

1999 Machinery Custom Rate

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Custom Rates: Selected Farming Operations, Pennsylvania, 1999

Job	Basic of Charge	Mountain Section	Valley Section	State
----- Harvesting -----				
Corn Picking	Acre	22 40	21 30	21 70
Corn Combining	Acre	25 30	24.30	24 60
Corn Drying (23 Percent)	Bushel	0 30	0 30	0 30
Combining Small Grains	Acre	23 60	23 20	23 30
Combining Soybeans	Acre	26 10	24.40	24 80
Hay Making				
Mowing	Acre	9 60	9 10	9 30
Mowing & Conditioning	Acre	10 70	10 90	10 90
Raking	Acre	6 10	5.70	5 90
Pick up Baling (Twine)	Bale	0.40	0 40	0 40
Cut, Rake, Bale & Store	Bale	0.98	0 94	0 95
Large Round Baler (Avg. = 1000 Lbs)	Bale	6 50	6.00	6 20
Stecker-Wagon (Avg = 1800 Lbs)	Stack	15 00	15 00	15 00
Wrapping Bales	Bale	5.20	5 70	5 50
Silage Making				
Pull Type Chopper & Tractor	Hour	45 00	47.50	46.70
Self Propelled Chopper	Hour	67 50	93 80	90 70
Blower	Hour	8 40	8 20	8 30
1 Man, 2 Wagons, 1 Tractor	Hour	34 50	34 50	34 50
2 Men, 2 Wagons, 2 Tractors	Hour	56 90	57 00	57.00
Field Chop, Haul & Fill Silo	Ton	7 90	6 10	6 60
Bagging Silage	Foot	5.10	4.30	4 40
----- Plowing & Cultivating -----				
Plowing, Moldboard Plow				
Spring, Stubble	Acre	11 30	11 50	11 40
Sod	Acre	12.50	12.70	12.60
Fall, Stubble	Acre	11 60	11 70	11 70
Sod	Acre	13 00	12 40	12 60
Plowing, Deep (10 Inches or More)	Acre	14.20	16 00	14 80
Plowing, Chisel	Acre	11 80	12 10	12 00
Plowing, Disk	Acre	12 30	11.70	11 80
Disking, Tandem	Acre	10.10	10.60	10 40
With Harrow or Cultipacker	Acre	11.90	11 90	11 90
Harrowing				
Spike Tooth	Acre	8 10	8 00	8 10
Spring Tooth	Acre	8 40	8 80	8 60
Cultivating	Acre	9 20	8 10	8 30
----- Planting & Drilling -----				
Planting Corn With Fertilizer				
Conventional Till	Acre	11.80	12 80	12 50
Reduced Till	Acre	13.10	12 90	13 00
No Till	Acre	14 40	14 60	14 60
Planting Soybeans, Without Fertilizer				
Conventional Till	Acre	10 60	12 70	12 30
Reduced Till	Acre	12 70	13.40	13 30
No Till	Acre	14.20	15 10	15.00
Drilling Small Grain				
Without Fertilizer	Acre	9 40	12 00	11 40
With Fertilizer	Acre	10.80	11 90	11 40
With Fertilizer & Cloverseed	Acre	11.10	12 80	12 20
Seeding Alfalfa Clover Etc	Acre	10 00	12 40	11 70

Produce Auctions Open

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Produce auctions are moving full speed ahead, with one auction beginning the earliest it has in its history.

Leola Produce Auction, Leola, began March 23, the earliest in its history, with flowers.

Weaverland Produce, New Holland, began March 25 with bedding, flower, and nursery stock.

Other area auctions have already begun selling produce or have scheduled their auctions to open soon.

As of presstime, following are the starting dates and times for the various auctions:

• Buffalo Valley Produce Auction, Mifflinburg. Auction begins April 27 at 10 a.m., conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays.

• Kirkwood Ag Auction Produce, Kirkwood. Auction begins Wednesday, April 21, at 10 a.m., and will operate every Wednesday from April and May into June. On

June 8, the auction operates Tuesday and Thursdays, 10 a.m.

• Lebanon Produce Auction, Reistville. Auction begins Tuesday, April 20, at 10 a.m.

• Leinbach's Shippensburg Produce Auction, Shippensburg. Auction began April 1 at 10 a.m. The auction continues Tuesdays and Thursdays, but was conducted all winter long with southern produce, citrus, potatoes, and apples.

• Leola Produce Auction, Leola. Auctions are under way Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

• Snyder County Produce Auction, Port Trevorton. The auction has been under way all winter on Fridays. But the auction adds Monday beginning April 19, 10:30 a.m. and operates on Fridays the same time.

• Weaverland Produce Auction, New Holland. The auction, already under way, continues Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m., with bedding, flowers, and nursery stock.



The Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association is deeply saddened by the sudden death of a long-time member, Richard W. Hoopes, who passed away on March 23, 1999. Richard resided in Hamburg, and was a member of the Kutztown chapter. He was both a state and national life member.

Prior to his death, Richard was serving as the PYFA education coordinator, 1999 summer conference chairperson, and entertainment committee chairperson for the 1999 NYFEA Institute.

He previously served as PYFA president (1977), public relations director, newsletter editor, operations coordinator for the 1981 NYFEA Institute committee, and served on the national level as a member of the NYFEA executive secretary committee and education committee.

Richard is survived by his wife Grace, two children, and five grandchildren.



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With Synchrony on STS wheat beans, I like the added flexibility of the Synchrony treatment; I can wait until the weather is right to spray for the best results and I don't spray until it looks like the weather will allow me to have a crop to harvest. If drought conditions set in, I have not lost a lot of money on higher priced seed.

With \$5.00 soybeans it is good to have \$5.00/acre Synchrony for STS soybeans."

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