



Ohio Farm Custom Rates – 2008

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Many Ohio farmers hire custom farm work in their farm business or perform custom farm work for others. The rates reported in this publication are based on survey results from 205 Ohio farmers, custom operators and farm managers. The rates shown may differ significantly by local region depending on availability of custom operators and demand for their services. Custom rates published in this document include machine fuel and lube, labor, and all ownership costs associated with the machinery and equipment.

See "Farm Machinery Economic Cost Estimates" for an alternative approach to estimating custom machinery rates at:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/DF6696.pdf>

The "Average" rate is the average of all responses. The range is the average +/- one standard deviation which includes about two-thirds of all responses.

	Average	Range		
Strip Tillage				
Stalk Chopper / acre	\$10.00	\$6.73	-	\$13.27
Moldboard Plow / acre	\$15.47	\$10.61	-	\$20.33
Chisel Plow / acre	\$14.23	\$10.37	-	\$18.09
Disk Chisel / acre	\$14.69	\$11.14	-	\$18.23
Disk-Tandem / acre	\$12.44	\$9.70	-	\$15.19
Disk-Offset / acre	\$12.71	\$10.02	-	\$15.40
Soil Finishing /acre	\$11.90	\$9.07	-	\$14.73
Field Cultivator / acre	\$10.55	\$8.30	-	\$12.79
Subsoiling / acre	\$17.88	\$12.52	-	\$23.23
V-Ripping / acre	\$17.28	\$13.67	-	\$20.89
Strip Tillage / acre	\$16.65	\$13.61	-	\$19.69
Fertilizer Application - Ground				
Dry Bulk / acre	\$4.53	\$3.12	-	\$5.93
Liq Knife / acre	\$8.70	\$4.74	-	\$12.65
Liq Spray / acre	\$7.08	\$4.56	-	\$9.60
Annhydrous / acre	\$10.50	\$7.16	-	\$13.84
Lime application / acre	\$7.06	\$4.65	-	\$9.46
Lime application / ton	\$6.05	\$2.90	-	\$9.20
Chemical Control of Weeds or Insects				
Spraying (self propelled) / acre	\$6.36	\$4.86	-	\$7.85
Spraying (pull type) / acre	\$6.33	\$4.22	-	\$8.45
Highboy spraying / acre	\$7.30	\$5.16	-	\$9.44
Aerial Application				
Chemicals / acre	\$7.78	\$6.02	-	\$9.53
Planting Operations				
Conventional Till				
Plant Corn / 30" rows / acre	\$15.11	\$10.81	-	\$19.42
Plant Corn w/ Fert Attach. / 30" rows / acre	\$17.00	\$12.35	-	\$21.65
Plant Soybeans / 15" rows / acre	\$16.06	\$12.08	-	\$20.04
Plant soybeans / 30" rows / acre	\$13.29	\$9.81	-	\$16.76
Drill Soybeans / acre	\$14.60	\$10.78	-	\$18.41
Drill Small Grains / acre	\$14.60	\$10.81	-	\$18.38
No-Till				
Plant Corn / 30" rows / acre	\$17.14	\$13.36	-	\$20.93
Plant Corn w/ Fert Attach. / 30" rows / acre	\$18.75	\$13.87	-	\$23.63
Plant Soybeans / 15" rows / acre	\$15.95	\$12.17	-	\$19.74
Plant soybeans / 30" rows / acre	\$16.78	\$13.11	-	\$20.44
Drill Soybeans / acre	\$15.68	\$11.72	-	\$19.65
Drill Small Grains / acre	\$15.65	\$11.49	-	\$19.80
Grass/Legume/Pasture Seeding				
Grain drill / acre	\$13.38	\$9.93	-	\$16.82
Grain Harvest				
Combine Corn / acre	\$25.45	\$21.61	-	\$29.28
Combine Soy / acre	\$24.73	\$20.96	-	\$28.50
Combine Small Grains / acre	\$24.42	\$20.45	-	\$28.40
Ear Corn Picker/acre	\$28.33	\$22.28	-	\$34.39
Grain Cart/acre	\$4.13	\$2.39	-	\$5.86

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Grain Storage - On Farm				
Storage / month / bushel	\$0.037	\$0.028	-	\$0.046
Storage / year / bushel	\$0.16	\$0.09	-	\$0.22
Grain dry				
Moisture removed per point / bushel	\$0.031	\$0.021	-	\$0.041
Grain Haul				
Farm To Market miles	\$0.14	\$0.10	-	\$0.18
Farm To Field miles	29	6	-	52
Farm To Field miles	\$0.085	\$0.05	-	\$0.12
Farm To Field miles	10	6	-	15
Custom Farming (All Machinery Operations for Growing and Harvesting)				
Corn / acres	\$97.71	\$59.02	-	\$136.40
Soybeans / acre	\$87.95	\$49.70	-	\$126.21
Small Grains / acre	\$77.50	\$50.53	-	\$104.47
Hay/Straw Harvest				
Mowing / acre	\$11.13	\$7.46	-	\$14.79
Mowing and Conditioning / acre	\$12.39	\$8.98	-	\$15.80
Raking / acre	\$6.59	\$4.37	-	\$8.81
Tedding / acre	\$6.13	\$3.64	-	\$8.61
Bailing Small Bales				
Bale and drop in field / bale	\$0.50	\$0.31	-	\$0.68
Bale and load on wagon / bale	\$0.63	\$0.30	-	\$0.96
Haul and store / bale	\$1.31	\$0.79	-	\$1.82
Bailing Large Round Bales				
Bale and drop in field / bale	\$8.43	\$6.33	-	\$10.53
Bale and haul / bale	\$8.81	\$5.59	-	\$12.02
Complete Hay Harvest				
Complete Hay Harvest / % of crop	52 %	48 %	-	56 %

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Miscellaneous				
Bush Hogging / acre	\$13.91	\$7.00	-	\$20.83
Income Tax prep / hour	\$75.50	\$32.85	-	\$118.15
Income Tax prep / return	\$253.16	\$77.45	-	\$426.86
Farm account summary/ return	\$255.00	\$98.94	-	\$411.06
Track Hoe / hour	\$78.93	\$54.58	-	\$103.28
Snow Removal (Blade) / hour	\$63.56	\$46.97	-	\$80.14
Hauling Livestock/mile	\$2.31	\$1.00	-	\$3.63
Soil Testing / sample	\$9.14	\$4.26	-	\$14.02
Soil Testing / acre	\$5.30	\$3.58	-	\$7.02
Grid Soil Sampling / acre	\$7.44	\$6.23	-	\$8.65
Bulldozing per foot of blade / hour	\$8.58	\$5.41	-	\$11.75
Machinery Rental				
Tractor / horsepower / hour	\$0.24	\$0.16	-	\$0.32
Grain Drill (No-till) / acre	\$11.85	\$4.79	-	\$18.91
Bobcat / Skid Loader / day	\$170.71	\$116.29	-	\$225.14