2008 Nebraska Farm Custom Rates – Part I

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

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

This survey is not based on a random sample of custom operators in Nebraska. Questionnaires were sent to all the individuals on our custom operator's mailing list. Thus, the results reflect the average of those who responded to the specific questions, but may not be representative of the rates charged in a particular area. The **Average Rate** for a specific operation provides an estimate of the prevailing charge with its reliability improving as the number of responses increase. The **Most Common Rate** is the rate reported more often than any other for that practice. Usually the Average Rate and the Most Common Rate are similar. The Average Rate is calculated to the nearest cent, while the Most Common Rate is more generally reported to the nearest dollar. The **Range** gives the minimum and the maximum amounts reported. It may be indicative of different conditions under which the work was performed. The range also may reflect the fact that some rates consider travel to and from the field while others do not.

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

Estimates of the costs of owning and operating farm machinery are available to compare with these custom rates. One source of estimated costs of owning and operating machines is the "Minnesota Farm Machinery Economics Cost Estimates." It is available electronically at: http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/DF6696.pdf.

The information presented here should be used only as a guide. Rates change from year to year due to cost changes and the availability of custom operators. For example, the rates reported in this presentation were the prevailing rates in the spring of 2008. In determining the rates for 2008, custom operators and farm owners should consider changes in the cost of machinery, labor and fuel.

Factoring in the difference in fuel cost is essential for obtaining an accurate estimate for the cost associated with custom farming. This survey was conducted when fuel prices ranged from $2.75 - $3.00. As the prices vary, fuel consumption rates and the change in fuel price can be used to update the custom rates to current prices. For example, if the farm diesel price is $2.75 per gallon with a consumption rate of .80 gallons per acre, $2.75 X .80=$2.20 that could be allocated to the per acre custom rate. If farm diesel prices increased to $3.00 per gallon, an estimate of the additional cost due to the fuel increase would be $.25 X .80=$.20. This price then can be added to the custom rate quoted here. If additional information is needed concerning fuel cost refer to the Fuel Cost Estimator which can be located at: http://lancaster.unl.edu/ag/farm-mgt/FuelCostEstimator.xls.

Inquiries or requests to be added to the respondents' list should contact:

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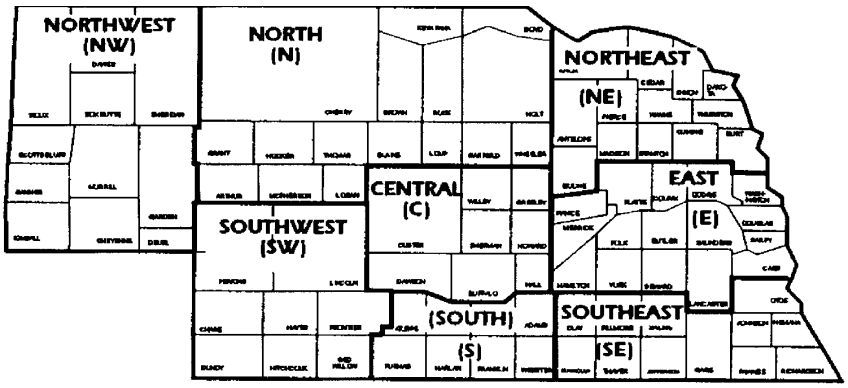

2008 FARM CUSTOM RATES (PART 1)

Reported by Crop Reporting District, in Dollars Unless Otherwise Specified

	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	STATE
LAND TILLAGE OPERATIONS									
MOLDBOARD PLOWING without PLOW PACKER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	10	#	#	#	6	#	#	7	28
Average Rate	13.45	-	-	-	11.25	-	-	12.86	13.25
Range	8.00-18.00	-	-	-	7.00-20.00	-	-	8.00-18.00	7.00-25.00
Most Common	18.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00	18.00
MOLDBOARD PLOWING with PLOW PACKER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	8
Average Rate	18.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.19
Range	16.50-22.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00-22.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.00
DISK HARROWING, TANDEM OR OFFSET, PRIMARY HARROWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	17	7	14	14	21	8	7	29	117
Average Rate	9.50	10.64	11.09	10.11	9.55	11.75	11.64	10.42	10.35
Range	5.00-15.00	9.00-12.00	8.00-18.00	5.00-17.00	6.00-12.00	8.00-16.00	10.00-14.00	5.00-15.00	5.00-18.00
Most Common	10.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	10.00
DISK HARROWING, TANDEM OR OFFSET, FINISHING HARROWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	10	6	11	11	22	5	6	17	88
Average Rate	9.55	9.25	9.34	9.82	9.07	11.20	9.83	9.81	9.58
Range	5.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	7.00-15.00	5.00-17.00	6.75-15.00	9.00-13.00	6.50-12.50	4.25-15.00	4.25-17.00
Most Common	10.00	10.00	9.00	10.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
HARROWING, SPIKE TOOTH, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	3	#	6	#	#	6	20
Average Rate	7.67	-	7.67	-	5.67	-	-	6.83	6.83
Range	6.00-10.00	-	4.00-12.00	-	5.00-7.00	-	-	4.00-10.00	4.00-12.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	-	10.00	6.00
HARROWING, SPRING TOOTH, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	#	#	#	4	#	#	7	18
Average Rate	6.80	-	-	-	6.75	-	-	7.57	7.69
Range	4.50-10.00	-	-	-	5.00-8.00	-	-	4.00-10.00	4.00-12.50
Most Common	-	-	-	-	7.00	-	-	10.00	10.00
CHISEL PLOW FOR PRIMARY TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	13	3	3	5	8	#	#	11	46
Average Rate	8.73	12.33	14.00	12.80	11.00	-	-	12.09	11.09
Range	5.00-14.00	10.00-15.00	10.00-18.00	10.00-17.00	7.00-15.00	-	-	7.00-15.00	5.00-18.00
Most Common	6.00	-	-	11.00	12.00	-	-	15.00	12.00
DEEP CHISEL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	6	3	3	6	11	3	#	10	44
Average Rate	13.38	14.00	13.67	13.25	13.91	13.00	-	14.60	13.86
Range	8.00-18.00	12.00-15.00	8.00-22.00	7.00-21.00	10.00-20.00	12.00-14.00	-	8.00-18.00	7.00-22.00
Most Common	18.00	15.00	-	-	15.00	-	-	15.00	15.00
SUBSOILER OR RIPPING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	6	6	7	6	18	5	4	9	61
Average Rate	14.33	14.17	16.43	13.75	15.83	13.60	17.00	16.56	15.39
Range	12.00-18.00	12.00-18.00	12.00-22.00	7.00-22.00	8.00-25.00	10.00-16.00	14.00-20.00	11.00-22.00	7.00-25.00
Most Common	12.00	15.00	15.00	-	25.00	-	-	15.00	15.00
FIELD CULTIVATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	10	5	6	9	20	5	7	21	83
Average Rate	8.91	11.10	10.42	10.50	8.51	10.00	10.14	8.90	9.40
Range	4.50-15.00	7.50-18.00	7.00-18.00	7.50-17.00	6.00-13.00	8.00-14.00	6.00-12.50	4.00-12.00	4.00-18.00
Most Common	7.00	-	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	12.00	10.00	8.00
ROTARY TILLERS, PTO DRIVEN, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	6
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.33
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.50-12.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
ROD WEEDER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	10	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	15
Average Rate	7.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.77
Range	4.50-12.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.50-12.00
Most Common	7.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00
BLADE PLOW OR WIDE SWEEP BLADE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	9	#	#	#	#	#	6	#	20
Average Rate	7.95	-	-	-	-	-	11.58	-	9.18
Range	6.00-12.00	-	-	-	-	-	9.00-15.00	-	5.00-18.00
Most Common	8.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.00

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	STATE
COMBINATION TILLAGE OPERATIONS, PRIMARY TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	5	5	#	#	4	22
Average Rate	-	-	-	10.60	11.40	-	-	12.25	11.70
Range	-	-	-	7.50-14.00	8.00-15.00	-	-	6.50-18.00	6.50-18.00
Most Common	-	-	-	10.00	10.00	-	-	-	10.00
COMBINATION TILLAGE OPERATIONS, FINISHING TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	3	3	#	8	3	#	8	33
Average Rate	14.40	9.50	12.00	-	10.88	9.33	-	12.19	11.70
Range	10.00-22.00	8.00-10.50	8.00-18.00	-	8.00-17.00	9.00-10.00	-	10.00-18.00	8.00-22.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	12.00	9.00	-	10.00	10.00
STALK SHREDDER TILLING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	#	3	#	3	4	#	#	19
Average Rate	15.80	-	13.00	-	15.67	16.00	-	-	14.82
Range	10.00-22.00	-	8.00-16.00	-	10.00-20.00	15.00-19.00	-	-	8.00-22.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	15.00
STALK SHREDDER PTO DRIVEN, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	4	4	11	12	3	#	12	51
Average Rate	8.00	8.25	8.75	9.27	8.19	9.83	-	9.27	8.90
Range	6.00-11.00	6.00-10.00	6.00-12.00	6.00-13.50	5.00-12.00	7.50-12.00	-	4.25-15.00	4.25-15.00
Most Common	-	-	-	8.00	10.00	-	-	10.00	10.00
ROLLING STALK CHOPPER, NOT PTO, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	4	#	10	12	5	#	8	46
Average Rate	8.25	6.88	-	6.90	7.33	8.40	-	6.75	7.52
Range	7.00-10.00	5.50-8.00	-	5.00-10.00	5.00-10.00	5.00-12.00	-	5.00-10.00	5.00-13.50
Most Common	8.00	8.00	-	6.00	8.00	-	-	7.00	8.00
ROLLING HARROWING AFTER PLOWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	8
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.13
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.00-12.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
PLANTING AND POST PLANTING OPERATIONS									
DRILLING SMALL GRAINS, CONVENTIONAL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	14	4	6	7	8	5	4	14	62
Average Rate	10.04	12.25	12.42	11.00	11.50	11.40	12.63	11.07	11.22
Range	7.00-14.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-16.50	6.00-17.00	9.00-14.00	8.00-15.00	10.00-15.00	10.00-15.00	6.00-17.00
Most Common	10.00	13.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	-	10.00	10.00
DRILLING SMALL GRAINS, NO-TILL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	16	3	5	9	18	10	7	52	120
Average Rate	11.96	14.00	14.40	14.00	14.39	13.50	15.71	13.91	13.82
Range	7.00-15.00	14.00-14.00	12.00-18.00	9.50-18.00	9.50-19.00	8.00-15.00	13.00-20.00	7.00-22.50	7.00-22.50
Most Common	14.00	14.00	-	12.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	15.00	15.00
DRILLING SOYBEANS, CONVENTIONAL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	6	3	10	#	#	9	34
Average Rate	-	-	12.33	11.33	12.35	-	-	11.22	11.94
Range	-	-	10.00-16.00	8.00-14.00	10.00-16.00	-	-	10.00-15.00	8.00-16.00
Most Common	-	-	12.00	-	12.00	-	-	10.00	12.00
DRILLING SOYBEANS, NO-TILL DRILL, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	10	3	30	7	6	56	116
Average Rate	-	-	14.25	14.67	13.63	13.86	15.50	14.39	14.20
Range	-	-	12.00-18.00	10.00-18.00	8.00-19.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-20.00	10.00-22.50	8.00-22.50
Most Common	-	-	13.00	-	15.00	13.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
PLANTING DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	6	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	13
Average Rate	13.42	19.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.19
Range	7.50-18.00	12.00-25.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.50-25.00
Most Common	13.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
PLANTING SUGAR BEETS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4
Average Rate	15.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.63
Range	13.00-20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.00-20.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEEDING GRASS SEED, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	3	#	6	19
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	13.17	14.00	-	14.92	14.08
Range	-	-	-	-	12.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	-	8.50-20.00	8.50-20.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.00	15.00
SEEDING GRASS SEED WITH DEPTH BANDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.56
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00-20.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.00

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	STATE
SEEDING LEGUMES, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	#	3	4	#	#	12	27
Average Rate	11.63	-	-	12.67	11.88	-	-	12.75	12.33
Range	10.00-13.50	-	-	8.00-18.00	9.50-15.00	-	-	10.00-16.00	7.00-18.00
Most Common	10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00	12.00
SEEDING LEGUMES WITH DEPTH BANDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	3	12
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	12.17	-	-	12.67	13.58
Range	-	-	-	-	9.50-15.00	-	-	12.00-14.00	9.50-18.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00	12.00
SEEDING CRP GROUND, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	4	4	#	9	22
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	12.25	16.00	-	15.47	14.97
Range	-	-	-	-	9.50-15.00	13.00-20.00	-	10.75-22.00	5.00-22.50
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00
SEEDING CRP GROUND WITH DEPTH BANDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	11
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	16.33	-	-	14.50
Range	-	-	-	-	-	13.00-20.00	-	-	12.00-20.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
INTERSEEDING LEGUMES WITH POWER SEEDER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.33
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00-16.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, ROTARY HOEING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	7	#	4	#	4	#	#	6	26
Average Rate	6.43	-	6.88	-	7.25	-	-	5.50	6.62
Range	5.00-10.00	-	4.00-12.00	-	6.00-8.00	-	-	4.00-8.00	4.00-12.00
Most Common	5.00	-	-	-	8.00	-	-	5.00	5.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, CONVENTIONAL CROP CULTIVATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	5	5	6	11	4	3	6	43
Average Rate	8.00	7.10	8.90	8.33	8.25	11.00	8.83	7.29	8.35
Range	5.00-11.00	5.00-10.00	5.00-16.00	6.50-12.00	6.00-12.50	10.00-12.00	6.50-12.50	4.75-10.00	4.75-16.00
Most Common	-	5.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	-	6.00	8.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, CULTIVATOR HANDLING RESIDUE &/OR MAKING RIDGES, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	5	11	3	#	9	33
Average Rate	-	-	-	9.10	9.50	10.00	-	8.44	9.39
Range	-	-	-	7.50-10.00	7.00-12.00	10.00-10.00	-	6.00-11.00	6.00-16.00
Most Common	-	-	-	10.00	12.00	10.00	-	8.00	10.00
CULTIVATION TILLAGE, HILLING OR DITCHING FOR IRRIGATION, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	6	#	#	8	14	#	3	7	43
Average Rate	6.92	-	-	9.81	8.77	-	8.83	9.00	8.98
Range	5.00-9.00	-	-	8.00-15.00	6.00-12.00	-	6.50-12.50	6.00-16.00	5.00-16.00
Most Common	8.00	-	-	10.00	8.00	-	-	8.00	8.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, NO TILL, WITH BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	8	#	6	3	9	#	4	20	54
Average Rate	12.44	-	15.67	13.83	13.39	-	14.00	13.48	13.65
Range	10.00-14.00	-	12.00-18.00	12.50-15.00	10.50-17.50	-	10.00-16.00	9.00-17.50	9.00-18.00
Most Common	13.00	-	18.00	-	15.00	-	-	12.00	12.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, NO-TILL, WITHOUT BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	3	6	6	13	3	4	20	60
Average Rate	11.20	11.67	12.67	12.25	13.69	14.33	13.75	12.25	12.69
Range	7.50-13.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-17.00	7.00-15.00	8.00-20.00	12.00-17.00	12.00-15.50	6.00-19.00	6.00-20.00
Most Common	-	12.00	9.00	15.00	12.00	-	-	10.00	12.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH COULTERS, WITH BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	8	4	9	#	10	3	7	18	61
Average Rate	13.63	13.63	15.22	-	13.85	11.50	14.57	14.19	14.14
Range	11.00-20.00	10.50-17.00	10.00-20.00	-	12.00-17.50	10.00-12.50	10.00-17.00	10.50-20.00	10.00-20.00
Most Common	13.00	-	15.00	-	12.00	-	15.5	15.00	15.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH COULTERS, WITHOUT BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	7	#	17	#	5	20	57
Average Rate	-	-	15.43	-	13.50	-	14.80	13.41	13.64
Range	-	-	12.00-21.00	-	8.00-17.50	-	13.00-16.00	6.50-22.00	6.50-22.00
Most Common	-	-	12.00	-	13.00	-	-	12.00	12.00
PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH ROW CLEANING, WITH BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	7	4	4	13	12	3	5	15	63
Average Rate	14.69	15.13	15.25	13.00	15.08	13.67	14.80	13.98	14.27
Range	11.30-20.00	11.50-20.00	12.00-19.00	10.00-17.00	12.00-18.50	10.00-16.00	10.00-18.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00
Most Common	13.00	-	15.00	12.00	15.00	-	15.50	15.00	15.00

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PLANTING ROW CROPS, WITH ROW CLEANING, WITHOUT BAND APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	4	11	#	5	13	39
Average Rate	-	-	13.83	11.88	14.45	-	14.80	13.38	13.71
Range	-	-	13.00-15.00	7.00-16.00	10.00-20.00	-	13.00-17.00	9.00-17.50	7.00-20.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	12.50	-	-	15.00	15.00
HAYING AND BALING									
MOWING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	7	3	#	9	#	#	7	28
Average Rate	-	8.71	8.33	-	8.28	-	-	10.43	9.07
Range	-	5.00-15.00	7.00-10.00	-	5.00-10.00	-	-	6.00-20.00	5.00-20.00
Most Common	-	5.00	-	-	8.00	-	-	10.00	10.00
RAKING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	7	7	10	7	13	3	3	24	74
Average Rate	4.46	5.57	4.65	4.50	5.10	4.67	3.67	4.31	4.64
Range	2.50-7.00	3.00-9.00	2.00-8.00	3.00-6.00	3.00-9.00	3.00-6.00	3.00-4.00	2.00-8.00	2.00-9.00
Most Common	5.00	5.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	-	4.00	5.00	5.00
MOWING AND RAKING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	4	#	#	6	#	#	3	14
Average Rate	-	12.5	-	-	11.00	-	-	12.33	11.93
Range	-	7.50-17.50	-	-	6.00-14.00	-	-	10.00-15.00	6.00-17.50
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
SWATHING WITH CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	7	3	#	4	28	43
Average Rate	-	-	-	74.57	86.67	-	75.00	78.93	77.72
Range	-	-	-	55.00-100.00	70.00-100.00	-	60.00-80.00	45.00-120.00	45.00-120.00
Most Common	-	-	-	80.00	70.00	-	80.00	70.00	70.00
SWATHING WITH CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	11	5	19	10	27	6	#	39	120
Average Rate	12.43	11.00	9.71	11.35	10.74	13.00	-	10.30	10.70
Range	8.25-14.00	9.00-14.00	7.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	5.00-15.00	12.00-14.00	-	6.00-15.00	5.00-15.00
Most Common	14.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	14.00	-	10.00	10.00
SWATHING WITHOUT CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.00
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45.00-70.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SWATHING WITHOUT CRUSHING/CRIMPING, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	#	3	#	3	#	#	5	16
Average Rate	10.00	-	10.67	-	11.00	-	-	10.10	10.59
Range	8.00-12.00	-	8.00-14.00	-	10.00-12.00	-	-	8.00-12.00	8.00-14.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	10.00
BALING SMALL SQUARE BALES WITH TWINE TIE, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 63), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	3	#	5	#	14	3	#	24	51
Average Rate	0.57	-	0.55	-	0.59	0.97	-	0.54	0.61
Range	0.45-0.75	-	0.35-0.75	-	0.40-0.85	0.75-1.25	-	0.25-1.10	0.25-1.25
Most Common	-	-	-	-	0.50	-	-	0.40	0.50
BALING SMALL SQUARE BALES WITH WIRE TIE, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 70), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	6	#	#	8	17
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	0.78	-	-	0.57	0.65
Range	-	-	-	-	0.60-1.25	-	-	0.25-1.00	0.25-1.25
Most Common	-	-	-	-	0.60	-	-	0.50	0.60
BALING LARGE SQUARE BALES, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 1333), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	6	#	4	5	7	#	#	13	36
Average Rate	12.46	-	11.63	13.40	12.14	-	-	10.71	11.74
Range	10.00-15.00	-	8.00-18.00	11.00-15.00	10.00-15.00	-	-	8.00-14.00	8.00-18.00
Most Common	13.00	-	-	15.00	12.00	-	-	12.00	12.00
BALING LARGE ROUND BALES, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 1557), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	8	11	19	14	29	9	5	57	152
Average Rate	10.52	8.95	9.03	10.75	10.64	9.03	9.80	10.28	10.06
Range	8.15-14.00	7.44-10.00	7.00-11.00	7.50-20.00	7.00-18.00	7.75-12.00	8.00-11.00	7.50-15.00	7.00-20.00
Most Common	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
BALING CORNSTALKS WITH LARGE ROUND BALER, (AVERAGE LBS/BALE = 1305), PER BALE									
Number Reporting	#	4	7	5	12	3	3	32	67
Average Rate	-	10.75	11.86	12.60	13.04	9.00	10.83	11.29	11.65
Range	-	8.00-13.00	8.50-16.00	10.00-15.00	9.00-20.00	8.00-10.00	9.50-12.00	7.00-16.00	7.00-20.00
Most Common	-	-	12.00	10.00	12.00	-	-	10.00	10.00
LOADING AND STACKING SMALL BALES, PER BALE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	5	#	#	#	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	0.40	-	-	-	0.53
Range	-	-	-	-	0.15-1.00	-	-	-	0.15-1.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	0.15	-	-	-	1.00

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LIFTING AND MOVING LARGE ROUND BALES WITH TRACTOR, (AVERAGE DISTANCE= 1.19 miles), PER BALI									
Number Reporting	6	4	3	5	5	3	3	14	42
Average Rate	2.67	1.63	1.67	2.20	2.70	2.67	2.17	2.73	2.26
Range	2.00-3.00	1.00-2.00	1.00-3.00	1.50-3.00	1.50-5.00	1.00-5.00	2.00-2.50	1.00-5.00	1.00-5.00
Most Common	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	-	2.00	1.00	2.00
LOADING AND MOVING LARGE ROUND BALES WITH TRACTOR, (AVERAGE DISTANCE= 4 miles), (BALES/LOAD=13) PER LOAI									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.75	37.22
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.00-60.00	16.00-60.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
SMALL GRAIN HARVEST(WHEAT, OATS, AND BARLEY)									
WINDROWING GRAIN CROPS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	12	3	8	#	4	#	#	4	32
Average Rate	9.92	14.00	9.31	-	12.00	-	-	10.75	10.52
Range	8.00-13.50	12.00-18.00	7.00-12.00	-	10.00-15.00	-	-	8.00-15.00	7.00-18.00
Most Common	10.00	12.00	7.00	-	10.00	-	-	-	10.00
COMBINING SMALL GRAINS, FLAT CHARGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	17	5	6	6	22	6	4	49	115
Average Rate	18.18	21.20	22.50	24.42	24.27	16.67	23.50	23.06	22.21
Range	13.00-26.00	18.00-25.00	18.00-27.00	17.00-32.00	20.00-30.00	14.00-22.00	14.00-35.00	15.00-30.00	13.00-35.00
Most Common	15.00	20.00	18.00	-	25.00	14.00	-	25.00	25.00
COMBINING SMALL GRAINS, MINIMUM WITH EXTRA CHARGE FOR HIGH YIELDS, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	9	#	#	3	5	7	4	12	41
Average Rate	17.00	-	-	16.33	21.20	15.14	15.50	18.25	17.34
Range	14.00-25.00	-	-	13.00-20.00	16.00-25.00	14.00-20.00	14.00-17.00	5.00-25.00	5.00-25.00
Most Common	16.00	-	-	-	20.00	14.00	-	18.00	16.00
PLUS ADDITIONAL FEE PER BUSHEL FOR CROPS YIELDING OVER 24 BUSHELS PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	14	#	#	#	4	9	4	7	42
Average Rate	0.17	-	-	-	0.12	0.13	0.16	0.12	0.15
Range	0.25-0.14	-	-	-	0.05-0.18	0.07-0.17	0.14-0.17	0.05-0.18	0.05-0.25
Most Common	0.16	-	-	-	-	0.14	-	0.10	0.16
COMBINING SMALL GRAIN, COMBINATION CHARGES REGARDLESS OF YIELD, PER ACRI									
Number Reporting	5	#	#	#	6	5	#	10	30
Average Rate	19.00	-	-	-	22.67	16.80	-	24.70	22.60
Range	15.00-26.00	-	-	-	20.00-30.00	14.00-27.00	-	18.00-34.00	14.00-40.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	20.00	14.00	-	22.00	22.00
PLUS ADDITIONAL FEE, FOR EACH BUSHEL									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	4	#	5	16
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	0.14	-	0.11	0.14
Range	-	-	-	-	-	0.14-0.15	-	0.05-0.18	0.05-0.20
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	0.14	-	0.12	0.14
HAULING SMALL GRAIN FROM COMBINE TO LOCAL STORAGE, FLAT RATE, PER BUSHEI									
Number Reporting	20	#	6	9	24	9	5	42	117
Average Rate	0.16	-	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.14	0.13	0.09	0.11
Range	0.10-0.25	-	0.07-0.10	0.06-0.17	0.05-0.18	0.10-0.17	0.10-0.17	0.02-0.16	0.02-0.25
Most Common	0.15	-	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.10
PLUS EXTRA CHARGE FOR DISTANCE OVER 11 MILES, PER BUSHEL									
Number Reporting	7	#	#	3	9	8	3	15	47
Average Rate	0.05	-	-	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.04
Range	0.01-0.16	-	-	0.01-0.01	0.01-0.12	0.01-0.20	0.02-0.05	0.005-0.10	0.005-0.20
Most Common	0.01	-	-	0.01	0.01	0.02	-	0.01	0.01
APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER (EXCLUDING COST OF FERTILIZER)									
DRY FERTILIZER, INCLUDING POWER, LABOR & APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	4	#	9	#	10	#	3	11	40
Average Rate	5.13	-	5.06	-	5.10	-	6.67	5.86	5.46
Range	5.00-5.50	-	2.50-12.00	-	2.50-10.00	-	4.50-10.50	3.50-10.00	2.50-12.00
Most Common	5.00	-	2.50	-	6.00	-	-	6.00	5.00
DRY FERTILIZER, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	5	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10	4.56
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.50-5.50	1.00-12.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00
DRY FERTILIZER, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER TON									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	7
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.33	8.21
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00-15.00	5.00-15.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00

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LIQUID FERTILIZER, POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	3	3	9	3	17	3	4	15	57
Average Rate	5.17	6.25	5.92	5.83	6.40	5.22	5.94	6.29	6.10
Range	5.00-5.50	4.00-10.00	4.00-12.00	3.50-8.00	4.50-10.00	4.65-5.50	5.25-7.50	4.00-10.00	3.50-12.00
Most Common	5.00	-	6.00	-	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00
LIQUID FERTILIZER, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	6	13
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.42	4.77
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.50-12.50	2.50-12.50
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00	4.00
LIQUID FERTILIZER, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER TON									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	5
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.30
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00-12.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, CONVENTIONAL KNIFE, POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	5	3	5	#	5	#	#	9	30
Average Rate	6.51	8.00	10.90	-	10.90	-	-	9.72	9.47
Range	5.05-9.50	5.00-10.00	7.00-16.00	-	9.50-13.00	-	-	7.50-13.00	5.00-16.00
Most Common	-	-	11.00	-	10.00	-	-	10.00	10.00
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, CONVENTIONAL KNIFE, APPLICATOR ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.17	7.78
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00-6.00	3.00-16.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, KNIFE WITH COULTERS, POWER, LABOR, & APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	10	4	24	#	4	38	85
Average Rate	-	-	10.60	10.88	9.81	-	11.38	10.09	10.12
Range	-	-	7.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	6.00-15.00	-	9.50-14.00	7.50-16.00	6.00-16.00
Most Common	-	-	-	10.00	9.00	-	-	8.50	10.00
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, KNIFE WITH COULTERS, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	11	17
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	5.67	-	-	5.09	5.12
Range	-	-	-	-	2.00-9.00	-	-	3.00-9.50	2.00-9.50
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00	3.00
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, KNIFE WITH COULTERS, APPLICATOR RENTAL ONLY, PER TON									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	5
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	17.00	-	-	-	14.83
Range	-	-	-	-	9.50-26.00	-	-	-	9.50-26.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSECT, DISEASE, AND WEED CONTROL PER APPLICATION (EXCLUDES COST OF MATERIALS									
SPRAYING WEED CONTROL, BOOM, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	11	4	17	3	29	6	5	39	114
Average Rate	4.89	4.88	5.84	5.67	5.96	5.50	5.60	5.47	5.58
Range	4.00-6.00	4.50-5.25	4.50-12.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-8.00	3.75-8.00	5.50-6.00	4.00-10.00	3.75-12.00
Most Common	9.50	-	5.00	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.50	5.00	5.00
SPRAYING WEED CONTROL, PIPE WICK APPLICATOR, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	8
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.33	9
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00-17.00	6.00-17.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
SPRAYING WEED CONTROL, RECIRCULATION SPRAYER, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.50	7.00
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00-7.50	5.00-12.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00	6.00
SPRAYING WEED CONTROL, COMBINATION SPRAYER & TILLAGE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	6
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.08
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00-20.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.00
CROP SPRAYING BY SURFACE VEHICLE, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	6	#	12	#	19	5	#	29	77
Average Rate	5.08	-	6.00	-	6.12	5.48	-	5.64	5.71
Range	3.00-6.00	-	3.00-14.00	-	4.50-8.00	3.75-8.00	-	4.50-8.00	3.00-14.00
Most Common	6.00	-	5.50	-	6.00	-	-	5.00	6.00
CROP SPRAYING BY AIRCRAFT, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	8	16
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	6.00	-	-	6.94	7.36
Range	-	-	-	-	5.00-8.00	-	-	4.00-10.00	4.00-14.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	-	6.00	6.00

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WASTE HANDLING									
LOADING MANURE WITH TRACTOR & LOADER, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	4	3	#	4	17
Average Rate	-	-	58.33	-	68.50	50.00	-	65.00	61.71
Range	-	-	50.00-75.00	-	44.00-100.00	40.00-65.00	-	35.00-105.00	35.00-105.00
Most Common	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	60.00	50.00
HAULING AND SPREADING DRY MANURE, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	#	3	#	#	7	19
Average Rate	-	-	105.00	-	133.33	-	-	94.29	97.37
Range	-	-	50.00-200.00	-	100.00-150.00	-	-	40.00-140.00	40.00-200.00
Most Common	-	-	50.00	-	150.00	-	-	-	50.00
PUMPING, HAULING, & SPREADING LIQUID MANURE, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	4
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76.25
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.00-150.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUSTOM CONTRACT FARMING									
WINTER WHEAT, NO FALLOW GROUND (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 3.5), PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	3	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	75.00	-	-	60.00	63.89
Range	-	-	-	-	40.00-110.00	-	-	50.00-70.00	18.00-110.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WINTER WHEAT, INCLUDING FALLOW GROUND (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 5), PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	5
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.10
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.50-85.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAIN SORGHUM (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD = 4), PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	5	7
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.50	64.64
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00-90.00	50.00-90.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
DRYLAND SOYBEANS (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD= 5), PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	11	#	#	6	20
Average Rate	-	-	74.00	-	63.36	-	-	69.58	66.83
Range	-	-	60.00-90.00	-	24.00-100.00	-	-	50.00-90.00	24.00-100.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	80.00	-	-	90.00	90.00
IRRIGATED SOYBEANS (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD= 5), PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	4	#	#	7	#	#	6	19
Average Rate	-	90.00	-	-	78.64	-	-	66.17	77.24
Range	-	70.00-110.00	-	-	45.50-110.00	-	-	32.00-90.00	32.00-110.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	80.00	-	-	-	80.00
DRYLAND CORN (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD= 4.5), PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	5	#	12	#	#	6	26
Average Rate	-	-	70.60	-	84.04	-	-	75.42	76.12
Range	-	-	28.00-105.00	-	50.50-120.00	-	-	52.50-90.00	25.00-120.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	80.00	-	-	90.00	90.00
IRRIGATED CORN (AVERAGE TIMES OVER THE FIELD= 5.33), PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	5	3	#	10	#	#	5	27
Average Rate	-	89.00	120.00	-	101.55	-	-	91.00	96.11
Range	-	65.00-125.00	95.00-150.00	-	50.50-150.00	-	-	70.00-105.00	49.50-150.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
DOES THE CUSTOM FARMING RATE INCLUDE HAULING GRAIN FROM FIELD TO FARM?									
Number Reporting Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Number Reporting No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
DOES THE CUSTOM FARMING RATE INCLUDE HAULING GRAIN FROM FIELD TO ELEVATOR?									
Number Reporting Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Number Reporting No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
MISCELLANEOUS									
DIGGING POST HOLES, PER HOLE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	3	11
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	1.83	-	-	1.33	1.99
Range	-	-	-	-	1.00-2.50	-	-	0.25-3.00	0.25-8.40
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00
DRIVING WOODEN POST, PER POST									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	6
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.42
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.50-3.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00

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TRENCHING, PER FOOT									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	8	16
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	1.98	-	-	0.78	1.06
Range	-	-	-	-	0.85-4.00	-	-	0.60-1.25	0.50-4.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.70	1.25
INJECTION PUMP FOR CHEMICALS WITH CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION, PER ACRE									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	9
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.28
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.50-5.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00
TRACTOR RENT, 50-69 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	6
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.29
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.00-18.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRACTOR RENT, 70-89 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	3	#	#	#	8
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	12.92	-	-	-	15.19
Range	-	-	-	-	11.00-15.00	-	-	-	11.00-20.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.00
TRACTOR RENT, 90-109 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	3	8
Average Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.33	20.69
Range	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00-35.00	12.00-35.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
TRACTOR RENTAL, 110-149 H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	3	5	#	#	5	18
Average Rate	-	-	-	24.83	21.50	-	-	24.40	23.88
Range	-	-	-	17.50-32.00	15.00-30.00	-	-	17.00-35.00	15.00-35.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
TRACTOR RENTAL, 150- 199 PTO H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	3	#	9	#	#	5	21
Average Rate	-	-	28.33	-	25.67	-	-	25.65	26.61
Range	-	-	22.00-33.00	-	19.00-40.00	-	-	18.00-30.00	18.00-40.00
Most Common	-	-	-	-	20.00	-	-	-	30.00
TRACTOR RENTAL, 200 & ABOVE PTO H.P., PER METER HOUR									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	#	3	#	#	5	17
Average Rate	-	-	46.25	-	36.67	-	-	35.20	38.80
Range	-	-	40.00-60.00	-	30.00-50.00	-	-	30.00-48.00	30.00-60.00
Most Common	-	-	12.00	-	30.00	-	-	30.00	30.00
AVERAGE LABOR RATE ASSUMED OR INCLUDED IN CUSTOM RATES, PER HOUR									
Number Reporting	16	11	21	16	30	10	5	46	155
Average Rate	10.78	11.18	11.88	12.63	12.68	11.75	11.90	12.11	12.01
Range	9.00-15.00	10.00-15.00	9.00-15.00	7.00-18.00	7.50-20.00	10.00-15.00	10.00-15.00	5.00-20.00	5.00-20.00
Most Common	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
EXPECTED FARM DELIVERED DIESEL FUEL COST IN 2008, PER GALLON									
Number Reporting	18	8	15	17	38	11	4	57	168
Average Rate	2.97	2.91	2.94	2.96	2.93	3.03	2.98	2.99	2.97
Range	2.40-3.25	2.50-3.50	2.50-3.25	2.70-3.50	2.00-4.00	2.90-3.29	2.80-3.25	2.00-3.75	2.00-4.00
Most Common	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	-	3.00	3.00

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