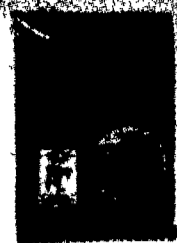


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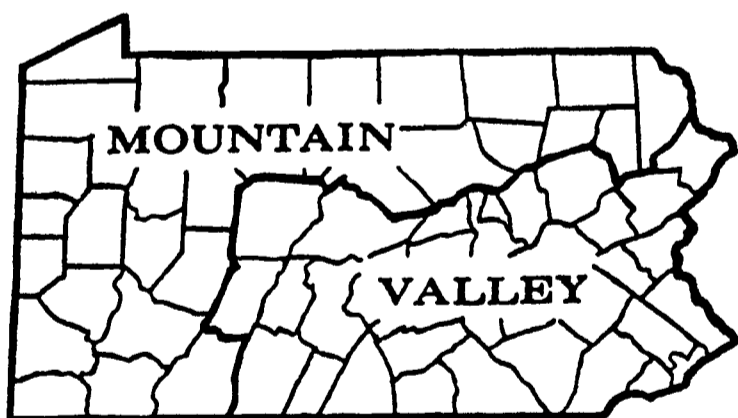
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Pa. Releases 2001 Spring Custom Rates



Pennsylvania Machinery Custom Rates 2001

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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.

Acreage 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 "State" represent the straight average of all reports used regardless of geographic location.

Of the 72 rates reported with year-to-year comparisons, 56 increased, 5 decreased, and 11 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, 2001

Job	Basis of Charge	Mountain Section	Valley Section	State
----- Harvesting -----				
Corn Picking	Acre	23 10	22 30	22 60
Corn Combining	Acre	26 20	24 60	25 00
Corn Drying (23 Percent)	Bushel	0 30	0 28	0 29
Combining Small Grains	Acre	24 10	23 50	23 70
Combining Soybeans	Acre	25 70	24 80	25 00
Hay Making				
Mowing	Acre	10 50	9 70	10 00
Mowing & Conditioning	Acre	11 50	11 60	11 50
Raking	Acre	6 40	6 00	6 20
Pick-up Baling (Twine)	Bale	0 43	0 39	0 41
Cut, Rake, Bale & Store	Bale	1 10	1 10	1 10
Large Round Baler (Avg = 900 Lbs)	Bale	6 80	6 00	6 30
Stacker-Wagon (Avg = 1800 Lbs)	Stack	15 00	15 00	15 00
Wrapping Bales	Bale	5 40	5 00	5 20
Silage Making				
Pull-Type Chopper & Tractor	Hour	46 70	47 90	47 60
Self-Propelled Chopper	Hour	77 40	101 60	99 60
Blower	Hour	8 90	9 30	9 10
1 Man, 2 Wagons, 1 Tractor	Hour	36 70	36 30	37 60
2 Men, 2 Wagons, 2 Tractors	Hour	58 10	59 00	58 70
Field Chop, Haul & Fill Silo	Ton	7 80	6 00	6 50
Bagging Silage	Foot	6 10	5 40	5 50
----- Plowing & Cultivating -----				
Plowing, Moldboard Plow				
Spring Stubble	Acre	12 60	13 00	12 80
Sod	Acre	14 00	13 90	14 00
Fall, Stubble	Acre	12 60	12 80	12 70
Sod	Acre	14 40	14 00	14 10
Plowing, Deep (10 Inches or More)	Acre	14 30	15 40	15 10
Plowing, Chisel	Acre	12 60	12 60	12 60
Plowing, Disk	Acre	12 60	12 00	12 20
Disking, Tandem	Acre	11 20	11 10	11 10
With Harrow or Cultipacker	Acre	12 50	12 50	12 50
Harrowing				
Spike Tooth	Acre	9 30	8 60	8 90
Spring Tooth	Acre	9 30	9 70	9 50
Cultivating	Acre	8 90	9 50	9 20
----- Planting & Drilling -----				
Planting Corn With Fertilizer				
Conventional-Till	Acre	12 60	13 50	13 20
Reduced-Till	Acre	13 70	14 00	13 90
No-Till	Acre	15 60	15 20	15 30
Planting Soybeans Without Fertilizer				
Conventional-Till	Acre	11 50	13 40	13 00
Reduced-Till	Acre	13 60	14 20	14 10
No-Till	Acre	15 10	15 50	15 50
Drilling Small Grain				
Without Fertilizer	Acre	10 50	12 60	12 20
With Fertilizer	Acre	11 50	12 90	12 40
With Fertilizer & Cloverseed	Acre	12 10	13 40	12 90
Seeding Alfalfa, Clover, Etc	Acre	11 50	13 40	12 80

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