

2009/2010 Utah Farm Custom Operation Rates

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	Average			Number of Responses	Average			Number of Responses
	\$/acre				\$/hour			
Tillage								
Moldboard Plowing (Stubble)	\$23.25	\$10.00	\$30.00	12	\$96.00	\$60.00	\$150.00	5
Moldboard Plowing (hay/sod)	\$26.30	\$13.00	\$35.00	10	\$96.67	\$60.00	\$175.00	6
Chisel Plowing	\$15.88	\$8.00	\$30.00	8	\$98.75	\$85.00	\$110.00	4
Subsoiling	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$35.00	3	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$115.00	3
Disking, tandem	\$13.50	\$8.00	\$20.00	8	\$128.75	\$100.00	\$200.00	4
Disking, offset	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$20.00	10	\$105.63	\$60.00	\$200.00	8
Soil Finishing	\$14.22	\$7.00	\$20.00	9	\$86.67	\$60.00	\$100.00	3
Cultivating	\$12.29	\$5.00	\$18.00	7	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	2
Fertilizer and Chemical Application								
	\$/acre				\$/hour			
Ground Spraying (pesticides/insecticides)	\$7.67	\$4.00	\$20.00	21	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	1
Applying bulk dry fertilizer	\$8.28	\$4.00	\$20.00	9				
Applying liquid fertilizer	\$7.08	\$5.00	\$12.00	6				
Planting								
	\$/acre				\$/hour			
Corn	\$14.79	\$10.00	\$20.00	14	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	1
Small Grains	\$12.50	\$6.00	\$20.00	14	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	2
Harvesting Grain								
	\$/acre				\$/hour			
Combining								
Wheat and Small Grains (irrigated)	\$31.41	\$23.00	\$40.00	17	\$132.50	\$125.00	\$140.00	2
Wheat and Small Grains (dry land)	\$22.80	\$16.00	\$30.00	5	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	1
Corn	\$33.33	\$30.00	\$40.00	3	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$140.00	2
Hauling								
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Wheat and Small Grains (field to storage)	\$0.27	\$0.01	\$0.72	5				
Corn (field to storage)	\$0.09	\$0.01	\$0.20	3				
Storage to Market (50 miles)	\$0.30	\$0.25	\$0.35	3				
Storing								
Wheat and Small Grains	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.03	3				
Corn	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.03	3				
Harvesting Silage Crops								
	\$/ton				\$/hour			
Chopping								
Haylage	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	1	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	1
Corn Silage	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	3	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	1
Hauling								
	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	3	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$80.00	2
Packing								
	\$1.48	\$0.90	\$2.00	4	\$107.50	\$100.00	\$115.00	2
Combination (chopping/hauling/packing)								
Haylage	\$20.88	\$9.50	\$50.00	4	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	1
Corn Silage	\$9.20	\$6.50	\$13.00	5	\$850.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	2

2009/2010 Utah Farm Custom Operation Rates (cont.)

	Average		Range		Number of Responses	Average		Range		Number of Responses
	\$/acre					\$/ton				
Harvesting Hay/Straw										
Swathing	\$16.23	\$10.00	-	\$22.00	28	\$100.00	\$100.00	-	\$100.00	1
Raking	\$6.44	\$2.00	-	\$16.00	17	\$40.00	\$25.00	-	\$50.00	4
Baling										
	\$/bale					\$/ton				
Small Square Bales (about 70 lbs.)	\$0.91	\$0.50	-	\$2.00	10	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Medium Square Bales (3 x 3, about 800 lbs.)	\$9.80	\$7.00	-	\$15.00	10	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Large Square Bales (3 x 4)	\$12.95	\$5.50	-	\$18.00	11	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Large Square Bales (4 x 4, about 1750 lbs.)	\$15.31	\$12.00	-	\$20.00	13	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Large Round Bales (800 to 1500 lbs.)	\$8.50	\$8.50	-	\$8.50	1	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Loading/Stacking										
Small Square Bales	\$0.66	\$0.40	-	\$1.00	4	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Medium Square Bales	\$1.33	\$1.00	-	\$2.00	3	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Large Square Bales (3 x 4)	\$4.25	\$2.00	-	\$9.00	4	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Large Square Bales (4 x 4)	\$4.25	\$2.00	-	\$7.00	4	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Large Round Bales	\$2.00	\$2.00	-	\$2.00	1	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Hauling										
Small Square Bales	\$0.52	\$0.40	-	\$0.75	5					
Medium Square Bales	\$1.50	\$1.50	-	\$1.50	1	\$12.50	\$5.00	-	\$20.00	2
Large Square Bales (3 x 4)						\$20.00	\$20.00	-	\$20.00	1
Large Square Bales (4 x 4)	\$4.00	\$2.00	-	\$5.00	3	\$25.00	\$5.00	-	\$45.00	2
Combination (swathing to stacking)										
	\$/bale					\$/hour				
Small Square Bales	\$1.68	\$1.25	-	\$2.10	2	\$3.50	\$2.00	-	\$5.00	2
Large Square Bales (3 x 4)	\$20.00	\$20.00	-	\$20.00	1	\$70.00	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	1
Large Round Bales	\$13.50	\$13.50	-	\$13.50	1	\$55.00	\$40.00	-	\$70.00	2
Custom Farming										
	\$/acre					% of crop				
Tillage through Harvest										
Corn	\$286.33	\$135.00	-	\$559.00	3					
Small Grains	\$193.33	\$115.00	-	\$337.00	3					
Hay	\$215.00	\$140.00	-	\$261.00	3					
Miscellaneous										
	\$/ton					\$/hour				
Manure Hauling	\$4.38	\$3.75	-	\$5.00	2	\$80.00	\$40.00	-	\$120.00	2
	\$/acre					\$/hour				
Land Planing	\$13.57	\$10.00	-	\$20.00	7	\$80.00	\$60.00	-	\$100.00	2
Machinery Operation						\$64.58	\$10.00	-	\$100.00	6

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