



# Ohio Farm Custom Rates – 2008

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.

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		
<b>Strip Tillage</b>				
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
<b>Fertilizer Application - Ground</b>				
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
<b>Chemical Control of Weeds or Insects</b>				
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
<b>Aerial Application</b>				
Chemicals / acre	\$7.78	\$6.02	-	\$9.53

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<b>Planting Operations</b>				
<b>Conventional Till</b>				
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
<b>No-Till</b>				
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
<b>Grass/Legume/Pasture Seeding</b>				
Grain drill / acre	\$13.38	\$9.93	-	\$16.82
<b>Grain Harvest</b>				
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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<b>Grain Storage - On Farm</b>				
Storage / month / bushel	\$0.037	\$0.028	-	\$0.046
Storage / year / bushel	\$0.16	\$0.09	-	\$0.22
<b>Grain dry</b>				
Moisture removed per point / bushel	\$0.031	\$0.021	-	\$0.041
<b>Grain Haul</b>				
Farm To Market miles	\$0.14	\$0.10	-	\$0.18
Farm To Field miles	\$0.085	\$0.05	-	\$0.12
<b>Custom Farming (All Machinery Operations for Growing and Harvesting)</b>				
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
<b>Hay/Straw Harvest</b>				
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
<b>Bailing Small Bales</b>				
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
<b>Bailing Large Round Bales</b>				
Bale and drop in field / bale	\$8.43	\$6.33	-	\$10.53
Bale and haul / bale	\$8.81	\$5.59	-	\$12.02
<b>Complete Hay Harvest</b>				
Complete Hay Harvest / % of crop	52 %	48 %	-	56 %

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<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
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
<b>Machinery Rental</b>				
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

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