

Machinery Custom Rates, 2013

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The custom rates shown are averages from voluntary reports by custom operators and farmers throughout Pennsylvania. Most of the rates are stated per acre, cwt., ton, bale, or bushel rather than per hour to reduce the variation due to machinery size. Individual rates vary

due to differences in working conditions, services performed, or even the operator's eagerness to do custom work. Therefore, the average rates shown should not be considered absolute indications of fair charges.

Custom Rates: Selected Farming Operations, Pennsylvania, 2012-2013

Job	Basis of Charge	2013 (Dollars)				2012 State (Dollars)
		Mountain Section	Valley Section	Range ²	State	
Harvesting:						
Corn Picking.....	Acre	32.40	23.40	15.00-40.00	27.30	26.70
Corn Combining.....	Acre	33.80	32.30	29.00-36.00	32.60	32.20
Corn Drying (23 Percent).....	Bu.	0.47	0.50	0.15-0.95	0.49	0.47
Combining Small Grains.....	Acre	33.30	31.80	27.50-35.00	32.10	31.60
Combining Soybeans.....	Acre	35.10	32.20	30.00-35.50	32.70	32.30
Hay Making:						
Mowing.....	Acre	14.60	16.30	12.00-20.00	15.80	15.10
Mowing & Conditioning.....	Acre	19.70	16.60	12.00-22.00	17.40	16.10
Raking.....	Acre	10.50	9.25	5.75-14.75	9.55	9.00
Small Square Baling.....	Bale	0.98	0.89	0.45-1.75	0.92	0.81
Cut, Rake, Bale & Store.....	Bale	2.15	1.90	1.14-3.00	2.00	1.80
Large Round Baling.....	Bale	8.35	7.30	5.50-10.00	7.70	7.40
Size.....	Lbs.	872	830	600-1,100	848	839
Large Square Baling.....	Bale	8.15	8.35	6.50-11.00	8.35	8.35
Size.....	Lbs.	768	801	600-1,100	797	791
Wrapping Bales.....	Bale	6.95	6.80	4.25-9.25	6.85	6.80
Silage Making:						
Pull-Type Chopper & Tractor.....	Hour	86.00	95.00	70.00-100.00	92.00	88.80
Self-Propelled Chopper.....	Hour	250.00	246.00	150.00-350.00	247.00	247.00
Less than 365 HP.....	Hour	-	-	125.00-290.00	220.00	204.00
Greater than 365 HP.....	Hour	-	-	200.00-400.00	281.00	281.00
Blower.....	Hour	NA ¹	16.60	10.00-30.00	17.00	15.50
1 Man, 2 Wagons, 1 Tractor.....	Hour	NA ¹	81.80	45.00-100.00	80.60	68.00
2 Men, 2 Wagons, 2 Tractors.....	Hour	NA ¹	140.00	85.00-168.00	134.00	115.00
1 Man, 1 Truck.....	Hour	64.10	76.40	57.90-80.00	74.10	66.00
Field Chop, Haul & Fill Silo.....	Ton	NA ¹	7.90	4.00-13.50	8.30	8.95
Bagging Silage.....	Foot	NA ¹	4.55	2.75-7.50	4.85	5.05
Less than 9.0 ft.....	Foot	-	-	2.00-7.50	4.55	4.60
Greater than 9.0 ft.....	Foot	-	-	4.00-7.50	5.15	5.95
Plowing & Cultivating:						
Plowing, Moldboard Plow:						
Stubble.....	Acre	21.70	20.50	12.00-30.00	21.00	19.60
Sod.....	Acre	25.20	24.70	12.00-45.00	24.90	22.40
Plowing, Deep (10 Inches or More).....	Acre	25.80	25.90	15.00-45.00	25.90	24.00
Plowing, Chisel.....	Acre	21.60	20.20	15.00-30.00	20.50	18.70
Plowing, Disk.....	Acre	24.00	21.30	15.00-35.00	22.10	19.20
Disking, Tandem.....	Acre	24.80	18.70	15.00-40.00	20.40	18.10
With Harrow or Cultipacker.....	Acre	21.30	19.60	14.00-25.00	20.00	18.60
Harrowing.....	Acre	16.00	17.20	10.00-21.00	17.50	15.10
Cultivating.....	Acre	NA ¹	12.80	8.00-18.00	13.90	13.30

See footnotes at end of table.