

Averages	2008	2007	2006	2005	1999	1993	1974
Harvesting grain							
Corn combining, per acre	\$28.10	\$26.60	\$25.70	\$24.60	\$23.90	\$22.80	\$8.52
Soybean combining, per acre	27.10	25.80	25.00	23.90	23.10	21.90	6.58
Small grain combining, per acre	25.30	23.70	22.90	22.50	20.70	20.10	6.07
Picking ear corn, per acre (seed corn)	36.10	33.00	31.70	31.50	26.30	25.10	--
Picking ear corn, per acre	26.70	24.30	23.20	22.60	17.90	16.10	5.82
Drying corn							
- continuous flow dryer (per bu.)	--	--	--	--	0.078	0.098	0.092
- continuous flow dryer (per point per bu.)	0.044	0.032	0.030	0.028	0.023	0.022	0.013
- bin dryer (per bu.)	--	--	--	--	0.095	0.070	--
- bin dryer (per point per bu.)	0.037	0.033	0.027	0.036	0.022	0.024	--
- bin dryer rental (per bu.) no fuel or labor	0.080	0.073	0.069	0.081	0.040	0.038	--
Handling grain (by auger), per bu.	0.052	0.049	0.048	0.050	0.035	0.042	--
Hauling grain							
- to storage, wagon per bu.	0.066	0.061	0.058	0.052	0.048	0.041	--
- storage to mkt., wagon, per bu.	0.084	0.077	0.073	0.072	0.058	--	--
- to mkt., truck, per bu. (one way)	0.083	0.079	0.074	--	0.077	--	--
- to mkt., per bu./mile (one way)	--	--	--	--	0.010	0.012	--
- in field, grain cart, per acre	--	--	--	4.60	4.20	--	--
Storing grain, bin rental, per bu., per month	0.034	0.019	0.022	0.027	0.016	0.024	--
Storing grain, bin rental, per bu., per year	0.163	0.129	0.123	0.127	0.108	0.155	--
Storing ear corn, per bu., per year	--	--	--	--	0.090	0.098	--
Harvesting forages							
Hay - mowing, per acre	\$10.70	\$9.20	\$8.90	\$8.05	\$6.60	\$5.40	\$1.68
- mowing/conditioning, per acre	11.80	10.75	9.95	9.75	8.45	8.00	1.71
- raking, per acre	5.65	5.30	4.90	4.35	4.10	3.20	1.20
- windrowing, per acre	11.40	10.55	10.05	9.90	8.70	8.10	--
Mowing CRP acres, per acre	12.50	10.45	9.80	8.95	7.60	6.80	--
Mowing fence rows, ditches, per hr.	48.30	44.40	40.60	47.15	33.00	--	--
Hay baling - small square, per bale	0.48	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.38	0.33	.115
- large square, per bale	8.95	8.30	8.00	9.10	7.25	--	--
- large round, per bale	9.20	8.50	8.35	8.00	7.25	6.30	--
- charge for plastic wrapping	--	--	--	1.50	--	--	--
- stack, 1 ton, per stack	--	--	--	12.30	11.45	11.00	--
- stack, 3 ton, per stack	--	--	--	25.25	26.25	23.00	--
Hay baling & storing, square, per bale	--	--	--	0.61	0.54	--	--
Straw or corn stalk baling							
- large round, per bale	11.20	10.35	10.10	10.00	8.35	7.60	--
Wrapping round bales, per bale, w. net	--	--	--	4.05	--	--	--
Silage - chopping, per acre	--	75.85	45.80	55.45	44.25	--	12.75
- chopping, per hr., per row	35.90	30.55	28.95	28.80	32.05	30.63	--
- chop, haul, fill upright silo./hour, /row	44.80	48.00	30.50	30.90	45.10	37.10	--
- chop, haul, fill trench silo, /hour, /row	--	--	--	29.45	46.80	--	--
Haylage - chopping, per hr., 7 foot hd.	86.55	82.05	85.95	78.30	82.40	70.70	--
- chopping, hauling, filling silo, per hr.	--	--	--	--	123.30	98.20	--
Custom farming - growing and harvesting							
Corn, per acre	\$94.10	\$88.60	\$82.90	\$81.00	\$77.00	\$73.00	\$33.90
Soybeans, per acre	83.00	79.15	76.25	71.75	70.80	67.40	30.44
Small grain, per acre	78.00	64.25	60.70	57.05	54.25	51.20	19.59

Table 1. Custom rate schedule (continued).

Averages	2008	2007	2006	2005	1999	1993	1974
Machine rental (operator, tractor, and fuel not included)							
Tractor, per horsepower, per hour	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.157	\$0.125	\$.058
Grain drill, per acre	8.20	7.30	7.60	7.95	6.10	--	--
No-till soybean drill, per acre	9.50	8.95	8.95	9.05	8.25	8.95	--
Grain wagon, per bu.	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	--	--	--
Grain auger, per bu.	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.023	0.025	--
Grain cart with auger, per bu.	--	--	--	--	0.039	0.037	--
Grain vacuum, per bu.	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.053	0.048	--
Grain cleaner, per bu.	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.023	0.035	--
Liquid manure spreader, per hour	24.20	22.55	19.00	20.25	19.30	19.50	--
Solid manure spreader, per hour	30.35	25.35	18.50	18.40	18.00	--	--
Skid loader, per hour	45.60	34.50	36.90	36.95	27.90	28.30	--
Silage wagon, per hour	--	--	--	8.60	7.45	10.00	--
Power washer, per hour	25.30	24.50	22.20	21.65	13.60	13.25	--
Tub grinder, per hour	175.00	152.00	98.75	146.50	100.00	--	--
Brush chopper, per acre	--	--	--	13.80	--	--	--
Miscellaneous services							
Moving round bales, per bale	\$3.10	\$2.75	\$2.25	\$2.20	\$2.85	--	--
Moving round bales by truck, per mile	--	--	--	1.70	1.40	--	--
Removing snow (loader), per hr.	64.70	56.00	55.80	55.10	44.15	\$37.00	--
Removing snow (blade), per hr.	63.20	52.65	58.35	56.20	41.15	--	--
Removing snow (blower), per hr.	73.10	69.40	71.15	72.45	56.30	49.60	--
Grinding, mixing feed, per ton	8.60	8.95	9.75	9.75	5.90	6.10	--
Spreading liquid manure, broadcast, /hour	--	--	--	33.40	33.35	30.50	--
Spreading liquid manure, injection, 1000 gallon	9.70	9.35	9.45	--	--	--	--
Loading solid manure, per hour	56.50	53.55	44.40	41.15	32.65	--	--
Loading, spreading solid manure, per hr.	89.40	67.60	52.40	59.15	49.90	--	--
Building fence, per hour (no materials)	--	--	--	13.60	10.90	--	--
Building fence, per rod (no materials)	--	--	--	7.40	8.40	--	--
Hauling livestock, with trailer, per loaded mile	2.50	2.15	2.30	1.95	1.55	1.18	--
Bulldozing, per hr. per ft. of blade	9.85	9.20	9.00	9.30	6.95	--	--
Digging post holes, per hole	3.50	3.05	3.10	2.95	2.00	--	--
Building terraces, per foot	1.40	1.35	1.45	1.45	1.10	--	--
Trenching, per foot	1.10	1.10	1.15	1.00	0.60	--	--
Tiling (ex. materials), per foot	1.00	0.70	0.75	0.55	0.41	--	--
Back hoeing, per hour	65.35	59.65	56.60	56.80	49.20	--	--
Chopping brush, per acre	--	--	11.40	11.95	--	--	--
Cleaning seed, per bu.	--	--	--	0.55	0.50	--	--
Shearing sheep, per head	--	--	2.60	2.35	2.25	--	--
Scouting crops, per acre	3.90	3.75	3.55	3.70	3.15	--	--
Soil testing, per sample	8.10	7.55	6.90	7.40	6.00	--	--
Rock picking, per acre	11.90	10.90	11.30	10.75	--	--	--
GPS grid soil testing, per acre	6.30	7.45	6.20	5.90	--	--	--
Farm labor wages							
Machinery operating, per hour	\$11.70	\$10.60	\$10.10	\$9.65	\$7.65	\$6.20	\$2.17

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