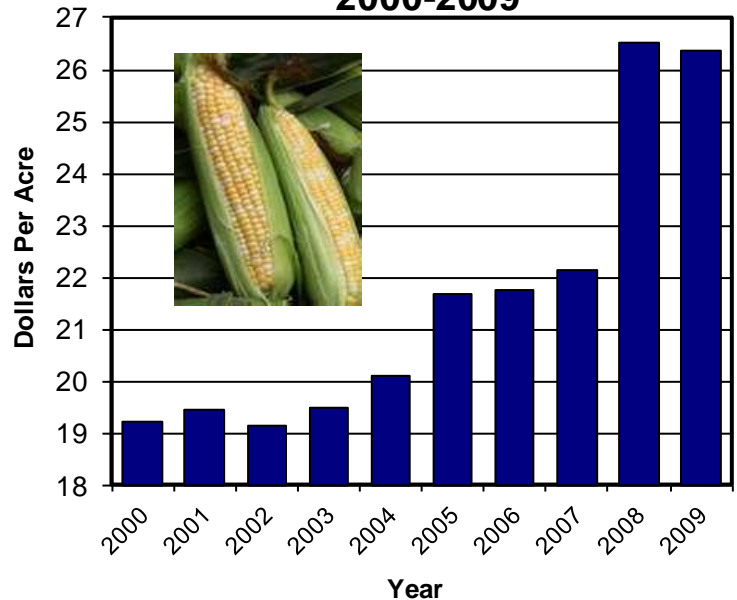
District	Per Acre Charge						Flat Rate Charge		
	Number of Reports ^{1/}	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports ^{1/}	Extra Charge for High Yield		Number of Reports ^{1/}	Cents per Bushel	
		Range	Avg.		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels		Range	Avg.
NW	18	18.00-50.00	26.89	12	21.9	66	26	17-39	28
WC	8	20.00-50.00	28.38	10	22.0	47	14	17-45	29
SW	7	24.00-40.00	30.14	6	22.5	57	25	15-45	30
NC	14	16.00-30.00	25.14	10	19.5	76	11	18-37	29
C	20	15.00-55.00	25.58	11	23.0	66	17	22-36	29
SC	20	18.00-50.00	28.15	11	19.2	90	33	19-42	30
NE	39	17.00-36.00	26.08	8	11.4	90	4	22-37	28
EC	29	20.00-32.00	25.38	6	10.0	77	3	25-32	28
SE	16	19.00-35.00	25.25	5	17.8	105	3	24-37	31
STATE	171	15.00-55.00	26.35	79	19.2	73	136	15-45	29

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**Custom Corn Harvest
Historical Rates**

Year	Dollars per Acre	Extra Charge for High Yield		Flat Rate Charge
		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels	Cents per Bushel
1993	18.21	11.8	58	21
1994	18.23	10.1	65	22
1995	17.79	12.4	62	21
1996	18.77	12.6	63	23
1997	18.72	12.3	66	23
1998	18.96	12.7	59	23
1999	19.28	12.0	70	24
2000	19.23	14.7	66	23
2001	19.43	11.9	48	23
2002	19.15	14.8	87	24
2003	19.50	14.3	69	24
2004	20.09	14.3	76	24
2005	21.68	14.2	76	26
2006	21.75	15.0	74	27
2007	22.14	16.4	71	29
2008	26.51	20.3	68	32
2009	26.35	19.2	73	29

**Custom Corn Harvest
2000-2009**



GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

SOYBEANS: Custom harvesters charged an average of \$25.66 per acre for harvesting soybeans in 2009, down 81 cents from 2008. In many cases, custom harvesters will include an additional charge per bushel to customers with high yields. In 2009 that charge was an average of 19.8 cents per bushel of soybeans for yields greater than 27 bushels per acre. The 2009 flat rate charge per bushel was 27 cents.

Custom Rates for Soybean Harvest, 2009, by District

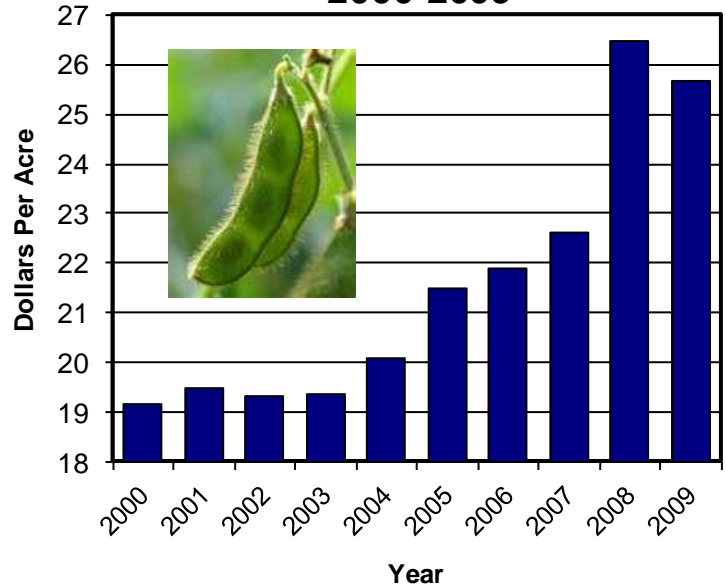
District	Number of Reports ^{1/}	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports ^{1/}	Extra Charge for High Yield	
		Range	Average		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels
NW	23	20.00-38.00	27.09	11	19.6	30
WC	8	16.00-33.00	25.50	6	21.0	26
SW	15	18.00-38.00	26.67	11	18.5	26
NC	43	14.00-40.00	26.20	21	19.3	27
C	37	15.00-40.00	25.57	18	19.1	24
SC	56	19.00-40.00	26.42	29	21.1	27
NE	49	17.00-36.00	26.08	3	16.7	33
EC	38	15.00-30.00	23.74	4	18.5	31
SE	26	10.00-32.00	23.54	7	21.4	32
STATE	295	10.00-40.00	25.66	110	19.8	27

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**Custom Soybean Harvest
Historical Rates**

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Extra Charge for High Yield	
		Cents per Bushel	Above Bushels
1993	17.96	12.5	23
1994	18.15	12.2	25
1995	17.65	12.2	25
1996	18.54	12.7	24
1997	18.68	12.4	26
1998	18.85	12.8	27
1999	18.69	13.0	25
2000	19.15	12.5	25
2001	19.48	12.7	24
2002	19.29	13.4	28
2003	19.35	13.3	26
2004	20.06	13.5	26
2005	21.48	14.3	26
2006	21.88	17.2	27
2007	22.61	15.8	28
2008	26.47	20.6	26
2009	25.66	19.8	27

**Custom Soybean Harvest
2000-2009**



GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

SUNFLOWERS: Custom harvesting of sunflowers averaged \$26.26 per acre in 2009, down 2 cents from 2008. Some operators charged an extra charge for high yield of 27.4 cents per hundredweight for yields above 19.0 hundredweight per acre.

**Custom Rates for Sunflower Harvest,
2009, by District**

District	Number of Reports ^{1/}	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average
NW	8	18.00-30.00	25.63
WC	3	25.00-30.00	28.33
SW	5	20.00-30.00	26.40
NC	7	24.00-32.50	26.93
C	4	22.00-30.00	26.25
SC	9	20.00-40.00	25.89
NE	2/		
EC	2/		
SE	2/		
STATE	40	18.00-40.00	26.26

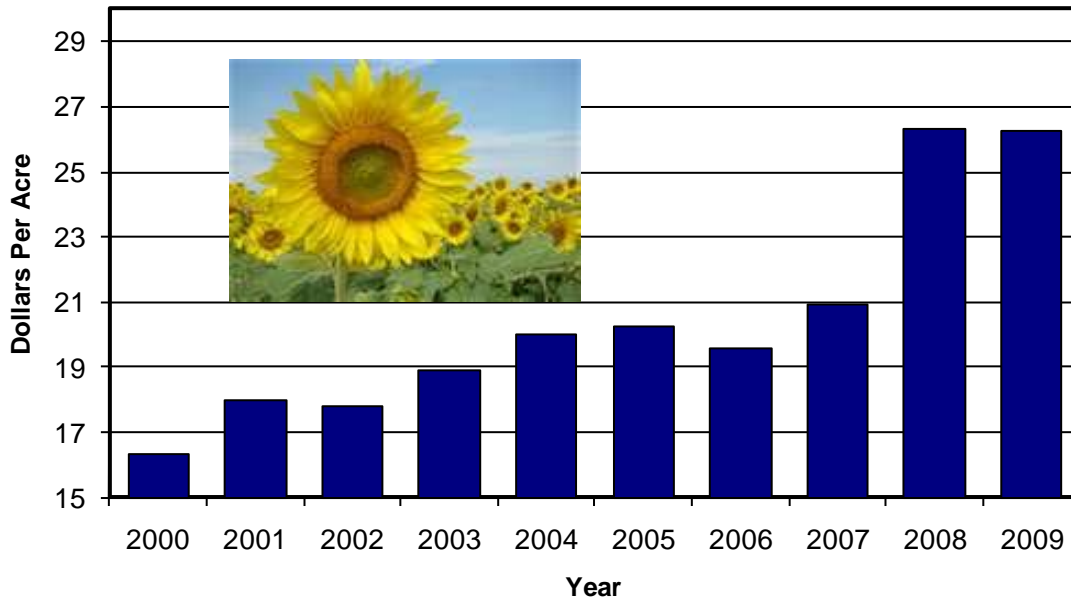
Custom Sunflower Harvest Historical Rates

Year	Dollars per Acre	Extra Charges for High Yield	
		Cents per Cwt.	Above Cwt.
1997	17.69	11.6	5.8
1998	16.94	11.9	11.8
1999	18.35	12.0	10.8
2000	16.33	12.7	9.6
2001	17.93	13.8	8.3
2002	17.80	13.1	6.7
2003	18.90	13.7	6.4
2004	19.95	20.3	7.4
2005	20.24	19.7	7.2
2006	19.55	21.3	12.0
2007	20.88	19.8	14.0
2008	26.28	26.5	18.0
2009	26.26	27.4	19.0

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**Custom Sunflower Harvest
2000-2009**



SEED CLEANING

Wheat seed cleaning with treatment averaged \$1.36 per bushel, down from \$1.45 the previous year. Rates for cleaning wheat without treatment averaged 58 cents per bushel, compared to 60 cents in 2008. The average cost of cleaning soybeans without any treatment was 73 cents, unchanged from last year.

Custom Rates for Wheat Seed Cleaning, 2009, by District

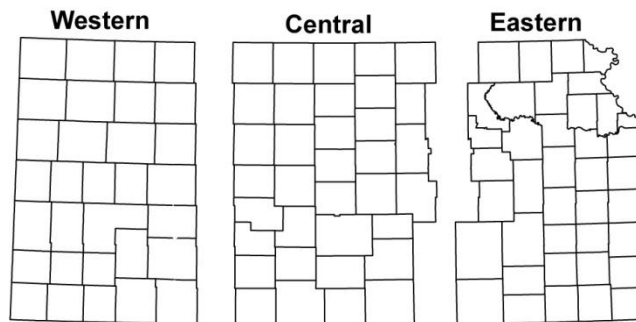
District	With Treatment			Without Treatment		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bushel		Number of Reports	Dollars per Bushel	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	^{1/}			10	0.25-1.00	0.51
WC	3	0.40-3.10	1.42	15	0.25-0.75	0.49
SW	^{1/}			5	0.35-0.55	0.48
NC	4	0.32-1.20	0.76	13	0.50-1.40	0.72
C	7	0.50-2.60	1.64	12	0.10-0.85	0.53
SC	3	0.50-0.75	0.67	18	0.40-0.75	0.55
NE	3	1.72-2.70	2.31	3	0.12-2.10	0.97
EC	^{1/}			3	0.70-1.00	0.82
SE	7	0.45-2.50	1.38	10	0.35-1.00	0.56
STATE	30	0.32-3.10	1.36	89	0.10-2.10	0.58

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Soybean Seed Cleaning, 2009, by Region

District	With Treatment			Without Treatment		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bushel		Number of Reports	Dollars per Bushel	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	-			-		
Central	^{1/}			^{1/}		
Eastern	^{1/}			7	0.40-1.20	0.73
STATE	^{1/}			8	0.40-1.20	0.73

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SEED CLEANING (Continued)

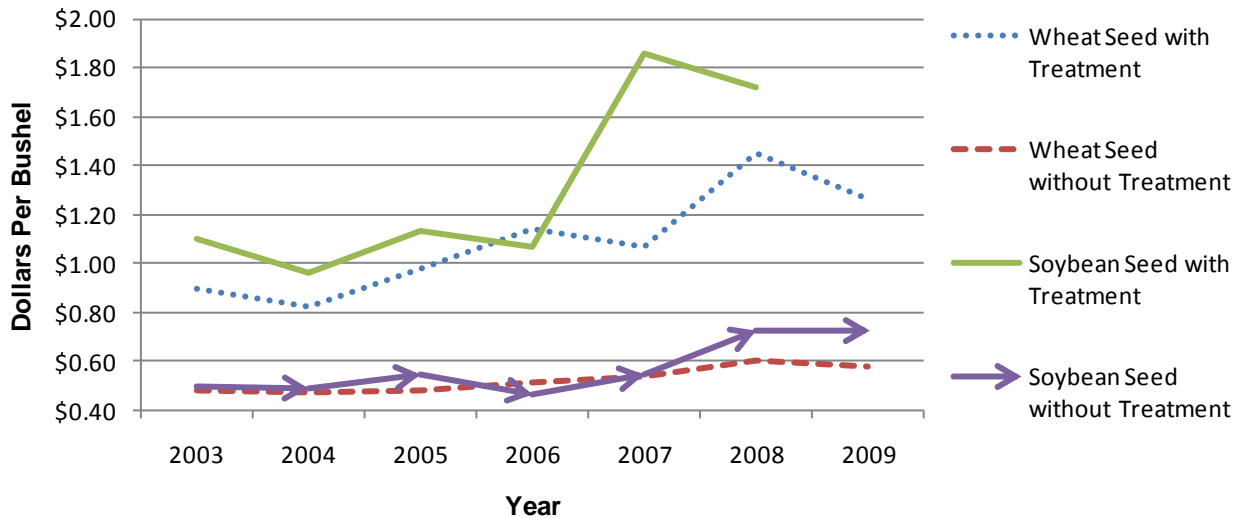
Historical Custom Rates for Seed Cleaning

Crop	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Wheat (Dollars/Bushel)							
With Treatment	0.90	0.82	0.98	1.14	1.07	1.45	1.26
Without Treatment	0.48	0.47	0.48	0.51	0.54	0.60	0.58
Soybeans (Dollars /Bushel)							
With Treatment	1.10	0.96	1.13	1.07	1.86	1.72	^{1/}
Without Treatment	0.50	0.49	0.55	0.47	0.55	0.73	0.73
Alfalfa (Dollars/Pound)							
With Treatment	^{1/}	-	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	-
Without Treatment	0.33	-	0.18	^{1/}	0.16	0.40	0.23
Red Clover (Dollars/Pound)							
With Treatment	^{1/}	-	-	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}
Without Treatment	^{1/}	^{1/}	0.22	^{1/}	0.18	^{1/}	0.15
All Other Seed Cleaned (Dollars/Pound)							
With Treatment	^{2/}	^{2/}	-	0.35	-	0.88	^{1/}
Without Treatment	^{2/}	^{2/}	0.47	0.43	0.53	0.36	0.30

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Average Seed Cleaning Rates 2003-2009



GRAIN HAULING

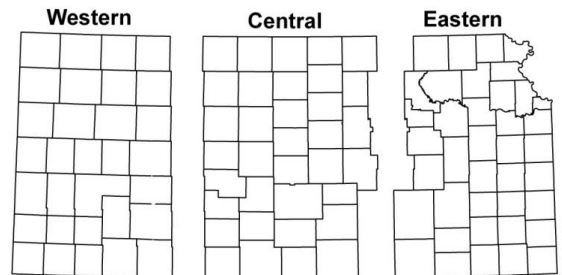
The average custom rate charged for hauling wheat, grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans from the field to the farm or to the nearest elevator was 18.2 cents per bushel with an extra charge of 1.8 cents per bushel per mile over 16 miles. This compares with the 2008 average of 19.3 cents per bushel plus 2.1 cents per bushel per mile over 13 miles.

Custom Rates for Hauling Grain from Field to Farm Storage or Elevator, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports	Cents per Bu.	Miles Limit	Cents/bu./Mile Over Basic Mileage	Number of Reports	Cents per Bu.	Miles Limit	Cents/bu./Mile Over Basic Mileage
Wheat				Grain Sorghum				
NW	27	19.7	18	3.3	12	19.5	13	3.7
WC	24	20.0	13	1.4	9	19.6	13	1.1
SW	22	23.2	15	2.5	8	19.0	14	1.5
NC	31	18.0	14	1.9	16	19.3	15	1.7
C	33	18.9	16	1.7	15	18.4	17	1.8
SC	40	19.4	12	1.1	21	18.9	13	1.2
NE	20	17.8	15	1.6	7	19.4	19	1.8
EC	17	17.0	14	2.1	10	17.0	18	1.7
SE	12	19.0	22	1.8	4	20.0	10	1.3
STATE	226	19.2	15	1.7	102	18.9	15	1.7
Corn				Soybeans				
NW	12	16.0	24	3.4	7	18.6	15	^{1/}
WC	12	19.3	12	1.1	4	19.3	15	0.8
SW	6	17.0	20	1.5	3	14.0	25	1.5
NC	12	18.4	15	1.2	18	19.5	20	1.2
C	12	19.3	14	1.7	22	18.6	15	1.6
SC	20	15.5	14	1.3	25	18.6	13	1.2
NE	19	15.5	18	1.0	30	15.7	17	1.3
EC	19	14.7	18	2.1	22	15.4	22	2.1
SE	8	13.4	9	4.7	11	18.7	21	4.1
STATE	120	16.4	16	1.9	142	17.5	18	1.7

^{1/} Insufficient data to publish.

Region	Number of Reports	Cents per Cwt.	Miles Limit	Cents/Cwt./Mile Over Basic Mileage
Sunflowers				
Western	6	35.0	17	0.3
Central	12	27.8	17	1.1
Eastern	6	16.3	11	1.2
STATE	24	26.7	15	1.0



SILAGE OPERATIONS

Custom rates for silage operations were separated into four categories: 1) chopping, hauling, and filling the silo, 2) chopping and hauling, 3) chopping only, and 4) hauling only. The average rate per ton for the complete silage operation was \$7.39 per ton, down from \$7.93 the previous year. Operations which included only chopping and hauling averaged \$6.54 per ton, down 32 cents from 2008. Chopping averaged \$4.68 per ton, compared to \$5.61 the previous year, and hauling averaged \$2.18 per ton, down 54 cents from last year.

Custom Rates for Silage Operations, 2009, by District

District	Chopping, Hauling & Filling Silo			Chopping & Hauling		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton		Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	5	6.00-8.00	6.65	7	6.20-7.00	6.54
WC	5	5.50-7.20	6.41	5	4.80-8.50	6.47
SW	^{1/}			5	6.00-8.00	6.80
NC	5	6.00-8.65	7.08	4	5.00-7.00	6.25
C	4	6.00-12.00	7.88	7	6.00-7.00	6.21
SC	7	4.50-17.00	8.54	7	5.50-8.50	6.71
NE	^{1/}			7	5.50-8.00	6.68
EC	^{1/}			3	6.00-7.00	6.67
SE	-			-		
STATE	32	4.50-17.00	7.39	45	4.80-8.50	6.54

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

District	Chopping Only			Hauling Only		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton		Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	^{1/}			4	0.20-3.00	1.63
WC	7	1.50-7.00	4.69	6	0.20-3.00	2.39
SW	4	3.00-3.50	3.25	6	2.75-3.50	3.05
NC	^{1/}			3	0.25-3.25	2.17
C	3	4.00-6.00	5.00	3	0.20-4.50	1.90
SC	3	5.00-6.50	5.83	5	0.20-3.50	1.14
NE	3	3.75-6.00	5.08	^{1/}		
EC	^{1/}			^{1/}		
SE	^{1/}			-		
STATE	25	1.50-7.00	4.68	30	0.20-4.50	2.18

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

HAYING

Mowing or swathing hay cost an average of \$11.52 per acre, up 3 cents from 2008. Mowing or swathing forage cost an average of \$13.09 per acre, down 54 cents from the previous year. Mowing or swathing with conditioning was \$11.77 per acre, down 6 cents from the preceding year, and the charge for side raking averaged \$3.82 per acre, down 39 cents from 2008.

Custom Rates for Mowing or Swathing, 2009, by District

District	Hay			Forage		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	16	9.00-18.00	12.25	16	10.50-17.00	13.97
WC	7	8.00-15.00	12.29	6	10.00-15.00	13.25
SW	17	10.00-20.00	12.50	13	10.00-20.00	13.77
NC	13	7.00-13.00	10.77	8	10.00-20.00	13.88
C	14	8.00-13.00	10.43	7	10.00-15.00	11.93
SC	45	7.50-16.00	11.29	27	8.00-15.00	12.50
NE	17	5.00-15.00	10.94	-		
EC	17	6.50-18.00	11.49	5	9.50-14.00	11.36
SE	24	7.00-19.00	12.02	^{1/}		
STATE	170	5.00-20.00	11.52	83	8.00-20.00	13.09

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Swathing & Conditioning and Side Raking, 2009, by District

District	Swathing and Conditioning			Side Raking		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	21	10.00-18.00	13.19	13	2.00-8.00	4.69
WC	5	10.00-14.00	12.60	4	4.00-5.00	4.38
SW	15	10.00-17.00	13.17	14	3.00-7.00	4.18
NC	18	6.50-15.00	10.92	13	1.00-6.00	3.15
C	20	9.00-14.00	10.75	10	3.00-6.00	4.13
SC	36	9.00-16.00	11.75	30	1.00-7.00	3.72
NE	15	6.00-14.00	11.27	4	2.00-5.00	3.63
EC	15	7.50-12.00	10.27	8	1.00-4.75	2.84
SE	16	7.00-19.00	12.45	8	1.00-6.00	3.69
STATE	161	6.00-19.00	11.77	104	1.00-8.00	3.82

HAYING (Continued)

Custom baling of small square bales with wire cost an average of 91 cents per bale, while baling with twine averaged 92 cents per bale in 2009. Large round bales weighing less than 1500 pounds without net wrapping cost an average of \$10.45 per bale, while bales of the same size with net wrapping cost an average of \$10.71 per bale. Large round bales weighing over 1500 pounds without net wrapping cost an average of \$10.56 per bale. Bales of the same size but being net wrapped, cost an average of \$10.86 per bale. The charge for large square bales weighing about one ton averaged \$13.58 per bale, down \$1.18 from 2008.

Custom Rates for Baling Hay, 2009

Type of Bale	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale	
		Range	Average
Small: Square with Wire	22	0.45-2.00	0.91
Square with Twine	38	0.45-2.00	0.92
Large: Round (under 1,500 lbs.) without net	104	6.00-19.00	10.45
Round (under 1,500 lbs.) with net	138	7.00-16.00	10.71
Round (over 1,500 lbs.) without net	59	7.00-17.00	10.56
Round (over 1,500 lbs.) with net	121	7.00-20.00	10.86
Square (approx. 1 ton)	52	7.00-25.00	13.58

Custom Rates for Baling, Square Bales, 2009, by District

District	Small Square With Wire			Small Square With Twine			Large Square		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale		Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale		Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale	
		Range	Average		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	-			6	0.75-1.50	1.03	^{1/}		
WC	^{1/}			5	0.70-1.50	0.94	^{1/}		
SW	-			9	0.45-2.00	0.96	11	12.00-20.00	16.25
NC	^{1/}			^{1/}			3	10.00-14.00	11.50
C	-			^{1/}			9	10.00-25.00	15.11
SC	6	0.50-1.00	0.83	4	0.50-1.25	0.83	14	8.10-22.00	13.49
NE	^{1/}			^{1/}			3	7.00-8.50	7.50
EC	5	0.65-1.00	0.82	7	0.55-1.25	0.86	7	8.00-15.00	11.33
SE	6	0.45-1.00	0.72	^{1/}			3	10.00-18.00	13.50
STATE	22	0.45-2.00	0.91	38	0.45-2.00	0.92	52	7.00-25.00	13.58

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Baling, Large Round Bales, 2009, by District

District	Without Net						With Net					
	Under 1,500 lbs.			Over 1,500 lbs.			Under 1,500 lbs.			Over 1,500 lbs.		
	No. of Rpts	Dollars per Bale		No. of Rpts	Dollars per Bale		No. of Rpts	Dollars per Bale		No. of Rpts	Dollars per Bale	
	Range	Avg.	Range	Avg.	Range	Avg.	Range	Avg.	Range	Avg.	Range	Avg.
NW	10	6.00-15.00	9.95	7	8.00-15.00	10.21	17	7.50-15.00	10.00	11	8.50-15.00	10.27
WC	8	6.00-13.00	9.56	4	7.00-10.00	8.25	9	9.00-14.00	11.28	5	8.00-10.50	9.00
SW	5	10.00-15.00	11.80	3	10.00-14.00	12.67	13	7.00-15.00	11.31	6	10.00-15.00	12.58
NC	10	7.00-11.00	9.35	4	9.00-13.00	10.25	13	7.00-13.00	10.28	16	9.00-13.00	10.69
C	7	7.00-13.00	9.79	11	7.00-13.00	9.45	6	8.00-10.50	9.33	17	7.00-12.00	9.75
SC	20	6.00-17.00	10.25	13	8.00-13.00	11.12	35	8.00-16.00	10.40	39	8.50-15.00	10.77
NE	12	7.00-15.00	9.54	7	7.00-15.00	9.29	13	8.00-12.00	10.38	13	8.00-20.00	11.54
EC	13	8.00-14.00	10.85	5	10.00-14.00	11.11	12	8.50-15.00	11.81	11	7.00-19.00	12.05
SE	19	8.00-19.00	12.09	5	11.00-17.00	14.10	20	8.00-16.00	11.46	3	12.00-15.50	13.83
STATE	104	6.00-19.00	10.45	59	7.00-17.00	10.56	138	7.00-16.00	10.71	121	7.00-20.00	10.86

HAYING (Continued)

Custom rates for hauling small bales from the field to farm storage averaged 84 cents per bale in 2009, down a penny from the previous year. Rates for hauling large bales averaged \$4.35 per bale or \$9.29 per ton. There were too few reports for hay stacking to provide a reasonable indication of current rates; therefore the table has been removed from this year's publication.

Custom Rates for Hauling Small Bales from Field to Storage, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale	
		Range	Average
NW	-		
WC	1/		
SW	5	0.40-1.25	0.84
NC	1/		
C	-		
SC	3	0.20-2.50	1.17
NE	1/		
EC	8	0.55-1.00	0.74
SE	4	0.75-2.00	1.16
STATE	25	0.20-2.50	0.84

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Hauling Large Bales from Field to Storage, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale		Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	6	1.00-8.00	4.17	3	6.00-14.00	10.00
WC	1/			-		
SW	11	1.00-15.00	5.05	1/		
NC	-			-		
C	1/			-		
SC	10	2.00-7.00	3.90	1/		
NE	4	3.00-9.00	5.50	1/		
EC	8	1.00-6.00	3.35	1/		
SE	9	2.00-12.00	4.44	1/		
STATE	52	1.00-15.00	4.35	10	5.00-14.00	9.29

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

HAYING (Continued)

The custom rates for the entire haying operation include cutting, conditioning, raking, baling, hauling, and stacking. The average rate for small bales was \$1.77 per bale, up 29 cents from 2008. The large bale rate, at \$19.10 per bale, was down \$1.16 from a year earlier.

Custom Rates for Entire Haying Operation, 2009, by District

District	Small Bales			Large Bales		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale		Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	-			-		
WC	-			-		
SW	^{1/}			3	17.50-26.00	22.83
NC	-			^{1/}		
C	-			3	12.50-22.00	16.50
SC	-			^{1/}		
NE	^{1/}			^{1/}		
EC	3	0.65-2.25	1.38	9	14.00-25.00	18.44
SE	4	1.75-2.25	2.13	15	11.00-25.00	18.37
STATE	9	0.65-2.25	1.77	35	11.00-28.00	19.10

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

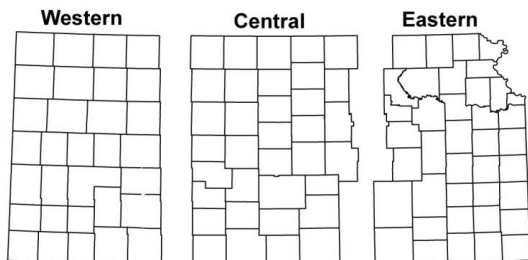
ROTARY MOWING AND TREE SHEARING

The average custom rate for rotary mowing was \$12.00 per acre or \$76.00 per hour in 2009. In 2008, charges were \$12.85 per acre or \$65.17 per hour. The average custom rate for tree shearing was \$70.29 per hour for 2009.

Custom Rates for Rotary Mowing, 2009, by Region

Region	No. of Rpts	Dollars per Acre		No. of Rpts	Dollars per Hour	
		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.
Western	3	8.00-10.00	9.33	^{1/}		
Central	-			^{1/}		
Eastern	9	6.00-25.00	12.89	3	85.00-100.00	91.67
STATE	12	6.00-25.00	12.00	5	45.00-100.00	76.00

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.



Skid Loader Tree Shearing, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports	Dollars per Hour	
		Range	Avg.
NW	-		
WC	-		
SW	-		
NC	5	65.00-100.00	77.10
C	5	45.00-95.00	72.00
SC	^{1/}		
NE	3	45.00-85.00	65.00
EC	3	60.00-90.00	76.67
SE	^{1/}		
STATE	19	45.00-100.00	70.29

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

LAND TILLAGE

Custom rates for tillage operations vary depending on the area of the State, type of soil tillage practice, size of fields, and the size of equipment. Average charges for disking (including one-way disking), were \$9.06 per acre. The average offset disking charge of \$9.52 per acre was down slightly from the 2008 rate.

Custom Rates for Disking, 2009, by District

District	Disking (including One-Way Disking)			Offset Disk		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.
NW	9	5.00-8.50	6.97	4	4.50-9.00	7.13
WC	7	7.00-10.00	8.43	3	7.00-12.00	9.33
SW	6	6.50-10.00	8.50	4	8.00-10.00	9.25
NC	^{1/}			-		
C	3	8.00-12.00	10.00	3	9.00-11.00	9.67
SC	7	6.50-13.50	10.00	10	8.50-14.00	10.30
NE	7	9.00-15.00	11.64	-		
EC	5	7.00-15.00	9.70	^{1/}		
SE	6	6.00-10.00	8.53	3	9.00-10.00	9.67
STATE	51	5.00-15.00	9.06	28	4.50-14.00	9.52

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Rates for custom chiseling, 4-12 inches deep, averaged \$10.06 per acre, a decrease of \$1.13 per acre from the 2008 rate. Deep chiseling, over 12 inches deep, averaged \$13.70 per acre, a decrease of \$2.11 from the previous year average.

Custom Rates for Chiseling, 2009, by District

District	Chisel (4-12")			Deep Chisel (Over 12")		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	^{1/}			^{1/}		
WC	3	6.00-12.00	9.33	^{1/}		
SW	5	6.00-9.00	7.50	5	8.00-22.00	13.00
NC	-			-		
C	^{1/}			^{1/}		
SC	7	8.50-14.00	11.14	4	9.00-16.00	12.00
NE	^{1/}			^{1/}		
EC	^{1/}			^{1/}		
SE	5	8.00-10.00	9.00	5	8.00-15.00	13.20
STATE	24	6.00-15.00	10.06	22	8.00-25.00	13.70

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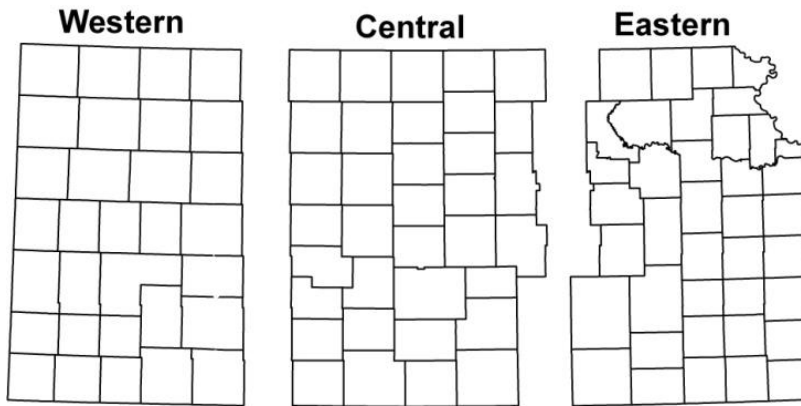
LAND TILLAGE (Continued)

In 2009, charges for spiketooth harrowing averaged \$7.30, an increase of 59 cents per acre. The average for springtooth harrowing in 2009 was \$8.40 per acre, up \$1.98 from 2008.

Custom Rates for Harrowing, 2009, by Region

Region	Spiketooth Harrow			Springtooth Harrow		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	1/			1/		
Central	1/			1/		
Eastern	3	5.00-8.00	6.67	3	8.00-10.00	8.67
STATE	5	5.00-9.00	7.30	5	4.00-12.00	8.40

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.



The average moldboard plowing rate decreased \$1.41 per acre from 2008 to \$14.00 in 2009. Wheel springtooth cultivating charges averaged \$7.43 per acre, up 50 cents from 2008

Custom Rates for Plowing and Wheel Springtooth Cultivating, 2009, by Region

Region	Moldboard Plow			Wheel Springtooth Cultivator		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	1/			4	5.00-8.00	6.75
Central	3	12.00-21.00	17.00	1/		
Eastern	3	10.00-17.00	12.67	1/		
STATE	7	9.00-21.00	14.00	7	5.00-9.00	7.43

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

LAND TILLAGE (Continued)

The average rate charged by custom operators for shank cultivation was \$8.84 per acre in 2009, down 11 cents from the prior year. Undercutting operations averaged \$7.42 per acre, down 31 cents from 2008.

Custom Rates for Shank Cultivation and Undercutting, 2009, by District

District	Shank Cultivator			Undercutter (Large "V" Blade)		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	4	6.00-10.00	8.00	13	4.50-10.00	7.02
WC	3	7.00-12.00	9.00	14	4.50-10.00	7.16
SW	5	6.00-10.00	7.10	13	6.00-10.00	7.27
NC	^{1/}			^{1/}		
C	4	7.50-12.00	10.06	3	8.00-11.00	9.33
SC	12	5.00-12.00	8.46	3	7.50-9.00	8.17
NE	7	8.00-15.00	10.70	^{1/}		
EC	6	6.50-15.00	9.25	-		
SE	7	5.00-15.00	8.36	^{1/}		
STATE	49	5.00-15.00	8.84	49	4.50-12.00	7.42

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Land Tillage, Historical Averages

Type of Operation	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Dollars per Acre									
Disking	6.02	6.48	6.34	6.42	6.84	7.54	7.79	7.93	9.02	9.06
One-Way Disk	6.36	6.21	6.11	6.50	7.22	6.66	8.00	8.06	9.00	^{1/}
Offset Disk	6.76	6.54	6.72	7.02	7.01	7.76	8.53	8.37	9.56	9.52
Spiketooth Harrow	4.56	4.80	4.82	5.33	5.25	5.31	5.88	6.68	6.71	7.30
Springtooth Harrow	4.93	5.20	4.03	4.17	4.88	5.75	5.58	5.83	6.42	8.40
Chisel (4-12")	7.44	7.79	7.61	8.02	7.96	8.45	9.10	9.75	11.19	10.06
Deep Chisel (Over 12")	9.13	9.54	10.33	8.94	10.05	10.85	11.88	11.46	15.81	13.70
Moldboard Plow	9.00	8.98	9.45	9.98	11.63	11.36	11.04	10.64	15.41	14.00
Undercutter	5.49	5.38	5.38	5.47	5.58	6.07	6.43	6.66	7.73	7.42
Shank Cultivator	5.66	5.92	6.16	6.18	6.27	7.13	7.37	7.25	8.95	8.84
Wheel Springtooth Cultivator	5.20	5.36	5.67	5.27	6.00	5.75	7.02	7.56	6.93	7.43

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports, Disking and One-Way Disking combined beginning in 2009.

PLANTING

Regular-Till

Small grain seeding charges averaged \$11.14 per acre, up 5 cents from 2008. Charges for planting grain sorghum increased 31 cents per acre to \$12.61 in 2009. The average price charged for planting corn was \$12.52 per acre, up just a penny from 2008. Soybean planting charges averaged \$12.58 per acre in 2009, a decrease of 29 cents from the previous year. The grass seeding rate decreased 63 cents per acre to \$14.02 per acre in 2009. The price for seeding alfalfa-legumes also decreased, averaging \$12.68 per acre, compared to \$13.75 in 2008.

Custom Rates for Regular-Till Planting, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Small Grains				Grain Sorghum		
NW	13	4.50-15.00	10.27	10	8.00-15.00	11.30
WC	19	5.00-13.00	10.18	12	9.00-17.00	12.29
SW	18	6.00-16.00	10.44	9	10.00-20.00	12.56
NC	7	10.00-16.00	13.14	7	10.00-16.00	12.69
C	19	7.50-15.50	11.04	13	10.00-16.00	13.58
SC	16	4.50-16.00	12.08	13	5.00-20.00	13.25
NE	6	10.00-14.00	12.17	^{1/}		
EC	8	8.50-16.80	12.66	5	8.00-17.50	13.86
SE	7	8.00-15.00	10.71	5	8.00-14.00	10.60
STATE	113	4.50-16.80	11.14	75	5.00-20.00	12.61
Corn				Soybeans		
NW	8	8.00-15.00	11.31	4	9.00-15.00	12.00
WC	11	10.00-17.00	12.86	4	12.00-15.00	13.00
SW	11	9.50-15.00	11.68	^{1/}		
NC	3	10.00-12.00	10.93	7	10.00-16.00	11.54
C	11	12.50-16.00	14.27	15	11.00-16.00	13.74
SC	13	9.00-16.00	13.10	12	5.00-16.00	12.56
NE	7	10.00-15.00	12.86	10	10.00-15.00	12.10
EC	7	8.00-16.80	12.11	9	8.00-16.80	12.59
SE	6	9.00-15.00	11.50	8	9.00-15.00	11.63
STATE	77	8.00-17.00	12.52	71	5.00-16.80	12.58
Grass Seeding				Alfalfa-legume Seeding		
NW	^{1/}			5	7.00-12.00	10.60
WC	-			-		
SW	3	10.00-16.00	13.33	5	6.00-18.00	12.40
NC	^{1/}			^{1/}		
C	^{1/}			4	12.00-18.00	14.75
SC	3	10.00-15.00	12.50	6	10.00-14.00	12.33
NE	-			^{1/}		
EC	3	15.00-16.80	15.93	^{1/}		
SE	3	5.00-20.00	13.00	^{1/}		
STATE	17	5.00-20.00	14.02	27	5.00-18.00	12.68

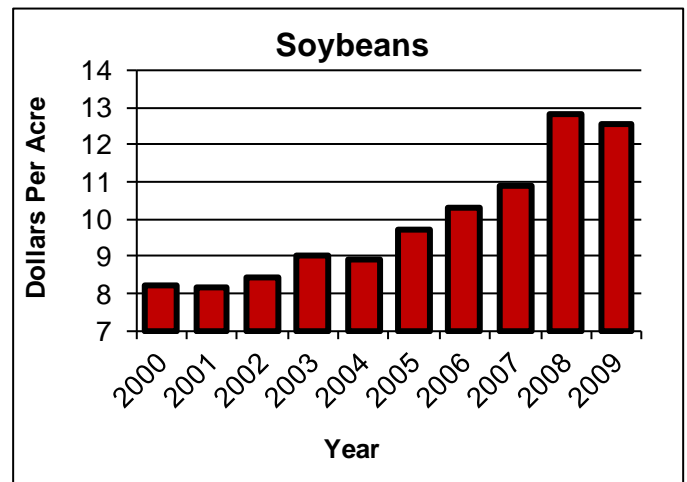
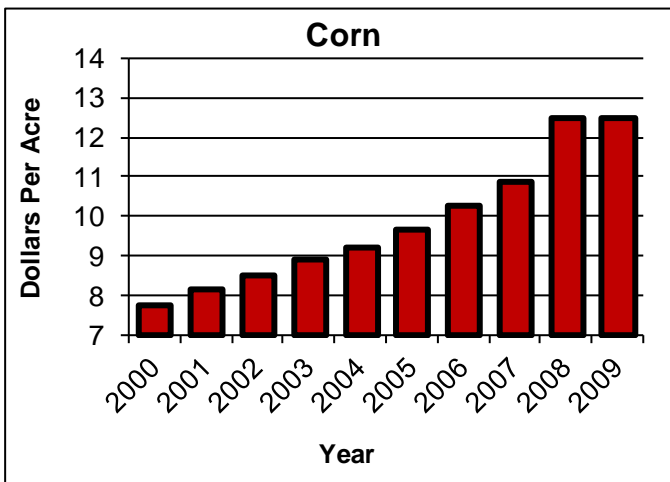
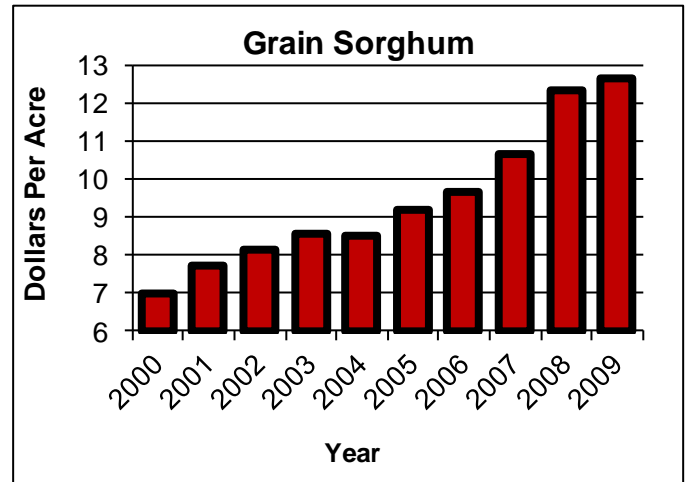
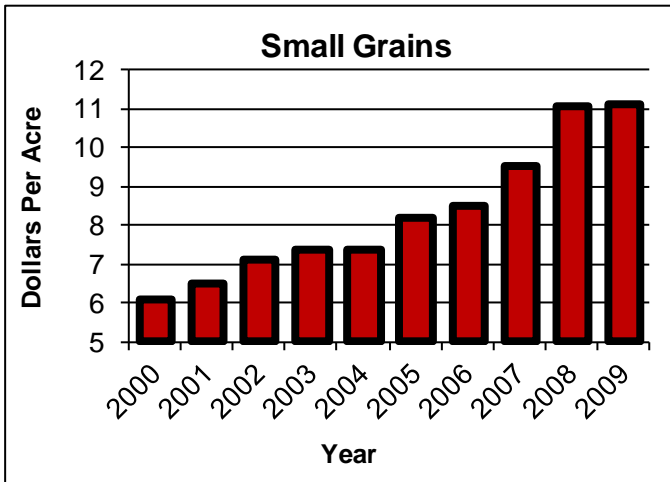
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PLANTING (Continued)

Custom Rates for Regular-Till Planting, Historical Averages

Crop	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Dollars per Acre									
Small Grains	6.10	6.49	7.13	7.38	7.35	8.17	8.52	9.54	11.09	11.14
Grain Sorghum	6.98	7.72	8.13	8.55	8.48	9.17	9.65	10.65	12.30	12.61
Corn	7.77	8.19	8.54	8.95	9.21	9.69	10.30	10.91	12.51	12.52
Soybeans	8.23	8.17	8.47	9.06	8.95	9.76	10.33	10.94	12.87	12.58
Grass	8.68	8.92	9.77	10.61	10.83	11.45	11.44	12.60	14.65	14.02
Alfalfa-Legume	7.46	8.59	9.83	10.29	9.63	10.52	10.79	11.35	13.75	12.68

Regular-Till Planting, Historical Averages



PLANTING (Continued)

Minimum-Till or No-Till

Rates for minimum-till planting of small grains averaged \$13.31 per acre, down from \$13.73 in 2008. Minimum-till grain sorghum planting averaged \$13.63 per acre, up 14 cents from last year's rate. Corn planting averaged \$13.70 per acre, an increase of 13 cents. Soybean planting averaged \$13.68 per acre, down from last year's average of \$14.07 per acre.

Custom Rates for Minimum-Till or No-Till Planting, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Small Grains				Grain Sorghum		
NW	18	8.00-15.00	12.36	15	8.00-17.00	12.90
WC	16	9.00-16.00	12.98	18	10.00-16.00	12.83
SW	18	4.50-15.00	12.56	13	8.00-16.00	12.27
NC	19	7.00-20.00	14.17	16	11.00-18.30	14.14
C	32	10.00-20.00	14.28	30	12.00-19.00	14.35
SC	37	4.50-20.00	12.99	19	10.00-17.00	13.89
NE	12	9.00-17.50	13.46	^{1/}		
EC	12	8.00-18.00	13.53	6	12.00-18.00	14.30
SE	11	10.00-18.00	12.95	6	11.00-18.00	14.50
STATE	175	4.50-20.00	13.31	125	8.00-19.00	13.63
Corn				Soybeans		
NW	21	7.00-22.00	12.88	8	12.00-17.00	13.50
WC	20	11.00-16.00	13.28	7	12.00-16.00	14.14
SW	11	9.00-16.00	12.82	7	5.50-18.00	12.64
NC	13	11.00-18.30	14.41	16	11.00-18.30	13.55
C	24	8.00-19.00	14.55	26	12.00-20.00	14.52
SC	22	8.50-17.50	13.80	22	8.50-18.00	13.52
NE	16	10.00-18.00	13.59	19	10.00-17.50	13.16
EC	13	12.00-18.00	13.83	19	11.00-18.00	13.38
SE	7	11.00-18.00	14.14	12	10.00-20.00	14.08
STATE	147	7.00-22.00	13.70	136	5.50-20.00	13.68

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Custom Rates for Minimum-Till or No-Till Plantings, Historical Averages

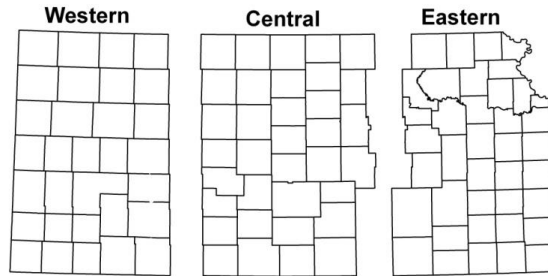
Crop	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Dollars per Acre									
Small Grains	9.77	9.89	10.11	10.36	10.72	11.45	11.77	12.10	13.73	13.31
Grain Sorghum	9.16	9.56	9.91	10.19	10.29	10.94	11.26	12.04	13.49	13.63
Corn	9.40	10.00	10.04	10.31	10.55	11.11	11.57	12.09	13.57	13.70
Soybeans	9.96	10.50	10.46	10.90	10.84	11.75	12.00	12.34	14.07	13.68

CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS

The custom rates for chemical applications presented here include the cost of machine, power, and the operator; however, the cost of the chemicals is excluded. Rates charged for crop cultivation with fertilizer application averaged \$8.00 per acre, while cultivation without fertilizer application averaged \$7.24 per acre. This compares with \$8.41 and \$8.46 per acre, respectively, in 2008.

Custom Rates for Row Crop Cultivation, 2009, by Region

Region	With Fertilizer			Without Fertilizer		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	10	3.00-13.00	8.70	6	8.00-10.00	9.25
Central	17	4.00-15.00	6.71	13	4.20-12.00	6.45
Eastern	3	5.00-18.00	13.00	3	4.00-10.00	6.67
STATE	30	3.00-18.00	8.00	22	4.00-12.00	7.24



Dry fertilizer applications averaged \$4.68 per acre, 28 cents less per acre than in the previous year. Liquid fertilizer was applied for an average per acre charge of \$4.82, down 16 cents from 2008.

Custom Rates for Fertilizer Application, 2009, by District

District	Dry Fertilizer			Liquid Fertilizer		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	8	3.50-6.00	4.91	9	3.50-6.00	4.86
WC	10	4.00-5.00	4.53	23	1.50-6.50	4.57
SW	14	3.50-5.00	4.43	15	3.50-5.00	4.41
NC	28	4.00-6.00	4.91	28	4.20-6.00	5.05
C	30	4.00-6.00	4.57	44	2.00-6.00	4.52
SC	43	2.50-6.00	4.35	45	3.00-6.00	4.38
NE	33	3.75-6.50	5.22	32	4.00-6.75	5.48
EC	30	4.00-7.00	5.05	29	4.00-12.00	5.63
SE	35	3.00-6.00	4.29	30	3.00-6.00	4.60
STATE	231	2.50-7.00	4.68	255	1.50-12.00	4.82

CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS (Continued)

Custom chemical applicators charged an average of \$10.55 per acre to apply anhydrous ammonia, 35 cents more than the 2008 average.

Custom Rates for Application of Anhydrous Ammonia, 2009, by District

District	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average
NW	1 [/]		
WC	7	5.00-18.00	9.54
SW	7	6.00-17.00	9.82
NC	3	10.00-12.00	11.33
C	5	4.00-15.00	9.30
SC	7	2.00-12.50	6.96
NE	18	8.50-16.00	12.51
EC	9	4.40-16.00	12.54
SE	3	5.00-10.00	7.67
STATE	60	2.00-18.00	10.55

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The average cost for aerial application of herbicide was \$6.93 per acre, up 73 cents from 2008. When herbicides were applied with a ground rig, the average cost was \$4.98, virtually the same as last year's average of \$5.01.

Custom Rates for Herbicide Application, 2009, by District

District	Aerial			Ground Rig		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	7	5.00-8.00	5.93	18	3.50-5.50	4.72
WC	9	4.00-7.00	5.72	25	4.00-6.00	4.61
SW	15	4.25-17.00	6.37	21	4.00-13.00	5.40
NC	8	4.50-18.00	7.84	34	4.00-6.50	4.99
C	12	3.50-7.50	5.59	42	3.75-6.00	4.66
SC	9	4.00-8.50	6.19	47	3.00-14.00	4.63
NE	9	9.00-11.00	9.56	36	4.50-6.75	5.59
EC	1 [/]			29	4.00-8.00	5.60
SE	8	6.50-18.00	9.25	45	3.00-7.00	4.85
STATE	78	3.50-18.00	6.93	297	3.00-14.00	4.98

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CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS (Continued)

The average cost for aerial application of insecticide was \$6.60 per acre, up 40 cents from the previous year. When insecticides were applied with a ground rig, the average cost was \$4.95 per acre, down 12 cents from the 2008 rate.

Custom Rates for Insecticide Application, 2009, by District

District	Aerial			Ground Rig		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	7	4.50-6.25	5.43	6	4.00-5.50	4.71
WC	9	4.00-7.00	5.64	21	3.00-5.50	4.55
SW	13	4.25-6.75	5.50	10	4.00-5.25	4.65
NC	5	6.00-7.00	6.55	26	4.00-7.50	5.18
C	4	5.50-7.50	6.75	30	4.00-6.00	4.64
SC	8	4.50-8.50	6.28	36	3.10-6.00	4.51
NE	7	9.00-10.00	9.29	25	4.50-6.75	5.59
EC	^{1/}			18	4.75-8.00	5.88
SE	8	4.00-18.00	8.63	32	3.75-7.00	4.91
STATE	62	4.00-18.00	6.60	204	3.00-8.00	4.95

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Chemical Application, Historical Averages

Type of Operation or Application	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Dollars per Acre									
Cultivation with Fertilizer	6.48	6.77	6.19	6.64	6.73	7.59	7.60	6.33	8.41	8.00
Cultivation without Fertilizer	5.75	6.25	6.01	5.95	6.08	7.05	7.09	6.32	8.46	7.24
Dry Fertilizer	3.40	3.53	3.58	3.68	3.78	4.01	4.15	4.20	4.96	4.68
Liquid Fertilizer	3.50	3.57	3.72	3.78	3.87	4.17	4.42	4.37	4.98	4.82
Anhydrous Ammonia	5.67	5.61	5.90	6.18	6.93	7.12	6.75	8.46	10.20	10.55
Herbicide										
Aerial	4.20	4.39	4.52	4.30	4.29	4.56	4.83	5.19	6.20	6.93
Ground Rig	3.59	3.72	3.81	3.85	4.03	4.26	4.40	4.50	5.01	4.98
Insecticide										
Aerial	4.19	4.42	4.49	4.83	4.30	4.74	5.20	5.48	6.20	6.60
Ground Rig	3.66	3.77	3.90	3.92	4.02	4.33	4.51	4.49	5.07	4.95

FEED PREPARATION

Rates for custom feed preparations are those generally charged by grain elevators and feed mills. Rates charged in 2009 were similar to those reported in 2008. Reports averaged 41 cents per hundredweight (cwt.) for grinding grain, 37 cents per cwt. for rolling grain, 61 cents per cwt. for grinding hay, 32 cents per cwt. for mixing, 61 cents per cwt. for rolling and mixing, and 67 cents per cwt. for grinding and mixing.

Custom Rates for Feed Preparation, 2009, by District

District	Grinding Grain			Rolling Grain			Grinding Hay		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.		Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.		Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.	
		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.
NW	^{1/}			^{1/}			^{1/}		
WC	3	0.40-0.60	0.50	3	0.40-0.50	0.47	^{1/}		
SW	^{1/}			3	0.40-0.40	0.40	-		
NC	^{1/}			5	0.25-0.50	0.34	3	0.15-1.20	0.52
C	6	0.25-0.60	0.39	7	0.25-0.40	0.35	^{1/}		
SC	^{1/}			3	0.35-0.50	0.40	^{1/}		
NE	4	0.20-0.50	0.41	3	0.20-0.50	0.40	-		
EC	^{1/}			3	0.30-0.50	0.38	-		
SE	7	0.31-0.45	0.40	8	0.22-0.45	0.34	^{1/}		
STATE	28	0.20-0.60	0.41	36	0.20-0.50	0.37	10	0.15-1.20	0.61

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

District	Mixing			Rolling and Mixing			Grinding and Mixing		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.		Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.		Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.	
		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.
NW	^{1/}			^{1/}			-		
WC	4	0.10-0.50	0.35	^{1/}			^{1/}		
SW	3	0.30-0.40	0.33	3	0.70-0.80	0.73	^{1/}		
NC	3	0.15-0.30	0.22	5	0.30-1.00	0.55	^{1/}		
C	8	0.15-0.40	0.30	7	0.15-0.80	0.56	3	0.50-0.90	0.70
SC	4	0.28-0.45	0.35	3	0.65-0.95	0.78	^{1/}		
NE	3	0.25-0.40	0.35	^{1/}			^{1/}		
EC	4	0.20-0.80	0.45	5	0.30-1.00	0.59	^{1/}		
SE	7	0.21-0.33	0.25	8	0.45-0.75	0.61	6	0.52-0.75	0.65
STATE	37	0.10-0.80	0.32	37	0.15-1.00	0.61	17	0.30-0.90	0.67

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

FEED PREPARATION (Continued)

Charges for pelleting feed operations averaged 90 cents per cwt., 13 cents less than in 2008. The charge for grinding, mixing, and pelleting operations combined averaged \$1.51 per cwt., virtually the same as 2008. Sacking operations, excluding the cost of sacks, averaged \$1.30 per cwt., down 14 cents from the previous year's average.

Custom Rates for Feed Preparation, 2009, by District

District	Pelleting Only			Grinding, Mixing, and Pelleting			Sacking		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.		Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.		Number of Reports	Dollars per Cwt.	
		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.
NW	-			-			^{1/}		
WC	-			-			^{1/}		
SW	^{1/}			^{1/}			3	0.70-1.50	1.23
NC	^{1/}			^{1/}			4	1.00-1.50	1.38
C	-			-			4	0.75-3.00	1.59
SC	-			-			4	0.20-1.50	0.74
NE	-			-			3	0.75-1.80	1.35
EC	-			-			5	1.20-2.50	1.70
SE	^{1/}			^{1/}			10	0.26-4.00	1.14
STATE	4	0.20-1.60	0.90	3	0.93-2.00	1.51	36	0.20-4.00	1.30

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Feed Preparation, Historical Averages

Type of Preparation	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Dollars per Cwt.									
Grinding Grain	0.35	0.34	0.36	0.35	0.36	0.39	0.38	0.44	0.40	0.41
Rolling Grain	0.30	0.31	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.36	0.37	0.39	0.36	0.37
Grinding Hay	-	0.66	0.74	0.62	0.25	0.32	0.55	0.57	0.69	0.61
Mixing	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.28	0.28	0.33	0.34	0.32
Rolling and Mixing	0.42	0.49	0.51	0.52	0.56	0.58	0.58	0.57	0.64	0.61
Grinding and Mixing	0.51	0.53	0.53	0.57	0.57	0.62	0.61	0.58	0.68	0.67
Pelleting	0.82	0.70	0.76	0.84	0.79	0.89	0.86	0.83	1.03	0.90
Grinding, Mixing, and Pelleting	1.26	1.18	1.19	1.14	1.16	1.20	1.02	1.34	1.52	1.51
Sacking (excluding sacks)	0.93	0.91	0.95	1.16	1.12	1.15	1.13	1.27	1.44	1.30

FEED DELIVERY

There are a number of different methods of charging for bulk feed deliveries. Rates for the most commonly reported methods are presented below. Though several types of charges were reported, some could not be summarized for this report due to an insufficient number of reports. Many operators also charged extra for miles beyond a specified limit. For all methods, the average extra charge was \$2.10 per mile per load after 19 miles.

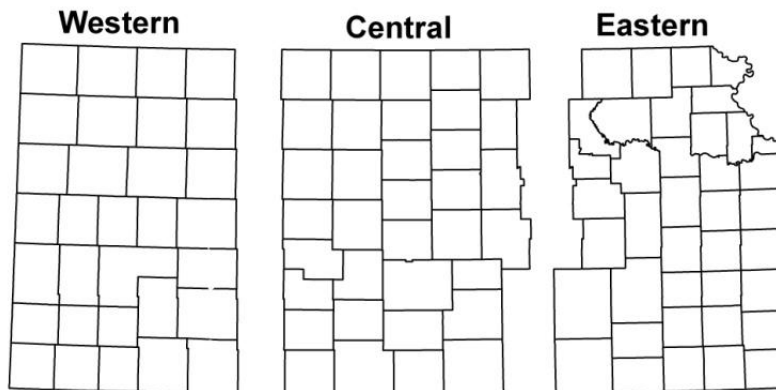
Custom Rates for Feed Delivery, 2009, by Region

Region	Charge per Load plus Mileage			Charge per Mile		
	Number of Reports	Dollars Per Load + Dollars Per Mile	Avg. Load (Tons)	Number of Reports	Dollars Per Mile	Avg. Load (Tons)
Western	1/			4	2.94	9.8
Central	1/			1/		
Eastern	1/			5	2.24	11.4
STATE	1/			11	2.54	10.4

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

Region	Charge per Load			Extra Charge All Methods		
	Number of Reports	Dollars Per Load	Avg. Load (Tons)	Number of Reports	Max Miles	Extra Dollars per Mile
Western	1/			1/		
Central	8	28.88	6.9	7	12	2.38
Eastern	11	33.98	6.6	5	32	1.55
STATE	21	32.85	6.6	14	19	2.10

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.



MACHINERY RENTAL

Rental costs listed below do not include the cost of fuel or labor for self-propelled equipment and tractors. Fertilizer applicators were the most commonly reported rental items, followed by tractors, combines, and planting equipment. Many items, such as cultivators, chisels, and mower/conditioners, were reported but had too few reports to summarize.

Rental charges are similar to those reported in recent years. Average rental costs for most items show increases or decreases due to the varied demand and increasing costs of implements. Some of the variation may be due to the small number of reports for some rental items.

Machine Rental Rates, 2009

Machine or Tool	Method of Charge	Number of Reports	Range	Average
Combine	\$/Hour	9	100.00-185.00	150.30
Corn Head	\$/Acre	^{1/}		
No-Till Drill	\$/Acre	5	6.70-10.00	8.34
Drill Seeder	\$/Acre	^{1/}		
Fertilizer Applicators				
Dry	\$/Ton	6	8.00-24.00	13.04
Dry	\$/Acre	4	1.25-3.50	2.31
Anhydrous	\$/Ton	^{1/}		
Anhydrous	\$/Acre	4	1.25-4.80	2.76
Dual	\$/Acre	^{1/}		
Liquid	\$/Acre	^{1/}		
Chemical Sprayer	\$/Hour	3	2.50-20.00	8.50
Tractor				
51-100 Horsepower	\$/Hour	3	18.00-50.00	36.00
101-150 Horsepower	\$/Hour	5	20.00-45.00	31.80
151-200 Horsepower	\$/Hour	4	20.00-40.00	28.75
201+ Horsepower	\$/Hour	4	36.00-53.00	42.75
Skid Loader	\$/Hour	3	30.00-55.00	45.00

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.

TERRACING AND DOZING

Building terraces averaged 99 cents per foot, an increase of 25 cents per foot from 2008. The average cost for general dozer work was \$106.40 per hour, compared with \$123.60 from the previous year.

Custom Rates for Terracing and Dozing, 2009, by District

District	Terracing			Dozing		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Foot		Number of Reports	Dollars per Hour	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	-			^{1/}		
WC	-			-		
SW	-			-		
NC	-			^{1/}		
C	-			-		
SC	^{1/}			3	75.00-170.00	118.00
NE	^{1/}			6	90.00-120.00	104.00
EC	^{1/}			^{1/}		
SE	-			4	80.00-145.00	110.00
STATE	5	0.65-1.25	0.99	18	75.00-170.00	106.40

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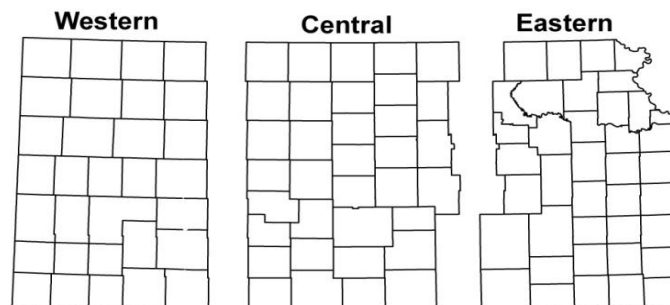
MANURE REMOVAL AND SPREADING

Custom rates for manure removal alone averaged \$2.08 per ton for 2009. Manure removal and spreading averaged \$2.66 per ton, with an additional mileage charge of 72 cents per mile hauled.

Custom Rates for Manure Removal, 2009, by Region

Region	Manure Removal			Removal and Spreading			Additional Charges per Mile		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton		Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton		Number of Reports	Dollars per Mile	
		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.		Range	Avg.
Western	3	2.00-2.50	2.30	9	2.00-4.00	2.79	11	0.20-3.00	0.55
Central	^{1/}			3	2.00-2.00	2.00	3	0.25-3.50	1.35
Eastern	^{1/}			^{1/}			-		
STATE	5	1.50-2.50	2.08	14	2.00-4.00	2.66	14	0.20-3.50	0.72

^{1/} Insufficient number of reports.



FENCE BUILDING

Rates for fence building listed below were reported on the Bluestem Pasture Survey completed in April of 2009. Producers in the 14 Flint Hills counties were surveyed and asked to provide current fence building costs. The reported rates varied considerably due to the difference in materials, equipment, and terrain. The rate charged for building a five-wire, all-steel post fence, excluding materials, averaged \$11.90 per rod. The rate including materials averaged \$20.30 per rod. Average hourly rates charged for fence building are \$41.50 per hour with equipment, and \$21.67 without equipment.

Custom Rates for Fence Building, per Rod, 2009^{1/}

Fence Type	Steel Posts Only			Steel & Wood Posts Only		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Rod		Number of Reports	Dollars per Rod	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
	Excluding Materials			Excluding Materials		
Four Wire	^{2/}			3	1.72-12.00	7.66
Five Wire	21	2.81-49.50	11.90	14	4.50-74.25	20.00
	Including Materials			Including Materials		
Four Wire	^{2/}			^{2/}		
Five Wire	24	3.75-41.25	20.30	14	5.31-41.25	25.10

^{1/}Additional charges for rough and rocky terrain ranged from \$.15 to \$5.00 per rod and averaged \$2.58 per rod.

^{2/}Insufficient number of reports.

Custom Rates for Fence Building, per Hour, 2009

Custom Fence Builders	Number of Reports	Dollars per Hour		Average Number of Persons
		Range	Average	
With Equipment	5	12.50-65.00	41.50	1.6
Without Equipment	3	10.00-35.00	21.67	1.0