

Local Machinery Custom Rates Less Than Average

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service has made public a report of average rates for custom farm work for the entire state. The custom rates presented herewith represent averages as derived from voluntary reports submitted from more than 300 custom operators throughout the state. In South Central and South Eastern Counties of which Lancaster County is a part, reflecting the variable conditions of work and service rendered. Only three items in the following list showed up higher than the state average. They were plowing sod, use of a stalk cutter and drilling small grains with fertilizer. In the following list the Valley Region includes all the South Central and South Eastern Counties of which Lancaster County is a part. How to use the Table of

Rates: The purpose of these tables of rates is twofold. First, to serve as a guide in determining a rate in event there is little other information available. If there is no "going" custom rate, these tables should serve as guidelines in giving a starting point in which may be adjusted in light of local conditions. Second, the rates may be used as a check against rates charged.

Locate Silo To Avoid Icing

Dale Hall, Iowa State University agricultural engineer, recommends locating silos on the north side of feedlots. That way the shadow from the silo will fall outside the lot, preventing ice and manure buildup. Then with the bunks located in a north-south line, sunlight will prevent frozen patches around the bunks. He also suggests placing the silo outside the lot so there is no need to enter the lot to fill it.

REMOVE SPOTS

When a fabric containing Dacron polyester is greasy stained, treat the stain while it's fresh and before washing the garment, suggests Miss Mae Burton, Penn State extension clothing specialist. Pour a small amount of concentrated heavy-duty liquid detergent on the stain and rub the fabric between your thumb and forefingers to loosen the stain. Then use the same detergent to wash the entire garment. You can make a paste of heavy-duty granular detergent and use it in the same way as the liquid.

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JOB	BASIS OF CHARGE	VALLEY SECTION	THE STATE
CORN PICKING	Acre	6 10	6 45
COMBINING SMALL GRAINS	Acre	5 85	6 05
HAY MAKING			
Crushing	Acre	2 15	2 15
Pick-up baling with twine	Bale	.10	.11
Haying, cut, rake, bale, & store	Bale	.23	.25
SILAGE MAKING			
Upright silo filling	Ton	1 60	1 65
Trench silo filling	Ton	1 25	1 30
Field chopping			
1 man, 2 wagons, 1 tractor	Hour	10 80	10 95
PLOWING AND CULTIVATING			
PLOWING, MOLDBOARD PLOW:			
Plowing Sod	Acre	4 40	4 65
DISKING, Offset	Acre	2 55	2 55
STALK CUTTER, Power takeoff	Acre	3 15	3 00
PLANTING AND DRILLING			
CORN PLANTING:			
Without Fertilizer	Acre	2 15	2 25
With Fertilizer	Acre	2 25	2 35
DRILLING SMALL GRAIN:			
Without Fertilizer	Acre	2 05	2 15
With Fertilizer	Acre	2 45	2 40
SEEDING, ALFALFA, CLOVER, ETC.	Acre	1 95	2 15
CLEANING GRAIN SEED			
With treatment	Bushel	19	19
SPRAYING			
SPRAYING WEEDS WITH 2, 4-D	Acre	2 20	2 25
SPRAYING FOR CORN BORER			
Tractor Outfit, Including Material	Acre	3 40	3 45
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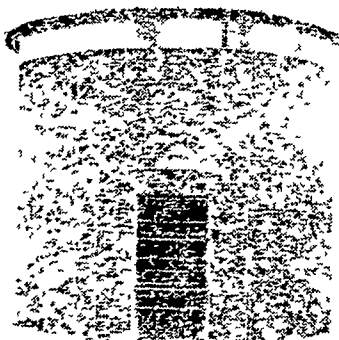
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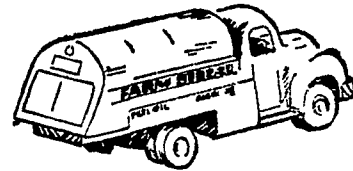
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