

1993 Pennsylvania Machinery Custom Rates

MACHINERY CUSTOM RATES

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The custom rates shown are averages from voluntary reports by custom operators 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.

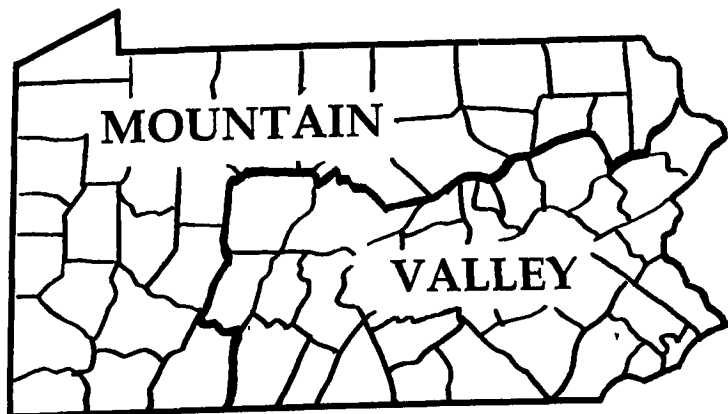
Average rates are shown separately for two regions of the state, labeled "Mountain" and "Valley". The differences in rates between regions reflect differences in terrain, soils and alternative opportunities for the labor and equipment used. Figures labeled "The State" represent the straight average of all reports used regardless of geographic location.

Custom rates are slightly higher this year. Of the 68 rates reported, 60 percent have increased, 21 percent have decreased, and the remaining 19 percent are the same as last year. The overall average is up 2 percent from the previous year. This percentage increase was computed by adding the rates for all jobs, regardless of basis of charge, and dividing by last year's comparable total.

CUSTOM RATES: SELECTED FARMING OPERATIONS, PENNSYLVANIA, 1993

JOB	BASIS OF CHARGE	MOUNTAIN SECTION	VALLEY SECTION	STATE
--- Harvesting ---				
Corn Picking.....	Acre	\$20.10	\$19.60	\$19.90
Corn Picking and Shelling.....	Acre	\$23.30	\$23.30	\$23.30
Corn Combining.....	Acre	\$24.50	\$23.30	\$23.90
Corn Drying (23 Percent).....	Bu.	\$.27	\$.30	\$.29
Combining Small Grains.....	Acre	\$22.30	\$22.00	\$22.20
Hay Making:				
Mowing.....	Acre	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.40	\$ 8.30
Mowing and Conditioning.....	Acre	\$ 9.80	\$10.00	\$ 9.90
Raking.....	Acre	\$ 5.20	\$ 5.40	\$ 5.30
Pick-up Baling (Twine).....	Bale	\$.33	\$.32	\$.33
Cut, Rake, Bale and Store.....	Bale	\$.87	\$.90	\$.89
Large Round Baler (Avg. #950 Lbs.).....	Bale	\$ 5.90	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.80
Stacker-Wagon (Avg. #1700 Lbs.).....	Stack	\$18.10	\$17.60	\$17.90
Silage Making:				
Pull-Type Chopper and Tractor.....	Hour	\$34.00	\$36.90	\$35.50
Self-Propelled Chopper.....	Hour	\$55.00	\$58.50	\$56.80
Blower.....	Hour	\$ 6.10	\$ 6.70	\$ 6.40
1 Man, 2 Wagons, 1 Tractor.....	Hour	\$30.20	\$30.40	\$30.30
2 Men, 2 Wagons, 2 Tractors.....	Hour	\$41.00	\$43.00	\$42.00
Field Chop, Haul and Fill Silo.....	Ton	\$ 6.80	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.40

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