

Acreage rates on the previous pages are shown separately for two regions of the state, labeled "**Mountain**" and "**Valley**".

The differences in rates between regions reflect differences in terrain, soils and alternative opportunities for the labor and equipment used. Figures labeled "**State**" represent the straight average of all reports used regardless of geographic location.

Of the 84 rates reported with year-to-year comparisons, 55 increased, 23 decreased, and 6 are virtually unchanged from last year. Overall, custom rates were up 2.71 percent compared to the previous year. Because of the potential variation in size and overall productivity of equipment, a range of reported rates for each job has been added. The range represents the middle 80 percent of all reported rates for each job, thus the lowest 10 percent and the highest 10 percent of all reported values were excluded.

