

Custom farming rates are up an average of 7 to 10 per cent this year, according to statistical information compiled by Penn State University.

# Custom farming rates announced

UNIVERSITY PARK — Machinery custom farming rates for Pennsylvania have been compiled by Neil Woodward, agricultural statistician at Penn State University. The custom rates shown are the averages from voluntary reports by custom operators throughout the state. Most of the rates are stated per acre, 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.

Average rates are shown for most items by two regions of the state, labeled "mountain" and "valley." The difference in rates between regions reflect variations in terrain, soils, and alternative opportunities for the labor and equipment used. Figures labeled "The State" represent straight averages of all reports, regardless of geographical location.

Most custom rates are higher this year, up an average of 7 to 10 per cent from last year. Some differences between rates, especially for jobs that were lightly represented in the survey, may occur due to sample variation. This is variation caused by a different sample of reporters answering the survey this year.

Some rates for jobs other than those asked on the questionnaire were volunteered by some reporters. Some examples are:

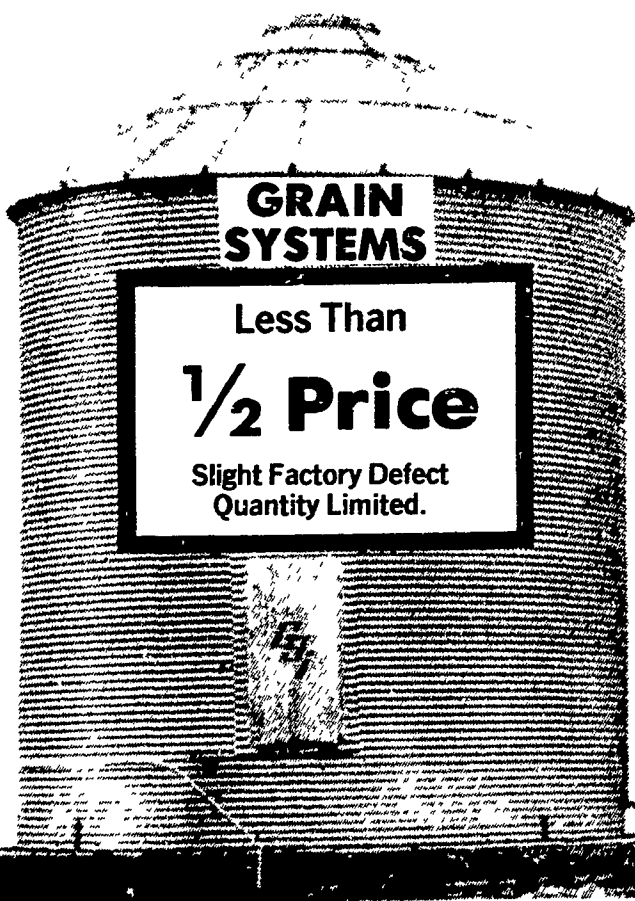
1. Post driving, \$.65 per post; 2. Chisel plowing, \$.80 per

- acre; 3. snow plowing (Jeep with 6-foot blade), \$27.00 per hour; 4. Stacking corn fodder, \$12.00 per hour.
- Following are the rates reported.

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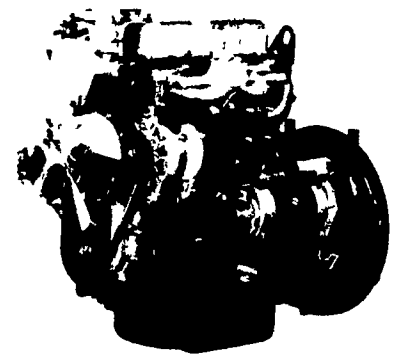
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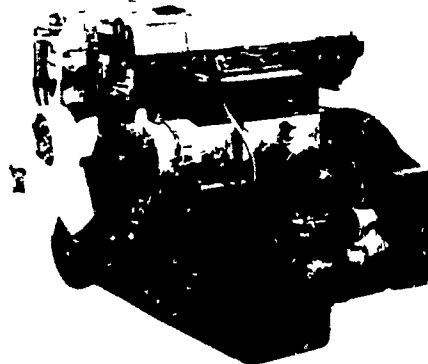


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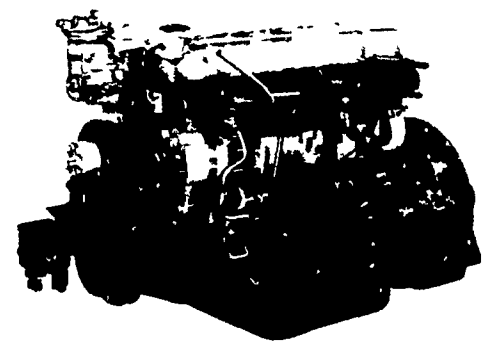


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