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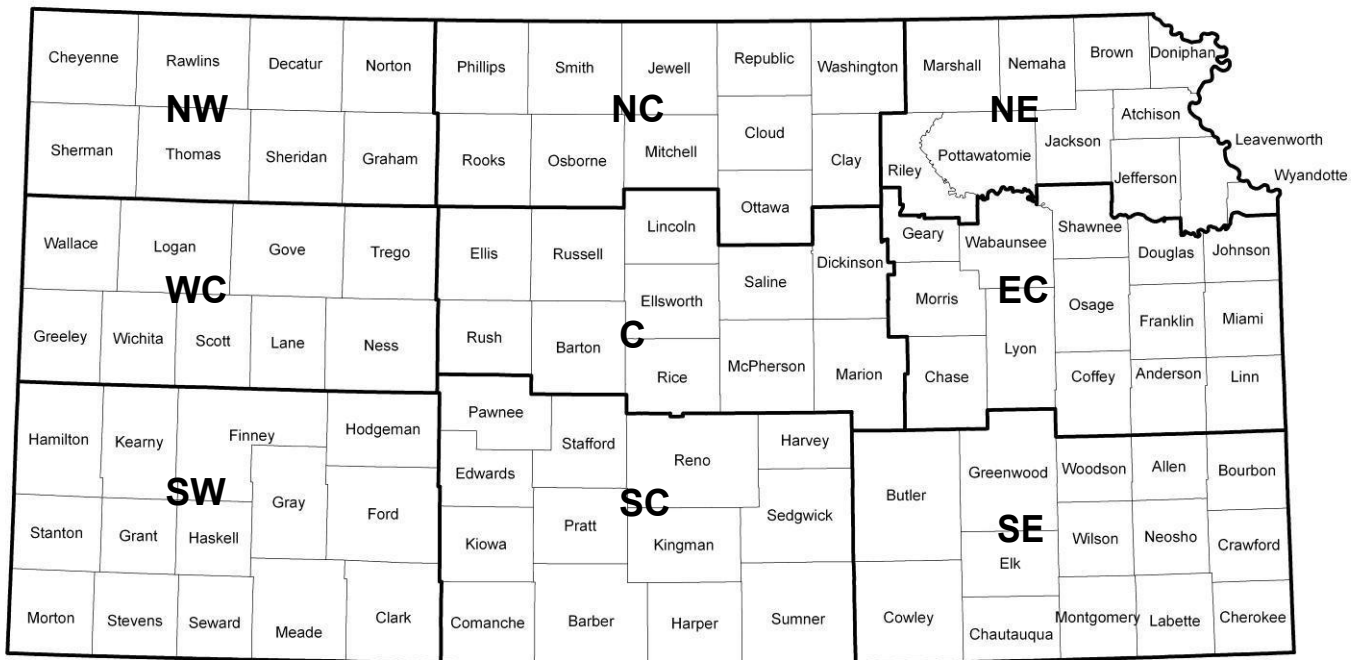
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## INTRODUCTION

With the rising cost of machinery and the uncertainty of local workers, custom agricultural work has become a staple for today's farm. This publication reports the average rates for Kansas agricultural custom work during the period of 2025-2026. Since 2016, the survey has been conducted by the Land Use Survey Office (LUSO)<sup>1</sup> in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). In 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024, and 2026, the survey was available online for Kansas custom operators across the state to complete. Previous versions of this survey and report were written and conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service-Kansas office (NASS).

KDA and the LUSO extend a special thanks to Kansas farmers, ranchers, custom operators, co-ops, and elevators for their responses to the 2026 Kansas Custom Rates Survey. We have received many comments about the Custom Rates report from the agricultural community. We appreciate this feedback and encourage readers to continue sharing their ideas and suggestions regarding this survey. Knowledge on accurate, competitive rates is crucial for the sustainability of agricultural operations.

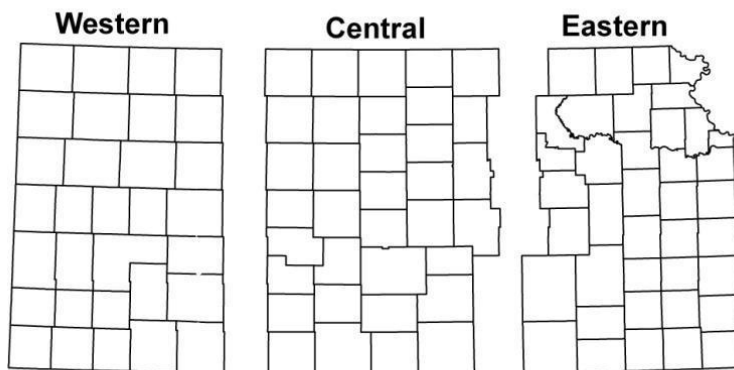
The data in this report provide additional information to Kansas farmers, ranchers, and custom service businesses. The prices reported here should not be regarded as official or established rates. State averages in this report are calculated using all individual responses. District averages may include overlapping responses where operators reported activity in multiple districts.

The prices in this report include charges for machinery, power, fuel, and the operator. These prices do not include the costs of chemicals, seeds, and other materials, unless otherwise specified. The one exception is hay baling materials. Exchange work between farmers is not considered custom work for the purposes of this report.

There are large variations in the rates charged for specific jobs. For many items, the state averages may not be typical of any particular locale. There are many reasons for price differences. Some farmers may charge lower prices to neighbors, relatives, or close friends. Soil conditions and field sizes are also significant factors. The number of responses may also lead to variation in the rates.

This report contains historical tables and graphs that show the results of previous surveys. Some responses are included in more than one district because custom work was performed in multiple districts. For the purpose of this report, Kansas is classified into three regions: western region, central region, and eastern region, as shown below.

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<sup>1</sup>The Land Use Survey Office (LUSO) was formerly known and referenced in previous publications as the Land Use Survey Center (LUSC).

## GRAIN HARVESTING

**WHEAT:** Two methods are commonly used to charge for harvesting grain: a base rate with additional charge for high yield and a flat rate charge. Custom harvesters charged an average base rate of \$30.91 per acre for harvesting wheat in 2026, \$1.74 higher than the 2024 average of \$29.17. In 2026, harvesters charged an average of \$0.303 additional per bushel of wheat for yields greater than 26 bushels per acre. The average rates increased, and the reported base rate bushels decreased in 2026 for wheat harvesting compared to that reported in 2024. The average flat rate in 2026 for harvesting wheat was \$34.37 per acre, an increase of \$2.42 from \$31.95 per acre in 2024.

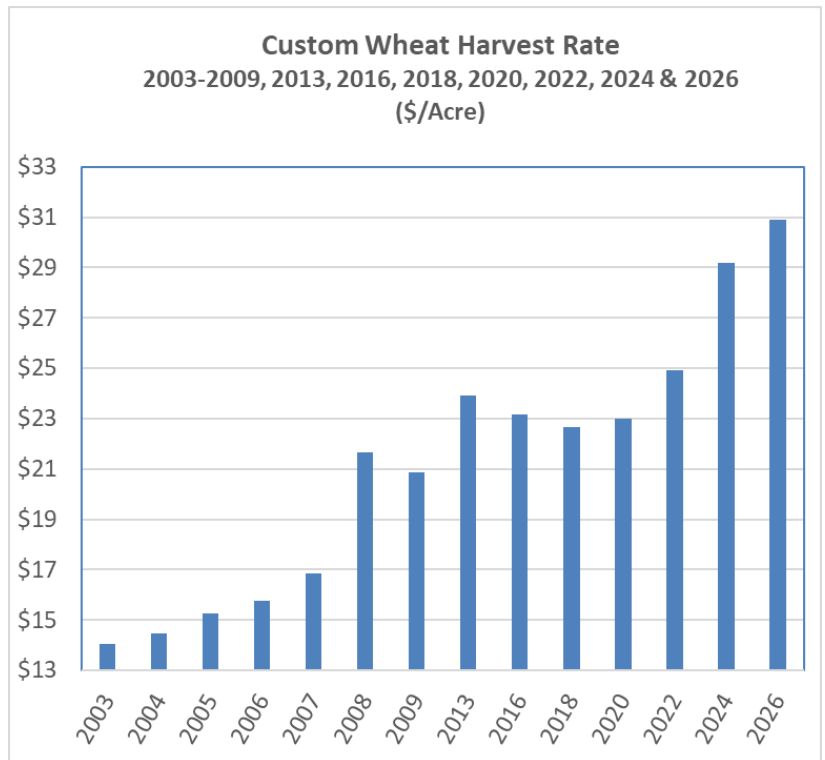
### Custom Rates for Wheat Harvest, 2026, by District

District	Base Rate with Additional Charge for High Yield (if any)						Flat Rate Charge		
	Base Rate (\$/Acre)			Additional Charge for High Yield			Dollar Per Acre		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Average (\$/Bushel)	Above Bushels	No. of Reports	Range	Average
NW	25	25-34	30.60	25	0.304	27	-	-	-
WC	31	20-36	30.11	29	0.304	25	-	-	-
SW	14	21-36	28.93	14	0.282	27	<sup>1/</sup>		
NC	11	30-32	30.73	11	0.287	31	15	22-42	34.20
C	21	25-42	31.86	19	0.301	25	15	28-51	36.73
SC	24	28-38	32.33	24	0.322	24	7	28-35	30.71
NE	6	30-40	33.67	6	0.29	30	3	26-35	29.00
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>			5	31-40	36.20
SE	4	30-32	30.50	4	0.305	20	5	30-40	35.00
STATE	138	20-42	30.91	132	0.303	26	52	22-51	34.37

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Wheat Harvest Historical Rates

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Additional Charge for High Yield	
		Dollar per Bushel	Above Bushels
1998	13.32	0.126	21
1999	13.29	0.126	21
2000	13.68	0.128	21
2001	13.77	0.131	20
2002	13.80	0.131	22
2003	14.04	0.136	23
2004	14.48	0.136	21
2005	15.24	0.144	21
2006	15.78	0.149	21
2007	16.85	0.160	21
2008	21.65	0.211	21
2009	20.86	0.200	22
2013	23.93	0.227	23
2016	23.17	0.226	21
2018	22.66	0.227	24
2020	23.01	0.224	27
2022	24.92	0.244	29
2024	29.17	0.282	27
2026	30.91	0.301	26



Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

## GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

**GRAIN SORGHUM:** Custom harvesters charged an average of \$31.98 per acre for harvesting grain sorghum in 2026, \$0.84 higher than the 2024 average. Some harvesters include an additional charge per bushel to customers with high yields. In 2026, the additional charge averaged \$0.297 per bushel of grain sorghum for yields greater than 42 bushels per acre. The 2026 additional charge and the yield threshold were slightly higher, compared with the 2024 averages. The 2026 flat rate charge per acre was \$38.62, down \$0.47 per acre from the 2024 average.

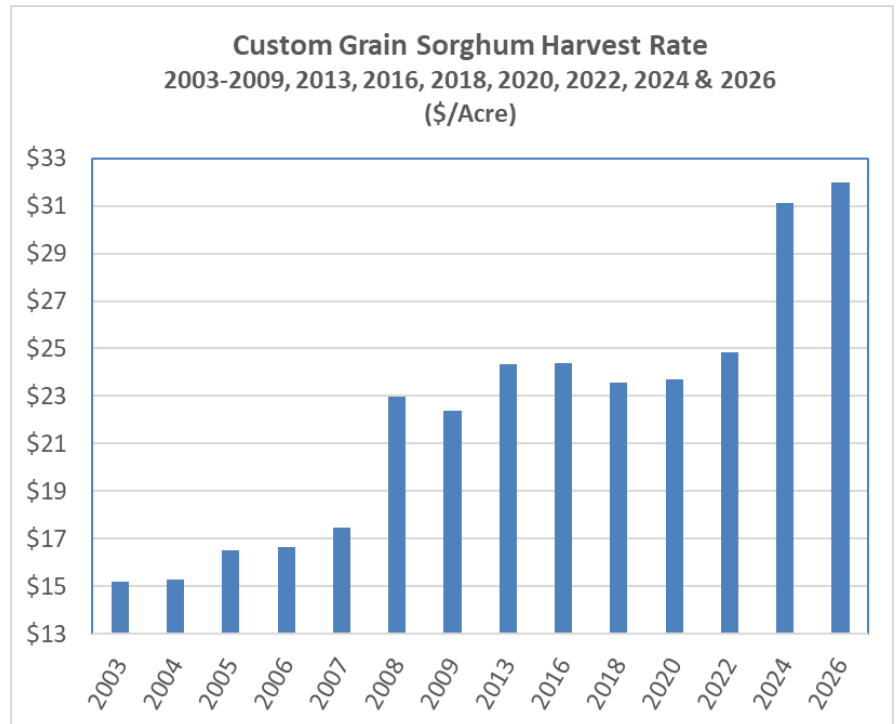
### Custom Rates for Grain Sorghum Harvest, 2026, by District

District	Base Rate with Additional Charge for High Yield (if any)						Flat Rate Charge		
	Base Rate (\$/Acre)			Additional Charge for High Yield			Dollar Per Acre		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Average (\$/Bushel)	Above Bushels	No. of Reports	Range	Average
NW	24	27-35	31.13	24	0.306	40	1/		
WC	17	25-37	30.12	16	0.294	44	3	55-55	55.00
SW	11	21-37	30.45	9	0.294	43	9	30-55	42.78
NC	10	27-40	33.60	7	0.240	52	8	24-48	37.25
C	17	25-42	31.76	16	0.273	44	9	26-40	36.89
SC	18	30-45	34.72	16	0.336	37	8	28-50	34.75
NE	4	30-32	30.50	3	0.300	40	1/		
EC	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	35-40	37.5
SE	1/			1/			1/		
STATE	102	21-45	31.98	91	0.297	42	45	24-55	38.62

1/ Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Grain Sorghum Harvest Historical Rates

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Additional Charge for High Yield	
		Dollar per Bushel	Above Bushels
1998	14.42	0.124	37
1999	14.45	0.127	36
2000	14.64	0.126	34
2001	14.58	0.129	35
2002	14.68	0.130	35
2003	15.19	0.137	35
2004	15.27	0.135	36
2005	16.51	0.146	37
2006	16.64	0.148	36
2007	17.45	0.159	36
2008	22.99	0.216	36
2009	22.37	0.204	35
2013	24.33	0.230	35
2016	24.39	0.229	41
2018	23.55	0.226	48
2020	23.68	0.220	44
2022	24.86	0.243	45
2024	31.14	0.292	41
2026	31.98	0.297	42



Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

## GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

**CORN:** Custom harvesters charged an average of \$35.27 per acre or \$0.468 per bushel for harvesting corn in 2026. The average additional charge to customers with high corn yields was \$0.279 per bushel for yields greater than 69 bushels per acre. Compared with the 2024 harvesting rates, both the base rate and additional charge were slightly lower. The average yield to which the additional charge applied was also higher in 2026. The average 2026 flat rate charge, on the other hand, was \$41.87 per acre, an increase of \$2.03 from 2024.

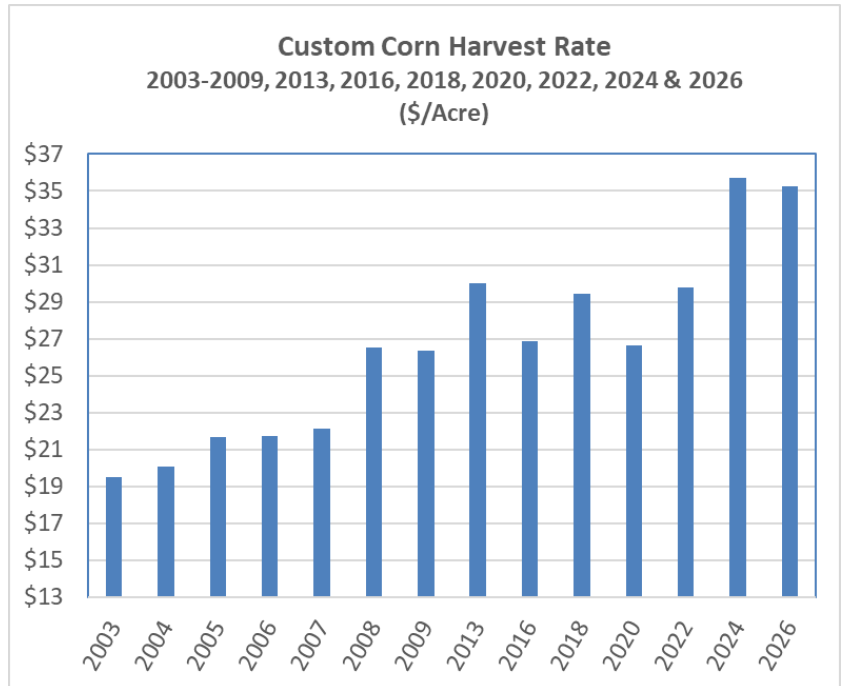
### Custom Rates for Corn Harvest, 2026, by District

District	Base Rate with Additional Charge for High Yield (if any)									Flat Rate Charge		
	Base Rate (\$/Acre)			Base Rate (\$/Bushel)			Additional Charge for High Yield			Dollar Per Acre		
	# of Rep.	Range	Average	# of Rep.	Range	Average	# of Rep.	\$/Bushel	Above Bushels	# of Rep.	Range	Average
NW	11	27-50	34.36	8	0.36-0.50	0.421	13	0.257	74	<sup>1/</sup>		
WC	16	25-55	32.88	3	0.44-0.44	0.440	14	0.308	51	3	58-58	58.00
SW	9	21-55	32.11	<sup>1/</sup>			8	0.293	64	5	55-58	55.60
NC	9	27-45	37.49	-	-	-	9	0.241	67	20	30-55	44.20
C	6	25-44	33.91	3	0.50-0.65	0.563	5	0.315	64	13	30-45	40.46
SC	8	32-50	39.50	9	0.36-0.54	0.484	6	0.323	100	5	30-35	32.80
NE	8	30-50	42.18	-	-	-	7	0.227	93	17	30-50	41.35
EC	6	25-33	26.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	18-45	37.58
SE	7	30-47	39.43	-	-	-	3	0.300	50	6	30-40	37.17
STATE	80	21-55	35.27	24	0.36-0.65	0.468	65	0.279	69	82	18-58	41.87

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Corn Harvest Historical Rates

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Additional Charge for High Yield	
		Dollar per Bushel	Above Bushels
1998	18.96	0.127	59
1999	19.28	0.120	70
2000	19.23	0.147	66
2001	19.43	0.119	48
2002	19.15	0.148	87
2003	19.50	0.143	69
2004	20.09	0.143	76
2005	21.68	0.142	76
2006	21.75	0.150	74
2007	22.14	0.164	71
2008	26.51	0.203	68
2009	26.35	0.192	73
2013	30.02	0.217	71
2016	26.89	0.240	80
2018	29.40	0.217	77
2020	26.61	0.216	61
2022	29.77	0.239	67
2024	35.69	0.283	58
2026	35.27	0.263	73



Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

## GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

**SOYBEANS:** Custom harvesters charged an average of \$38.04 per acre for harvesting soybeans in 2026, up \$3.82 from 2024. The average additional charge per bushel for yields exceeding 29 bushels per acre in 2026 was \$0.301 per bushel. The average flat rate was \$38.67 per acre, up \$4.45 from 2024.

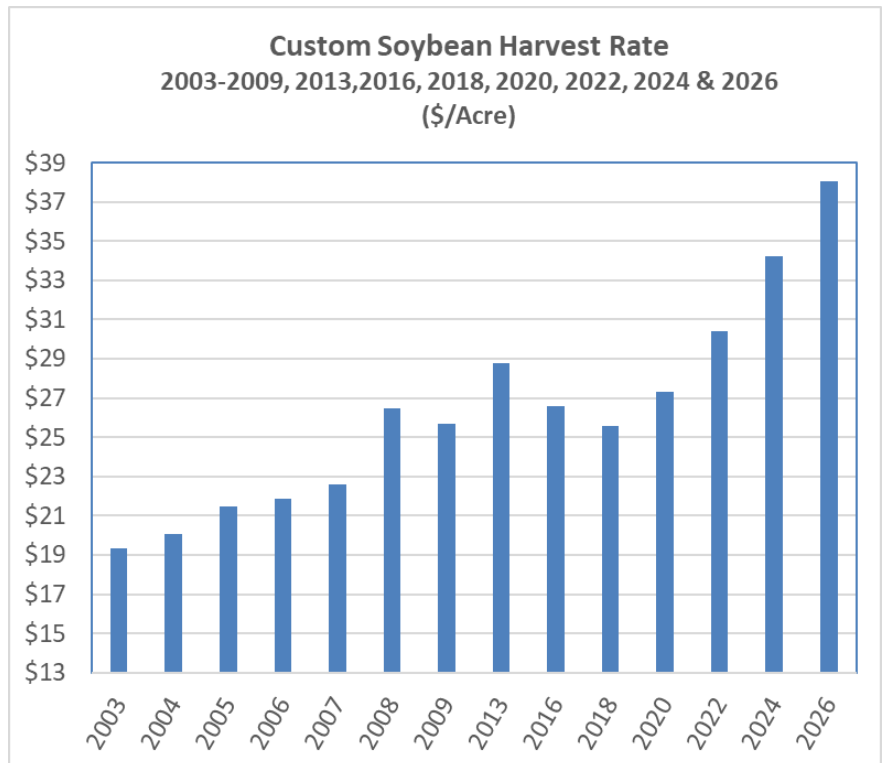
### Custom Rates for Soybean Harvest, 2026, by District

District	Base Rate with Additional Charge for High Yield (if any)						Flat Rate Charge		
	Base Rate (\$/Acre)			Additional Charge for High			Dollar Per Acre		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Average (\$/Bushel)	Above Bushels	No. of Reports	Range	Average
NW	7	30-50	36.43	6	0.315	32	-	-	-
WC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-	-	-	-
SW	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-	-	-	-
NC	7	30-45	39.71	7	0.250	30	19	24-55	42.47
C	13	25-57	36.54	7	0.303	29	10	30-42	38.50
SC	16	32-57	42.44	10	0.340	32	3	30-50	38.33
NE	8	30-50	42.18	5	0.268	32	21	25-50	40.05
EC	6	25-38	27.17	-	-	-	16	18-41	35.75
SE	4	30-32	30.50	4	0.305	16	10	25-40	33.50
STATE	63	25-57	38.04	39	0.301	29	79	18-55	38.67

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Soybean Harvest Historical Rates

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Additional Charge for High Yield	
		Dollar per Bushel	Above Bushels
1998	18.85	0.128	27
1999	18.69	0.130	25
2000	19.15	0.125	25
2001	19.48	0.127	24
2002	19.29	0.134	28
2003	19.35	0.133	26
2004	20.06	0.135	26
2005	21.48	0.143	26
2006	21.88	0.172	27
2007	22.61	0.158	28
2008	26.47	0.206	26
2009	25.66	0.198	27
2013	28.78	0.232	27
2016	26.58	0.233	28
2018	25.56	0.233	29
2020	27.34	0.243	31
2022	30.43	0.245	25
2024	34.22	0.279	28
2026	38.04	0.277	31



Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

## GRAIN HARVESTING (Continued)

**SUNFLOWER & COTTON:** Custom harvesters charged an average of \$39.33 per acre for harvesting sunflowers in 2026, comparable with the 2022 average of \$39.33 but down \$7.22 from 2024. Too few responses for base rate with additional charge for high yields were reported to be able to publish this year. The average price charged for harvesting cotton was \$0.148 per lint pound in 2026, down \$0.015 from 2024. The small number of responses should be considered when interpreting the rates change.

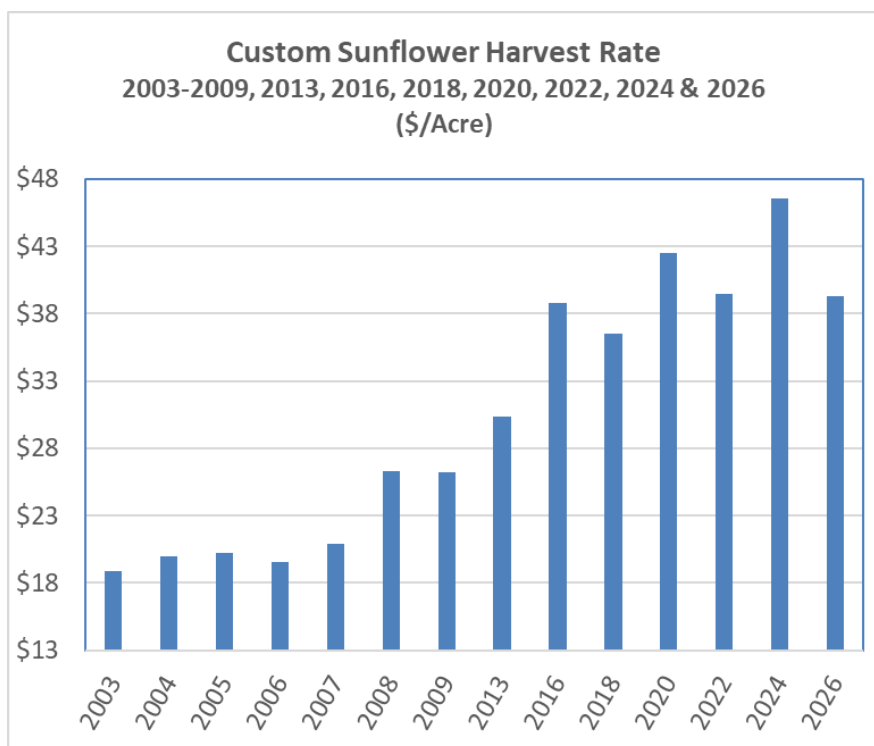
### Custom Rates for Sunflower Harvest & Cotton Harvest, 2026, by Region

Region	Sunflower			Cotton		
	Dollar Per Acre			Dollar Per Lint Pound		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	3	32-32	32.00	-	-	-
Central	12	26-50	41.17	8	0.13-0.15	0.148
Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	15	26-50	39.33	8	0.13-0.15	0.148

- No response.

### Custom Sunflower Harvest Historical Rates

Year	Dollars Per Acre	Additional Charge for High Yield	
		Dollar per Bushel	Above Bushels
1998	16.94	0.119	11.8
1999	18.35	0.120	10.8
2000	16.33	0.127	9.6
2001	17.93	0.138	8.3
2002	17.80	0.131	6.7
2003	18.90	0.137	6.4
2004	19.95	0.203	7.4
2005	20.24	0.197	7.2
2006	19.55	0.213	12
2007	20.88	0.198	14
2008	26.28	0.265	18
2009	26.26	0.274	19
2013	30.33	1/	1/
2016	38.80	1/	1/
2018	36.55	1/	1/
2020	42.50	1/	1/
2022	39.44	1/	1/
2024	46.55	1/	1/
2026	39.33	1/	1/



Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

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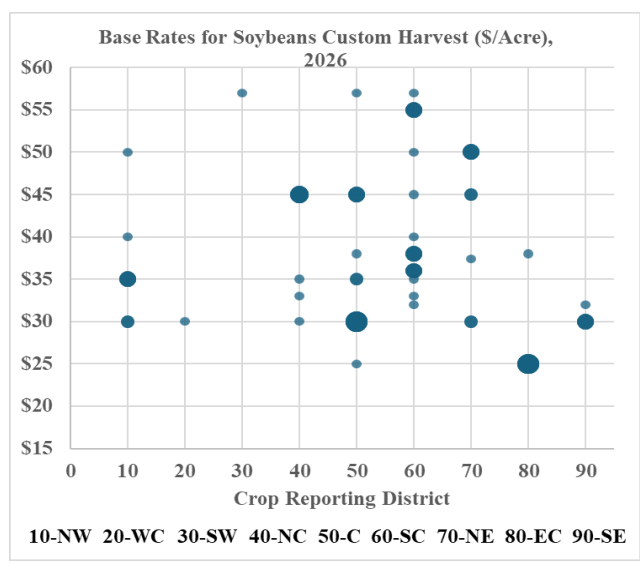
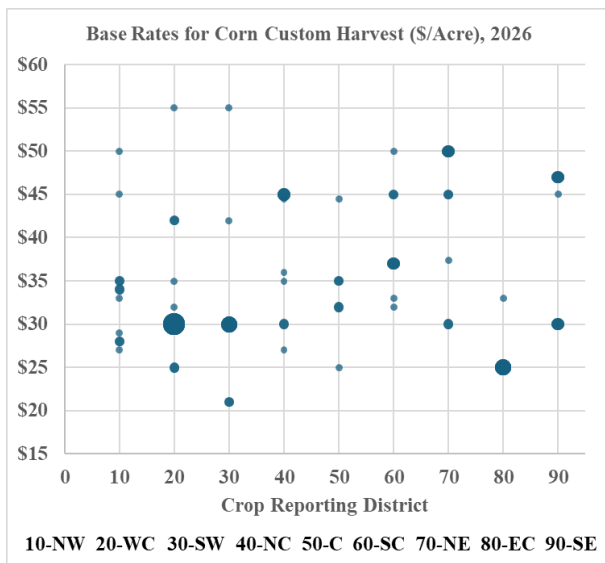
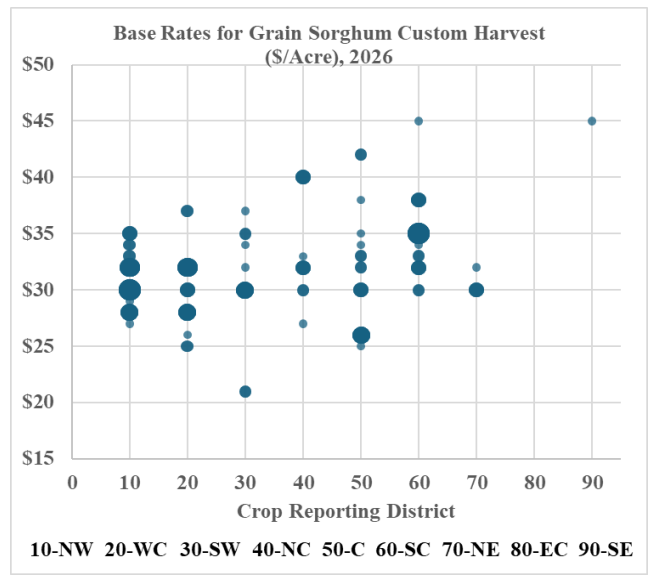
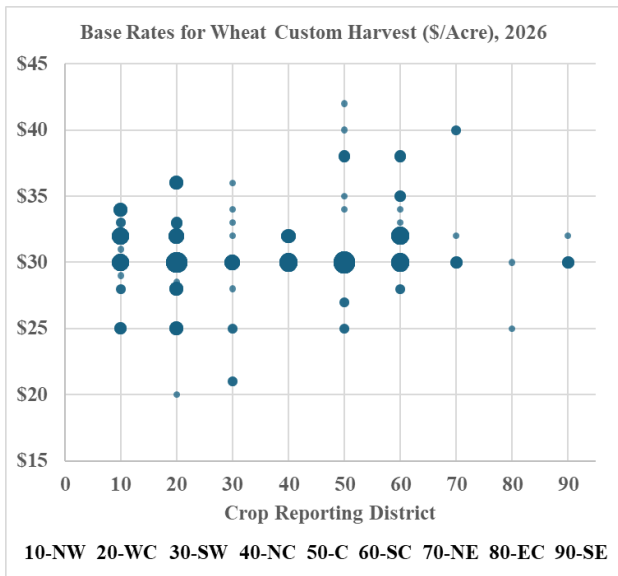
**CANOLA:** Custom harvesting canola was reported for the western and central regions. Custom harvesters charged an average of \$32.22 per acre for harvesting canola in 2026. The average additional charge to customers with high canola yields was \$0.461 per bushel for yields greater than 23 bushels per acre.

**Custom Rates for Canola Harvest, 2026, by Region**

District	Base Rate with Additional Charge for High Yield (if any)								
	Base Rate (\$/Acre)			Additional Charge for High Yield (\$/Bushel)			High yield (over Bushel/Acre)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	4	32-33	32.25	4	0.33-0.64	0.563	1/		
Central	5	32-33	32.20	5	0.31-0.64	0.380	4	20-25	24
Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	9	32-33	32.22	9	0.31-0.64	0.461	5	20-25	23

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

Custom harvesting rates varied across crop reporting districts. The custom rates also varied within the same crop reporting district.



## SEED CLEANING

Rates for seed cleaning are higher with treatment than without treatment. Wheat seed cleaning with treatment averaged \$5.61 per bushel, \$1 higher than the 2024 average rate. Rates for cleaning wheat without treatment averaged \$1.00 per bushel, 4 cents lower than in 2024. The average cost of cleaning other seeds in 2026 was not reported here because of the small number of responses received. Responses came for different regions in 2026 than reported in 2024, and both years had a small number of responses. The difference between rates across years may partly be attributed to these factors.

**Custom Rates for Wheat Seed Cleaning (\$/Bushel), 2026, by District**

District	With Treatment			Without Treatment		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	7	4.95-8.00	6.09	6	0.65-1.10	0.94
Central	1/			3	0.90-1.00	0.93
Eastern	1/			5	1.00-1.50	1.10
STATE	10	3.50-8.00	5.61	14	0.65-1.50	1.00

1/ Insufficient number of reports.

**Historical Custom Rates for Wheat Seed Cleaning (\$/Bushel)**

Year	With Treatment	Without Treatment
2004	0.82	0.47
2005	0.98	0.48
2006	1.14	0.51
2007	1.07	0.54
2008	1.45	0.60
2009	1.36	0.58
2013	2.87	0.73
2016	3.17	0.68
2018	2.55	1.10
2020	3.10	0.83
2022	4.80	0.92
2024	4.61	1.04
2026	5.61	1.00

Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

## GRAIN HAULING

The average base rates charged for hauling wheat, grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans from the field to the farm or to the nearest elevator in 2026 were higher than the corresponding rates in 2024. Compared to the rates in 2024, the additional charges for longer distance decreased for grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans. The maximum distance hauled at the base rate decreased for wheat and corn but increased slightly for grain sorghum and soybeans. The average base rate charged for hauling wheat was 28.0 cents per bushel, with an additional charge of 5.1 cents per bushel per mile over 17 miles. The 2026 average custom rates for hauling corn averaged 23.9 cents per bushel plus 5.5 cents per bushel per mile over 16 miles. The average base rate charged for hauling grain sorghum was 29.1 cents per bushel, with an additional charge of 4.8 cents per bushel per mile over 17 miles. The average rate for hauling soybeans in 2026 was 24.2 cents per bushel and an additional charge of 5.6 cent per bushel per mile was added for a distance longer than 18 miles. The rates for hauling sunflower and canola were not reported by district, as an insufficient number of responses were received. The average base rate charged for hauling sunflowers was 50.4 cents per bushel, with an additional charge of 3 cents per bushel per mile over 22 miles. The average rate for hauling canola was 44.1 cents per bushel and an additional charge of 2 cents for a distance longer than 15 miles.

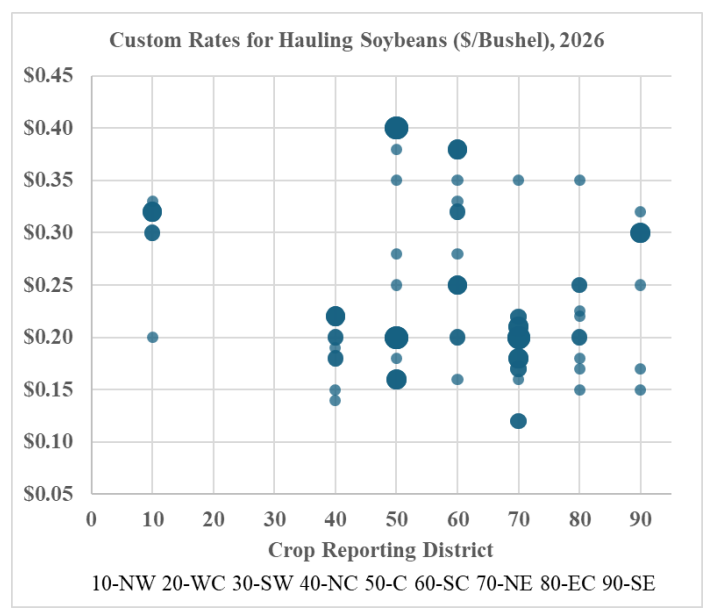
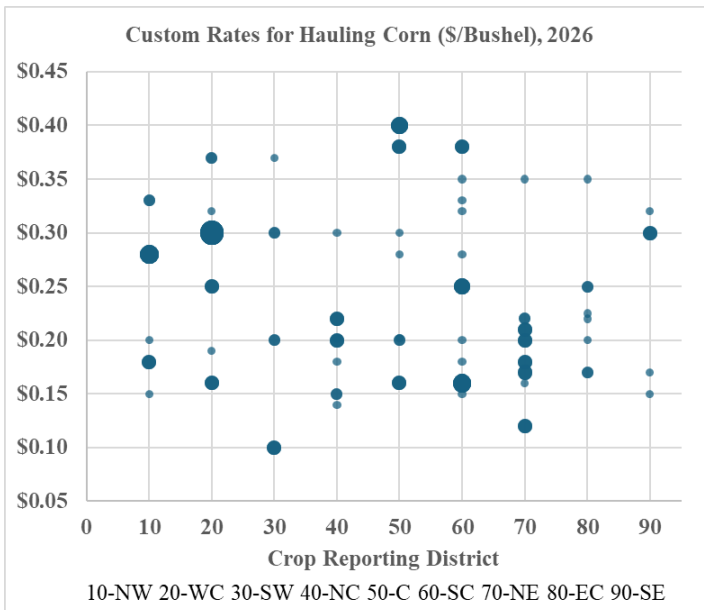
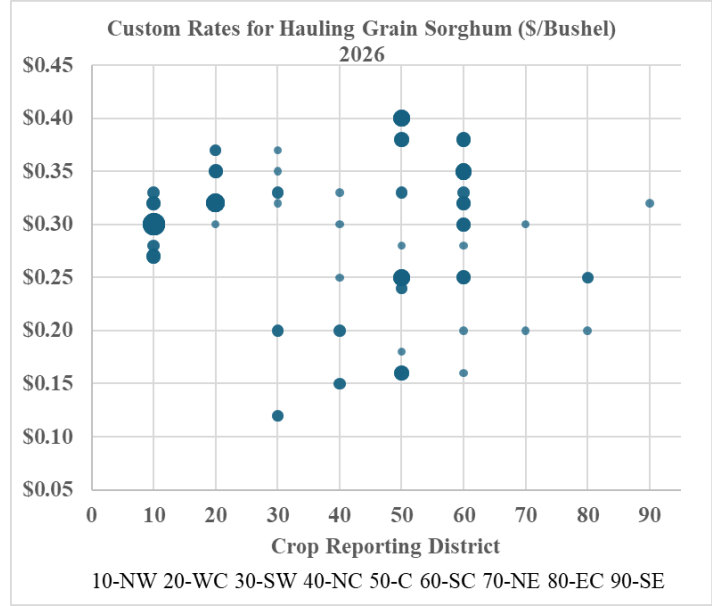
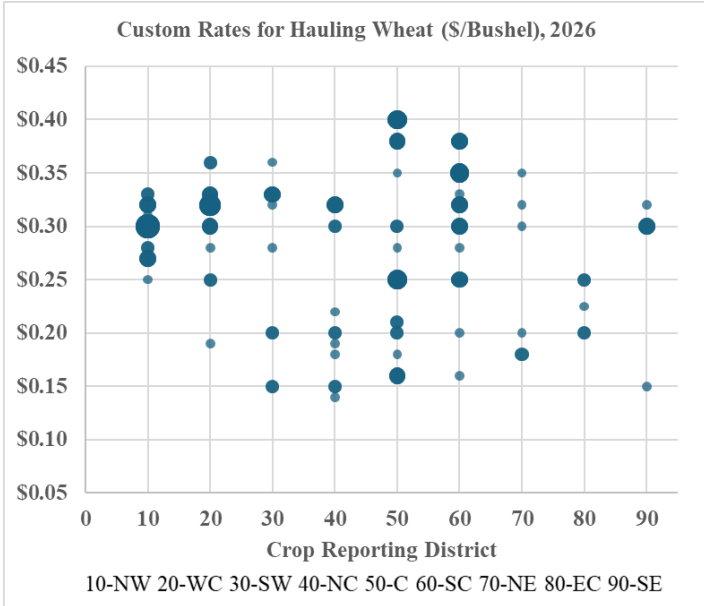
**Custom Rates for Hauling Grain from Field to Farm Storage or Elevator, 2026, by District**

District	No. of Reports	Hauling Charge (\$/Bushel)	Mile Limits (Miles)	Additional Charge for Longer Distances (\$/Bushel/Mile)	No. of Reports	Hauling Charge (\$/Bushel)	Mile Limits (Miles)	Additional Charge for Longer Distances (\$/Bushel/Mile)
	<b>Wheat</b>				<b>Grain Sorghum</b>			
NW	18	0.297	15	0.066	17	0.299	13	0.066
WC	17	0.305	19	<sup>1/</sup>	11	0.335	18	<sup>1/</sup>
SW	10	0.265	15	0.010	9	0.260	16	<sup>1/</sup>
NC	13	0.230	17	<sup>1/</sup>	7	0.226	16	<sup>1/</sup>
C	23	0.280	17	0.035	20	0.291	18	0.035
SC	20	0.306	16	0.031	21	0.307	15	0.031
NE	6	0.255	25	-	<sup>1/</sup>			
EC	5	0.225	29	<sup>1/</sup>	3	0.233	30	-
SE	5	0.274	17	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>			
STATE	117	0.280	17	0.051	91	0.291	17	0.048
	<b>Corn</b>				<b>Soybeans</b>			
NW	12	0.246	12	0.054	7	0.299	13	0.032
WC	18	0.271	16	0.100	-	-	-	-
SW	8	0.209	18	0.010	-	-	-	-
NC	12	0.199	18	-	10	0.190	20	-
C	15	0.293	19	0.020	16	0.270	18	0.020
SC	19	0.250	15	0.038	14	0.289	15	0.038
NE	19	0.189	16	-	18	0.194	18	-
EC	8	0.229	22	<sup>1/</sup>	10	0.220	24	0.162
SE	6	0.257	17	<sup>1/</sup>	7	0.256	19	<sup>1/</sup>
STATE	117	0.239	16	0.055	82	0.242	18	0.056

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## GRAIN HAULING (Continued)

The scatter plots show the variation of the average base rates charged for hauling wheat, grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans from the field to the farm or to the nearest elevator in 2026. Custom grain hauling rates differed across different regions. The rates can spread widely within the same crop reporting districts.



## SILAGE OPERATIONS

Custom rates for silage operations were separated into four categories: 1) chopping, hauling, and filling the silo, 2) chopping and hauling, 3) chopping only, and 4) hauling only. The average rate per ton for the complete silage operation was \$14.44 per ton, down \$0.78 from \$15.22 in 2024. Operations that included only chopping and hauling averaged \$11.62 per ton, up \$0.62 from 2024. Chopping averaged \$9.48 per ton, up \$1.52 from 2024, and hauling averaged \$1.93 per ton, up \$1.14 from 2024. The variation in these average rates may partly be attributed to the small number of responses in both years.

**Custom Rates for Silage Operations, 2026, by Region**

Region	Chopping, Hauling, & Filling Silo			Chopping & Hauling		
	No. of Reports	Dollars per Ton		No. of Reports	Dollars per Ton	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	4	15.00-15.50	15.38	3	13.00-13.00	13.00
Central	8	13.61-15.50	13.99	7	9.75-13.00	10.85
Eastern	12	11.50-17.00	14.42	15	10.00-12.75	11.70
STATE	24	11.50-17.00	14.44	25	9.75-13.00	11.62

**Custom Rates for Silage Operations, 2026, by Region**

Region	Chopping Only			Hauling Only		
	No. of Reports	Dollars per Ton		No. of Reports	Dollars per Ton	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	8	6.00-11.00	9.25	5	0.30-4.10	1.83
Central	5	10.50-11.00	10.60	4	0.36-0.36	0.36
Eastern	8	8.50-11.00	9.00	14	0.45-4.25	2.41
STATE	21	6.00-11.00	9.48	23	0.30-4.25	1.93

## ROTARY MOWING AND TREE SHEARING

The custom rate for rotary mowing averaged \$134.72 per hour in 2026. The rate in 2024 was \$114.29 per hour. The average custom rate for skid loader tree shearing was \$138.08 per hour in 2026, up \$6.94 per hour from 2024. The small number of responses in both rotary mowing and tree shearing should be considered when comparing the rates from 2024 and 2026.

**Custom Rates for Rotary Mowing and Tree Shearing, 2026, by Region**

Region	Rotary Mowing			Skid Loader Tree Shearing		
	Dollar per Hour			Dollar per Hour		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	<sup>1/</sup>		
Central	7	100-245	204.29	17	100-220	147.94
Eastern	11	20-150	90.45	8	60-150	115.63
STATE	18	20-245	134.72	26	60-220	138.08

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## HAYING

The 2026 average custom rates charged for mowing, swathing, and raking were comparable with the average rates in 2024. The average custom rate for mowing or swathing hay was \$17.71 per acre or \$179.41 per hour in 2026. The rate for mowing or swathing forage was \$17.74 per acre or \$178.00 per hour. Mowing or swathing with conditioning averaged \$17.93 per acre or \$174.71 per hour in 2026. The charge for side raking averaged \$6.74 per acre or \$110.00 per hour.

### Custom Rates for Mowing or Swathing, 2026, by District

District	Hay			Forage		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	4	14-20	18.50	6	12-20	18.00
WC	3	17-18	17.67	4	17-18	17.75
SW	4	13-20	16.00	<sup>1/</sup>		
NC	5	14-17	15.20	-	-	-
C	19	15-25	19.13	11	18-25	19.32
SC	7	17-25	19.50	<sup>1/</sup>		
NE	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC	4	10-25	16.25	3	10-15	13.33
SE	3	10-16	12.00	3	10-18	12.67
STATE	49	10-25	17.71	30	10-25	17.47

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Rates for Swathing & Conditioning and Side Raking, 2026, by District

District	Swathing and Conditioning			Side Raking		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	6	14-22	19.67	4	7-8	7.38
WC	6	16-20	18.17	4	5-6	5.75
SW	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
NC	4	14-16.5	14.63	4	4-6	5.50
C	18	13.5-25	19.42	18	5-18	7.33
SC	6	8-18	16.25	6	6-8	7.67
NE	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
EC	3	14-15	14.67	3	6-6	6.00
SE	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
STATE	46	8-25	17.93	44	4-18	6.74

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Rates for Mowing, Swathing, and Side Raking (\$/Hour), 2026, by Region

Region	Mowing or Swathing Hay			Mowing or Swathing Forage			Swathing and Conditioning			Side Raking		
	# of Rep.	Range	Avg.	# of Rep.	Range	Avg.	# of Rep.	Range	Avg.	# of Rep.	Range	Avg.
Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
Central	13	100-270	180.77	<sup>1/</sup>			12	120-270	178.33	3	70-130	90.00
Eastern	4	160-190	175.00	4	160-190	175.00	3	130-190	170.00	4	120-130	125.00
STATE	17	100-270	179.41	5	160-190	178.00	17	120-270	174.71	7	70-130	110.00

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## HAYING (Continued)

Custom rates for baling including charges for machinery, fuel, and labor in 2026 were relatively higher than the corresponding rates in 2024. Custom baling of small square bales with wire averaged \$1.85 per bale in 2026. The average custom rate for baling small square bales with twine in 2026 was \$2.56 per bale. Custom baling rates of large round bales less than 1500 pounds without net averaged \$17.50 per bale in 2026. Large round bales weighing less than 1500 pounds with net wrapping cost an average of \$16.06 per bale. Custom baling rates of large round bales over 1500 pounds without net averaged \$18.50 per bale in 2026. Large round bales weighing over 1500 pounds with net wrapping cost an average of \$18.96 per bale, an increase of \$1.20/bale from 2024. The baling charge for large square bales was not reported because of insufficient number of responses.

### Custom Rates for Baling Hay (\$/Bale)

Type of Bale		2026			2024		
		# of Reports	Range	Average	# of Reports	Range	Average
Small Bales, Square	With wire	10	1.00-2.75	1.85	9	1.10-2.50	1.69
	With twine	9	1.00-5.00	2.56	10	1.25-8.00	2.23
Large Round Bales under 1,500 pounds	Without net	4	14.00-20.00	17.50	9	16.00-20.00	16.89
	With net	51	12.00-20.00	16.06	44	12.00-20.50	15.93
Large Round Bales over 1,500 pounds	Without net	4	17.00-20.00	18.50	8	14.00-20.00	16.00
	With net	54	14.00-25.00	18.96	69	14.00-25.00	17.76

### Custom Rates for Baling, Square Bales, 2026, by Region

Region	Small Square with Wire			Small Square with Twine		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale		Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	1 <sup>/</sup>		
Central	6	1.25-2.75	2.25	3	2.00-3.00	2.67
Eastern	4	1.00-2.00	1.25	5	1.00-3.00	2.00
STATE	10	1.00-2.75	1.85	9	1.00-5.00	2.56

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Rates for Baling with Net, Large Round Bales, 2026, by Region

District	Under 1500 lbs			Over 1500 lbs		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	6	15-20	16.83	3	15-20	18.33
WC	6	14-18	16.17	5	15-18	16.60
SW	5	12-18	14.00	-	-	-
NC	4	15-17	16.00	8	16-25	22.63
C	17	15-18	16.71	20	14-25	19.05
SC	3	16-16	16.00	8	16-18	17.50
NE	4	16-20	17.25	5	16-25	19.40
EC	3	12-20	15.67	4	17-20	18.00
SE	3	12-15	13.00	1 <sup>/</sup>		
STATE	51	12-20	16.06	54	14-25	18.96

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## HAYING (Continued)

Custom rates for hauling small bales and large square bales from the field to farm storage were not published here due to an insufficient number of responses. The cost of hauling large round bales averaged \$5.64 per bale in 2026. The comparable hauling rate for large round bales was \$5.40 per bale in 2024. The average rate charged by hours for hauling large round bales was \$12.50 per hour. There were too few reports for hay stacking, therefore, the table was not included.

**Custom Rates for Hauling Large Round Bales from Field to Storage, 2026, by Region**

Region	Number of Reports	Dollars per Ton		Number of Reports	Dollars per Bale	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	1/			12	2-8	4.83
Central	7	5-24	12.14	9	3-8	5.22
Eastern	-	-	-	7	5-10	7.57
STATE	8	5-24	12.50	28	5-10	5.64

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports.

The custom rates for haying can be charged as a combination rate for entire haying operation including cutting, conditioning, raking, and baling. The average rate for large round bales was \$27.15 per bale in 2026, up 39 cents from 2024. The average rate for large square bales was \$23.00 per bale. The average entire haying operation custom rates for small bales were \$3.81 per bale, up \$0.56 per bale from 2024.

**Custom Rates for Entire Haying Operation, 2026, by Region**

Region	Small Bales			Large Square Bales			Large Round Bales		
	# of Reports	Dollars per Bale		# of Reports	Dollars per Bale		# of Reports	Dollars per Bale	
		Range	Average		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/		
Central	1/			-	-	-	7	20-30	25.00
Eastern	6	2.50-4.00	3.42	5	20-35	23.00	38	15-40	27.74
STATE	8	2.50-5.00	3.81	5	20-35	23.00	46	15-40	27.15

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## LAND TILLAGE

Custom rates for tillage operations vary depending on many factors, including location, type of soil, tillage practice, size and shape of fields, and the size of equipment. The average charge for disking (including one-way disking), was \$18.50 per acre in 2026, up \$1.21 from 2024. Tandem disking averaged \$19.60 per acre in 2026, up \$2.83 from the 2024 rate. The average offset disking charge was \$20.44 per acre in 2026, up \$0.89 from the 2024 rate. The average offset disking rates by district were not shown in the table due to insufficient number of responses.

**Custom Rates for Disking, 2026, by District**

District	Disking			Tandem Disking		
	Dollar per Acre			Dollar per Acre		
	Number of Reports	Range	Average	Number of Reports	Range	Average
NW	6	17-18	17.83	5	16.50-20.00	18.50
WC	6	17-20	18.83	1/		
SW	4	15-20	16.88	1/		
NC	6	17-26	21.83	4	17-25	19.75
C	6	18-27	21.00	11	13-28	17.82
SC	8	12.50-22.50	17.31	7	20-28	24.86
NE	8	11-22	18.38	1/		
EC	5	11-18	15.70	1/		
SE	-	-	-	1/		
STATE	51	11-27	18.50	36	13-28	19.60

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

The average custom rate for chiseling, 4-12 inches, was \$21.52 per acre in 2026, up \$5.57 from 2024. The charge for deep chiseling, over 12 inches, averaged \$25.41 per acre in 2026, \$2.07 higher than the rate in 2024.

**Custom Rates for Chiseling (\$/Acre), 2026, by District**

District	Chisel (4-12")			Deep chisel (Over 12")		
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre		Number of Reports	Dollars per Acre	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
NW	6	10-21	18.17	1/		
WC	1/			1/		
SW	3	15-19	16.33	1/		
NC	3	21-29	26.33	4	20-32	26.00
C	1/			3	25-25	25.00
SC	6	20-30	26.33	1/		
NE	5	20-22	21.20	5	22-25	23.20
EC	3	18-20	19.33	3	20-25	23.33
SE	1/			-	-	-
STATE	31	10-30	21.52	22	20-32	25.41

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## LAND TILLAGE (Continued)

The charges for strip tillage averaged \$6.28 per acre in 2026, up \$5.06 from 2024. The average custom rate for strip tillage with chemicals averaged almost the same as the rate for strip tillage without chemicals in 2026. Hence, the combined rate is reported here. Deep strip till, over 6", averaged \$27.07 per acre, up \$3.71 from 2024. The average rate for shallow, high speed vertical tillage, 2-4", was \$20.76 per acre in 2026, an increase of \$2.44 from 2024. Custom subsoiling/in-line ripping, about 30 HP per shank, averaged \$27.40 per acre in 2026, up \$1.06 from 2024.

### Custom Rates for Strip and Vertical Tillage, 2026, by District

District	Strip Tillage			Deep Strip Tillage (over 6" deep)			Vertical Tillage--high speed, shallow (2-4")		
	Dollar per Acre			Dollar per Acre			Dollar per Acre		
	No. of Reports	Range	Avg.	No. of Reports	Range	Avg.	No. of Reports	Range	Avg.
NW	5	21-23	21.40	4	12-26	20.00	8	12-20	16.63
WC	5	23-28	26.20	1/			9	9.5-28	20.50
SW	7	15-24	19.43	1/			4	20-24	22.00
NC	4	27-30	28.50	1/			5	22-25	23.40
C	7	20-42	30.86	1/			6	18-26	21.67
SC	24	24-32	27.88	10	25-34	31.30	15	12-27	22.53
NE	-	-	-	1/			10	18-24	20.60
EC	1/			1/			5	18-20	19.60
SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	15-20	18.33
STATE	53	15-42	26.28	22	12-34	27.07	65	9.5-28	20.76

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. - No response.

### Custom Rates for Subsoiler/In-line ripper (about 30 hp per shank), 2026, by District

District	No. of Reports	Range	Avg. (\$/Acre)
NW	1/		
WC	4	27-35	31.00
SW	3	15-27	19.00
NC	7	20-35	27.00
C	-	-	-
SC	6	25-32	29.83
NE	7	24-34	27.14
EC	4	24-34	27.00
SE	1/		
STATE	35	15-35	27.40

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. -No response.

## LAND TILLAGE (Continued)

The custom rate for field cultivators, 5 HP per linear foot of implement, averaged \$17.88 per acre in 2026, up \$2.31 from 2024. The average rate for shallow undercutting operations in 2026 was \$17.93 per acre, an increase of \$1.59 from 2024. The average rate for undercutting operations with large V blade was \$16.59 per acre, up \$1.16 from 2024. The charges for finishing and packing for a seed bed averaged \$16.50 per acre in 2026, up \$0.50 from 2024. The average rate for harrowing was not reported due to insufficient reports.

### Custom Rates for Cultivation and Undercutting, 2026, by District

District	Field Cultivator (5 HP per linear foot of implement)			Undercutter (Shallow, e.g. Fallow Master)			Undercutter (Large "V" Blade)		
	Dollar per Acre			Dollar per Acre			Dollar per Acre		
	No. of Reports	Range	Avg.	No. of Reports	Range	Avg.	No. of Reports	Range	Avg.
NW	-	-	-	8	10-20	16.13	15	8-22	14.97
WC	<sup>1/</sup>			7	16-25	18.50	16	7-24	16.52
SW	<sup>1/</sup>			5	15-19	15.80	6	15-19	16.00
NC	5	17-28	23.00	<sup>1/</sup>			5	14.50-25.00	19.90
C	11	12-30	16.73	8	15-25	19.00	7	15-20	17.71
SC	3	12-20	15.00	4	13-22	17.50	4	13-22	17.75
NE	7	11-20	18.71	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC	6	11-17	15.42	-	-	-	-	-	-
SE	3	15-20	18.33	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	38	11-30	17.88	34	10-25	17.93	53	7.25-25	16.59

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

The table below shows historical custom rates for various land tillage operations. Average custom rates for land tillage operations in 2026 increased from the 2024 rates.

### Custom Rates for Land Tillage, Historical Averages (\$/Acre)

Type of Operation	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2013	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026
Disking	7.54	7.79	7.93	9.02	9.06	11.31	12.20	11.85	13.12	15.01	17.29	18.50
One-Way Disk	6.66	8.00	8.06	9.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offset Disk	7.76	8.53	8.37	9.56	9.52	10.98	12.60	13.25	15.56	20.00	19.56	20.44
Spiketooth Harrow	5.31	5.88	6.68	6.71	7.30	8.82	8.33	7.63	8.14	9.15	12.60	-
Springtooth Harrow	5.75	5.58	5.83	6.42	8.40	8.25	<sup>1/</sup> 9.17	9.17	-	-	-	-
Chisel (4-12")	8.45	9.10	9.75	11.19	10.06	12.71	13.95	13.79	14.21	16.64	15.94	21.52
Deep Chisel (Over 12")	10.85	11.88	11.46	15.81	13.70	15.88	13.50	17.78	17.79	21.00	23.34	25.41
Moldboard Plow	11.36	11.04	10.64	15.41	14.00	14.13	17.50	18.17	18.38	18.00	-	-
Undercutter (large V Blade)	6.07	6.43	6.66	7.73	7.42	9.34	11.13	11.05	10.39	12.84	15.43	16.59
Shank Cultivator	7.13	7.37	7.25	8.95	8.84	10.40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Field Cultivator	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.78	10.37	10.37	15.39	15.57	17.88
Subsoiler/In-line ripper (about 30 HP per shank)	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.24	18.24	20.47	23.25	26.34	27.40
Strip Tillage	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.07	16.56	18.61	18.92	21.23	26.28
Deep Strip Tillage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.38	20.00	22.52	23.36	27.07
Vertical Tillage	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.33	13.25	14.07	14.95	18.32	20.76
Finisher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.38	13.83	12.25	16.00	16.50

Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

Disking and One-Way Disking were combined beginning in 2009. Subsoiler/In-line ripper, Strip Tillage and Vertical Tillage were added starting in the 2016 Survey. Finisher was added starting in the 2018 Survey.

## PLANTING

### Regular-Till

Custom rates for planting crops were separated into four categories in 2026: planting without fertilizer & chemical application, planting with only fertilizer application, planting with only chemical application, and planting with fertilizer & chemical application. Planting rates for the latter two categories were not reported here because the number of responses was too small.

Charges for regular-tilled small grain drilling without fertilizer and chemical application averaged \$19.91 per acre in 2026, up \$2.31 from 2024. The rate for planting grain sorghum averaged \$21.27 per acre in 2026. Corn-row planting charges in 2026 averaged \$22.64 per acre, an increase of \$2.40 from 2024. Soybean planting charges averaged \$24.71 per acre for row planting, \$23.06 for drilling, and \$23.80 for twin-row planting in 2026, up \$4.35, \$4.78 and \$1.24, respectively, from the corresponding 2024 charges.

**Custom Rates for Regular-Till Planting (\$/Acre), 2026, by District  
without Fertilizer & Chemical Application**

District	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
	<b>Small Grain Drilling</b>			<b>Grain Sorghum- Row Planting</b>		
NW	3	18.5-19	18.83	<sup>1/</sup>		
WC	4	10-28	23.00	<sup>1/</sup>		
SW	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
NC	9	20-28	23.56	3	28-30	28.67
C	11	12-28	20.36	6	17-30	22.83
SC	9	12-22	18.89	6	17-24	21.50
NE	4	16-20	19.00	<sup>1/</sup>		
EC	5	10-17	15.00	4	10-18	15.50
SE	4	10-25	16.25	3	10-25	15.00
STATE	51	10-28	19.91	26	10-30	21.27
	<b>Corn-Row Planting</b>			<b>Soybeans-Row Planting</b>		
NW	3	22-24	23.33	<sup>1/</sup>		
WC	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
SW	-	-	-	-	-	-
NC	9	17-35	25.33	9	20-35	25.44
C	6	17-35	26.00	<sup>1/</sup>		
SC	7	17-24	21.57	6	22-25	23.50
NE	7	16-24	20.14	4	16-24	22.00
EC	8	10-28	20.75	7	16-28	21.86
SE	6	10-28	20.17	4	20-28	25.25
STATE	48	10-35	22.64	35	16-35	24.71
	<b>Soybeans-Drilling</b>			<b>Soybeans-Twin Row Planting</b>		
NW	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
WC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
SW	-	-	-	-	-	-
NC	4	22-28	26.50	4	18-35	27.25
C	5	20-28	23.20	-	-	-
SC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
NE	<sup>1/</sup>			6	18-24	21.50
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
SE	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
STATE	18	16-28	23.06	10	18-35	23.80

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## PLANTING (Continued)

### Regular-Till

The custom rates for planting small grains, grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans with fertilizer were higher than the corresponding planting rates without fertilizer and chemical application. These rates were also higher than the corresponding 2024 rates, generally. The average rates in 2026 for small grain drilling, grain sorghum row planting, corn row planting, soybeans row planting, soybeans drilling, and soybeans twin row planting with fertilizer application were \$23.39, \$24.08, \$25.53, \$26.65, \$25.11, and \$29.50, respectively. The increase from the respective 2024 rates for the above crops and planting types were \$2.78, \$0.59, \$1.17, \$3.19, \$3.27, and \$5.00 per acre.

#### Custom Rates for Regular-Till Planting (\$/Acre), 2026, by District With Fertilizer Application

District	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
	<b>Small Grain Drilling</b>			<b>Grain Sorghum- Row Planting</b>		
NW	6	20-22	20.33	4	20-20	20.00
WC	8	10-30	21.50	3	18-32	22.67
SW	6	22-29	25.17	<sup>1/</sup>		
NC	5	22-33	28.00	5	25-34	30.00
C	12	22-32	25.42	9	22-32	26.67
SC	10	20-25	22.40	11	15-26	23.00
NE	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
SE	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	49	10-33	23.39	36	15-34	24.08
	<b>Corn-Row Planting</b>			<b>Soybeans-Row Planting</b>		
NW	9	15-24	19.78	<sup>1/</sup>		
WC	4	20-35	28.75	<sup>1/</sup>		
SW	3	22-24	23.48	-	-	-
NC	13	21-36	26.85	8	25-37	29.63
C	10	24-35	29.90	10	22-35	27.90
SC	11	23-30	25.91	10	23-26	24.90
NE	5	16-30	24.20	<sup>1/</sup>		
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
SE	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	57	15-36	25.53	34	16-37	26.65
	<b>Soybeans-Drilling</b>			<b>Soybeans-Twin Row Planting</b>		
NW	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
WC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
SW	-	-	-	-	-	-
NC	5	22-34	28.40	4	21-38	29.50
C	11	22-32	25.82	-	-	-
SC	6	20-26	23.67	-	-	-
NE	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	27	16-34	25.11	4	21-38	29.50

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## PLANTING (Continued)

### Regular-Till

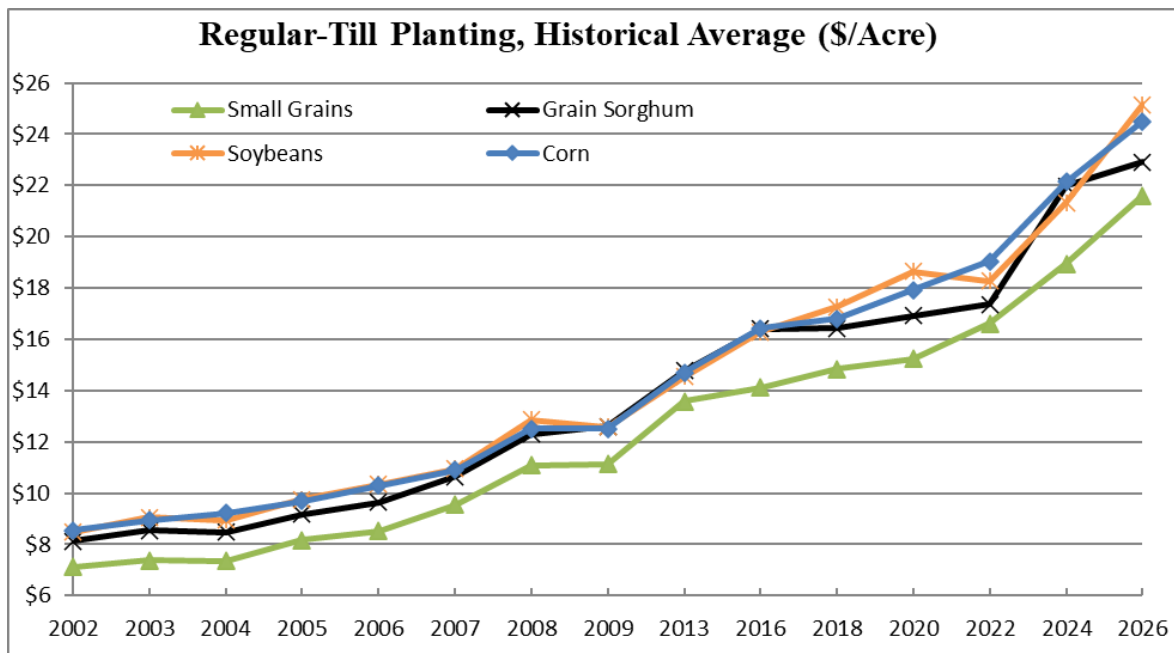
The average custom charges for planting small grains, grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans has been increasing since 2001. Small grain seeding charges in 2026 averaged \$21.62 per acre, up \$2.67 from 2024. The average price charged for planting grain sorghum was \$22.90 per acre, compared to \$21.99 in 2024. Charges for planting corn increased \$2.37 per acre from 2024 to \$24.50 in 2026. Soybean planting charges averaged \$25.16 per acre in 2026, \$3.84 higher than the 2024 average of \$21.32.

**Custom Rates for Regular-Till Planting, Historical Averages (\$/Acre)**

Year	Small Grains	Grain Sorghum	Soybeans	Corn	Grass	Alfalfa-Legume
2001	6.49	7.72	8.17	8.19	8.92	8.59
2002	7.13	8.13	8.47	8.54	9.77	9.83
2003	7.38	8.55	9.06	8.95	10.61	10.29
2004	7.35	8.48	8.95	9.21	10.83	9.63
2005	8.17	9.17	9.76	9.69	11.45	10.52
2006	8.52	9.65	10.33	10.3	11.44	10.79
2007	9.54	10.65	10.94	10.91	12.6	11.35
2008	11.09	12.3	12.87	12.51	14.65	13.75
2009	11.14	12.61	12.58	12.52	14.02	12.68
2013	13.58	14.77	14.53	14.71	15.35	15.04
2016	14.13	16.41	16.29	16.43	13.96	14.88
2018	14.85*	16.42*	17.26*	16.79*	16.04*	16.19*
2020	15.24*	16.92*	18.64*	17.92*	16.10*	17.78*
2022	16.63*	17.35*	18.27*	19.04*	21.00*	21.46*
2024	18.94*	21.99*	21.32*	22.13*	25.43*	22.03*
2026	21.62*	22.90*	25.16*	24.50*	21.19*	21.88*

Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

\*Combined average of planting with fertilizer and planting without fertilizer & chemical.



## PLANTING (Continued)

### Minimum-Till or No-Till

The custom rates for minimum-till or no-till drilling of small grains and grain sorghum row planting without fertilizer and chemical applications averaged \$21.34 per acre and \$23.10 per acre in 2026, comparable to the corresponding 2024 rates. Corn row planting in 2026 averaged \$24.07 per acre, up \$2.28 from 2024. Soybean row planting and drilling without fertilizer and chemical application averaged \$24.56 per acre and \$23.15 per acre, respectively, \$4.03 and \$2.32 higher than the corresponding 2024 rates.

#### Custom Rates for Minimum-Till or No-Till Planting (\$/Acre), 2026, by District Without Fertilizer & Chemical Application

District	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
	<b>Small Grain Drilling</b>			<b>Grain Sorghum- Row Planting</b>		
NW	7	16-30	21.14	<sup>1/</sup>		
WC	9	15-29	22.00	8	17-30	24.00
SW	4	21-29	24.00	3	24-29	26.00
NC	15	18-28	22.00	5	22-30	24.20
C	12	14-28	20.67	9	16-30	22.22
SC	15	14-26	20.60	10	18-26	23.20
NE	13	16-25	20.92	6	16-25	21.50
EC	3	16-20	18.67	4	16-25	19.25
SE	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
STATE	80	14-30	21.34	49	16-30	23.10
	<b>Corn-Row Planting</b>			<b>Soybeans-Row Planting</b>		
NW	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
WC	8	19-35	25.38	<sup>1/</sup>		
SW	3	24-29	26.00	-	-	-
NC	11	18-35	25.18	10	22-35	24.50
C	6	18-35	26.17	4	17-35	26.00
SC	14	18-24	22.00	7	20-25	23.00
NE	17	18-27	23.12	12	16-27	24.08
EC	14	16-32	24.79	13	16-32	24.54
SE	6	16-28	23.17	5	27-28	20-30
STATE	81	16-35	24.07	55	16-35	24.56
	<b>Soybeans-Drilling</b>			<b>Soybeans-Twin Row Planting</b>		
NW	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
WC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
SW	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
NC	4	22-28	24.00	<sup>1/</sup>		
C	7	17-28	23.14	-	-	-
SC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
NE	4	16-25	22.50	11	18-25	22.00
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
SE	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
STATE	27	16-30	23.15	14	18-28	22.29

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## PLANTING (Continued)

### Minimum-Till or No-Till

Minimum-till or no-till average custom rates for planting small grains, grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans with fertilizer were higher than the corresponding planting rates in 2024. The average rates in 2026 for small grain drilling, grain sorghum row planting, corn row planting, soybeans row planting, soybeans drilling, and soybean twin row planting with fertilizer application were \$23.04, \$23.60, \$25.18, \$25.54, \$24.71, and \$26.69, respectively. The increases in the 2026 planting charges for the above respective crops from the 2024 averages were \$0.87, \$0.88, \$1.92, \$1.91, \$3.89, and \$1.64 per acre.

#### Custom Rates for Minimum-Till or No-Till Planting (\$/Acre), 2026, by District With Fertilizer Application

District	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
	<b>Small Grain Drilling</b>			<b>Grain Sorghum- Row Planting</b>		
NW	10	18-25	20.50	10	17.5-25	20.10
WC	13	15-36	23.24	10	17-32	23.80
SW	11	13-36	23.09	10	13-31	23.70
NC	8	20-31	26.13	6	21-32	26.67
C	21	16-30	23.11	16	17-32	24.22
SC	15	15-30	23.67	13	17-32	25.15
NE	3	16-23	20.67	<sup>1/</sup>		
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
SE	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	83	13-36	23.04	68	13-32	23.60
	<b>Corn-Row Planting</b>			<b>Soybeans-Row Planting</b>		
NW	13	17.5-25	21.31	3	21-24	23.00
WC	10	20-35	27.10	<sup>1/</sup>		
SW	11	13-31	23.18	<sup>1/</sup>		
NC	15	20-35	26.40	12	20-36	27.25
C	15	20-35	26.13	12	22-35	26.13
SC	11	23-32	26.73	12	22-32	26.60
NE	7	24-28	25.71	3	16-28	24.00
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			<sup>1/</sup>		
SE	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	84	13-35	25.18	47	13-36	25.54
	<b>Soybeans-Drilling</b>			<b>Soybeans-Twin Row Planting</b>		
NW	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
WC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
SW	4	13-24	18.50	-	-	-
NC	4	20-32	28.50	4	20-36	29.00
C	13	20-32	25.15	<sup>1/</sup>		
SC	9	15-32	25.89	-	-	-
NE	3	16-28	24.00	<sup>1/</sup>		
EC	<sup>1/</sup>			-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	38	13-32	24.71	7	20-36	26.29

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

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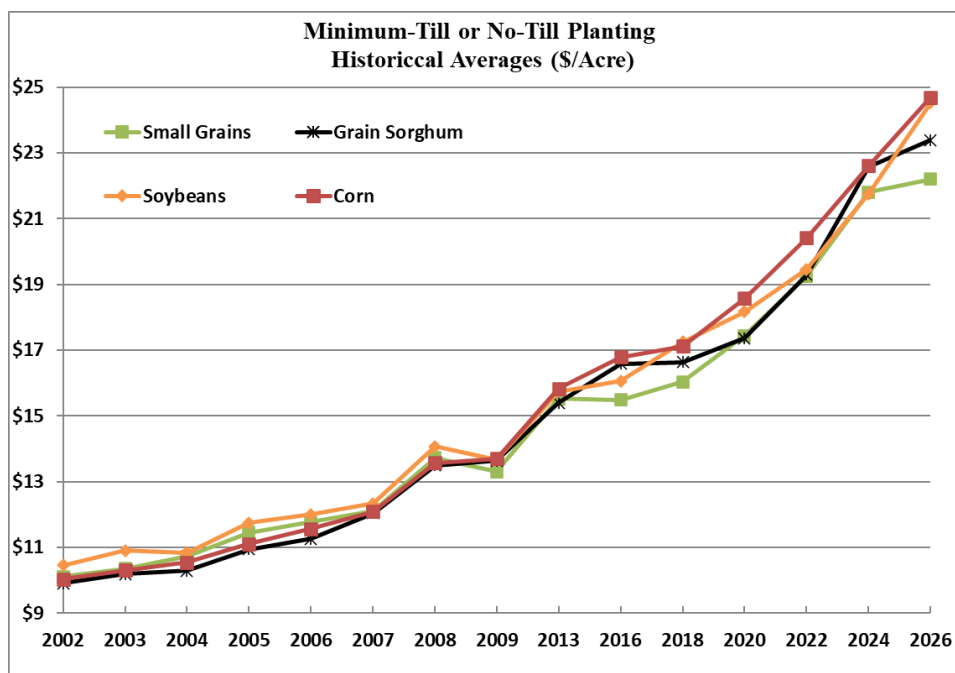
### Minimum-Till or No-Till

Over time, the custom rates for minimum-till planting of crops have been on the rise. The custom charges for minimum-till or no-till planting small grains, grain sorghum, corn, and soybeans in 2026 were higher than the corresponding 2024 average rates. The custom rate for minimum-till or no-till drilling of small grains averaged \$22.21 per acre in 2026, up \$0.40 from 2024. Minimum-till grain sorghum planting averaged \$23.39 per acre, an increase of \$0.82 from 2024. Corn planting in 2026 averaged \$24.69 per acre, an increase of \$2.08 from 2024. Soybean planting averaged \$24.53 per acre, up \$2.77 from 2024's average of \$21.75 per acre.

<b>Custom Rates for Minimum or No-Till Planting, Historical Averages (\$/Acre)</b>				
Year	Small Grains	Grain Sorghum	Soybeans	Corn
2001	9.89	9.56	10.50	10.00
2002	10.11	9.91	10.46	10.04
2003	10.36	10.19	10.90	10.31
2004	10.72	10.29	10.84	10.55
2005	11.45	10.94	11.75	11.11
2006	11.77	11.26	12.00	11.57
2007	12.10	12.04	12.34	12.09
2008	13.73	13.49	14.07	13.57
2009	13.31	13.63	13.68	13.70
2013	15.52	15.40	15.74	15.83
2016	15.49	16.59	16.06	16.79
2018	16.03*	16.64*	17.25*	17.12*
2020	17.43*	17.36*	18.16*	18.58*
2022	19.25*	19.29*	19.45*	20.42*
2024	21.80*	22.57*	21.75*	22.61*
2026	22.21*	23.39*	24.53*	24.69*

Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

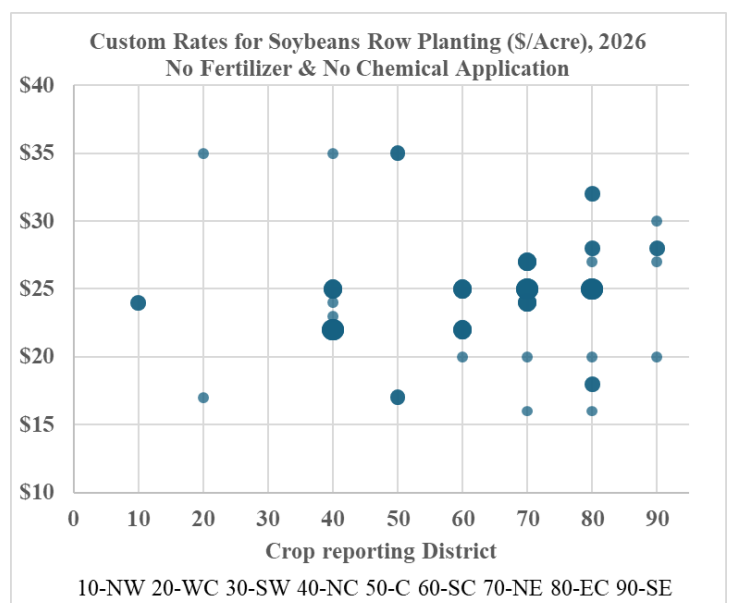
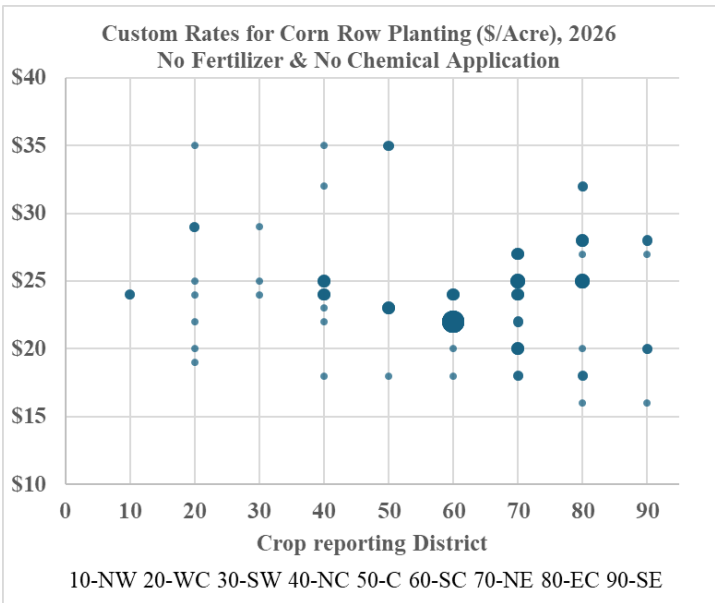
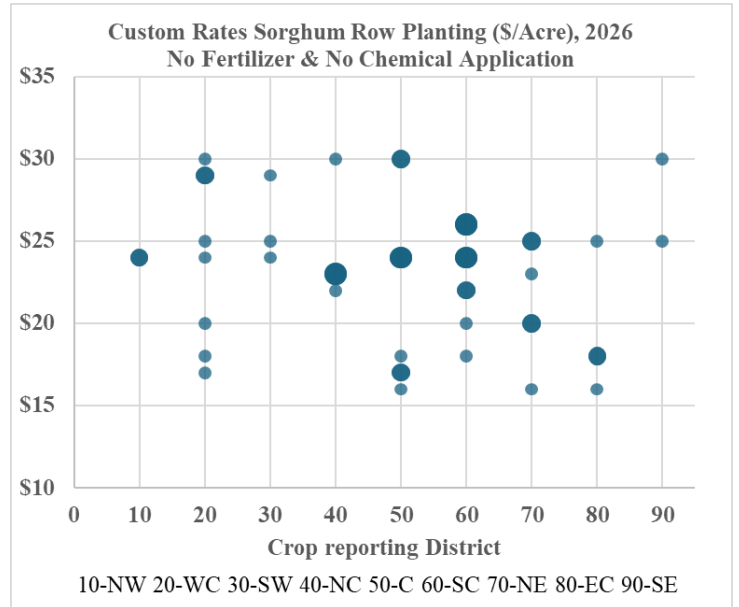
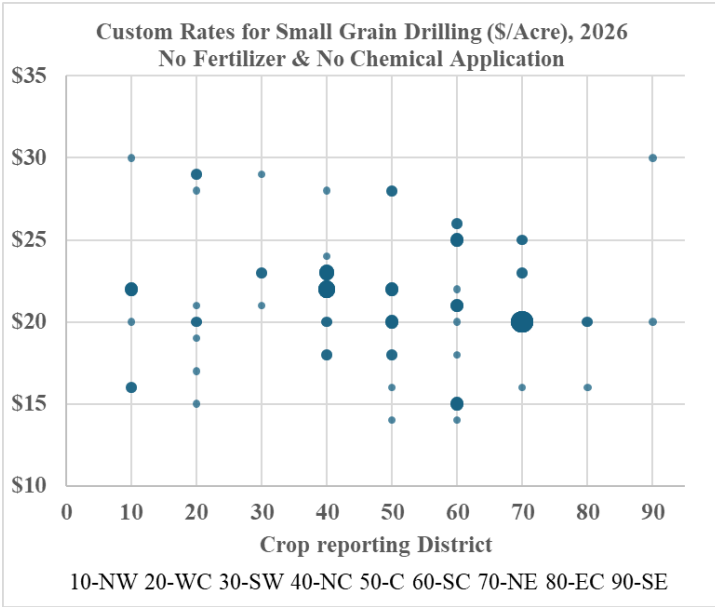
\*Simple average of all responses to planting with fertilizer and planting without fertilizer & chemical.



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## Minimum-Till or No-Till

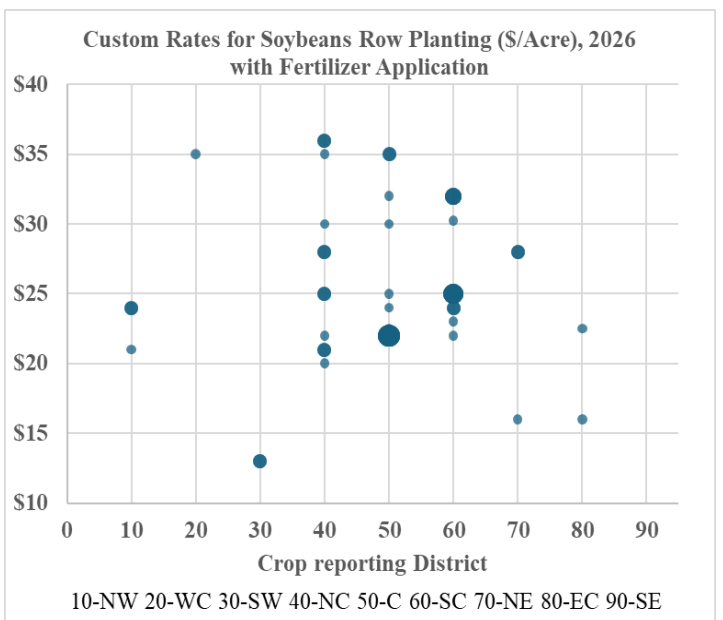
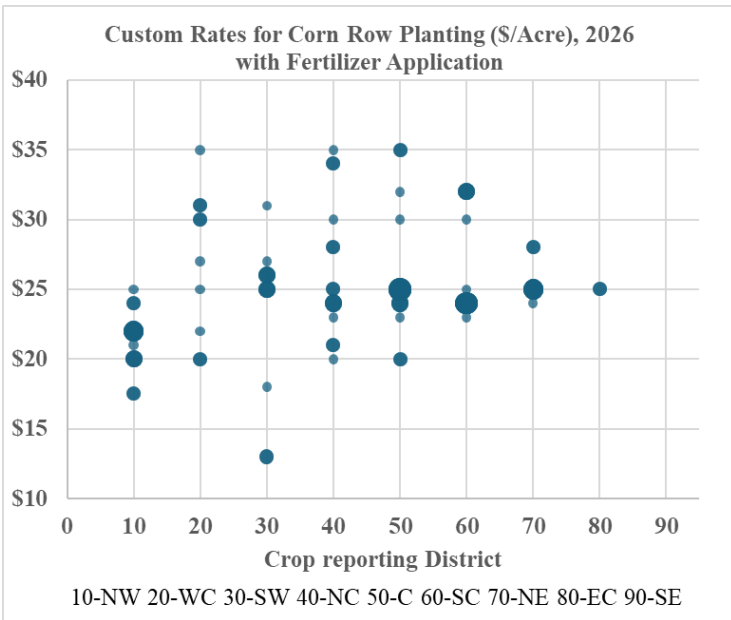
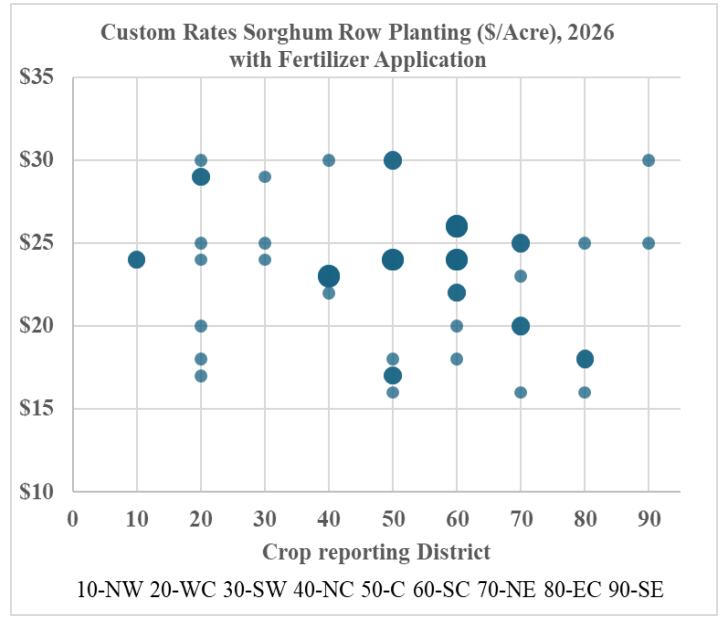
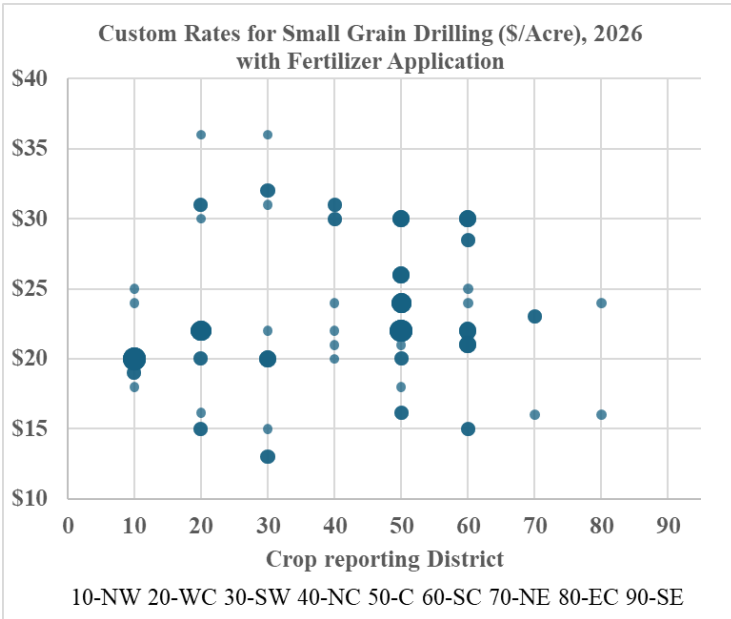
The custom rates for minimum-till planting of crops without fertilizer and chemical applications varied across individual responses. The scatter plots indicated that custom planting rates for each crop varied across crop reporting district and across custom planting service providers.



## PLANTING (Continued)

### Minimum-Till or No-Till

The custom rates for minimum-till planting of crops fertilizer applications differed across individual responses. The scatter plots showed the distribution of custom planting rates for each crop. The rates were different across crop reporting district and across custom planting service providers.



## PLANTING (Continued)

### Grass and Alfalfa and Legumes, Cover Crops, and Cotton

The 2026 grass seeding rate averaged \$21.19 per acre, a decrease of \$4.24 per acre from 2024, but comparable with the 2022 average of \$21.00 per acre. The price for seeding alfalfa-legumes averaged \$21.88 per acre, down 14 cents. from 2024.

#### Custom Rates for Grass Seeding and Alfalfa-Legume Seeding (\$/Acre), 2026, by District

District	Grass Seeding			Alfalfa-Legume Seeding		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	1/			4	18-22	19.50
Central	12	15-26	22.42	18	17-28.50	22.56
Eastern	7	16-35	19.86	4	20-25	21.25
STATE	21	15-35	21.19	26	17-28.5	21.88

1/ Insufficient number of reports.

Cover crop drilling rates in 2026 were higher than the corresponding rates in 2024. Regular-till cover crop drilling averaged \$20.04 per acre without fertilizer and chemical application and \$24.58 per acre with fertilizer application in 2026, up \$0.82 and \$1.83, respectively, from 2024. Minimum-till or no-till cover crop drilling without fertilizer and chemical application averaged \$22.51 per acre, an increase of \$0.71 per acre from 2024. The rate for minimum-till cover crop drilling with fertilizer application averaged \$24.48 per acre in 2026, up \$1.59 per acre from 2024.

#### Custom Rates for Cover Crop Drilling, Regular-Till Planting (\$/Acre), 2026, by Region

Region	No Fertilizer & No Chemical Application			With Fertilizer Application		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	3	22-25	23.00	6	24-26	25.17
Central	16	20-28	22.50	13	20-32	24.31
Eastern	8	5-16	14.00	-	-	-
STATE	27	5-28	20.04	19	20-32	24.58

- No response.

#### Custom Rates for Cover Crop Drilling, Minimum-Till or No-Till Planting (\$/Acre) 2026, by District

Region	No Fertilizer No Chemical			With Fertilizer Application		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	9	20-30	23.67	8	13-32	22.88
Central	27	20-26	22.67	15	22-30	24.87
Eastern	13	16-30	21.38	2	-	28.00
STATE	49	16-30	22.51	25	13-32	24.48

Regular-till cotton single row planting averaged \$27.00 per acre in 2026, an increase of \$3.16 from 2024. The average custom rate of minimum or no-till cotton single row planting was \$21.64 per acre, down \$1.71 from 2024. The low number of responses should be taken into consideration when comparing the changes in the rates across years.

#### Custom Rates for Cotton Single Row Planting (\$/Acre), 2026, by Region

Region	Regular-Till			Minimum or No-Till		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	1/		
Central	12	22-34	27.00	11	15-24	21.64
Eastern	1/			-	-	-
STATE	12	22-34	27.00	11	15-24	21.64

1/ Insufficient number of reports. - No response.

## CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS

The custom rates for chemical applications presented here include the cost of machine, power, and the operator; however, the costs of the chemicals **are excluded**. Rates charged for row crop cultivation with fertilizer application averaged \$16.93 per acre in 2026. The average rate for row crop cultivation without fertilizer application in 2026 was \$16.05 per acre. The low number of responses to these rates should be taken into consideration when the rates are compared across years.

**Custom Rates for Row Crop Cultivation, 2026, by Region**

Region	With Fertilizer Application (\$/Acre)			Without Fertilizer Application (\$/Acre)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	6	9.50-28.00	15.67	9	9.50-25.00	16.11
Central	8	8.50-32.00	17.88	10	7.50-30.00	16.00
Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE	14	8.50-32.00	16.93	19	7.50-30.00	16.05

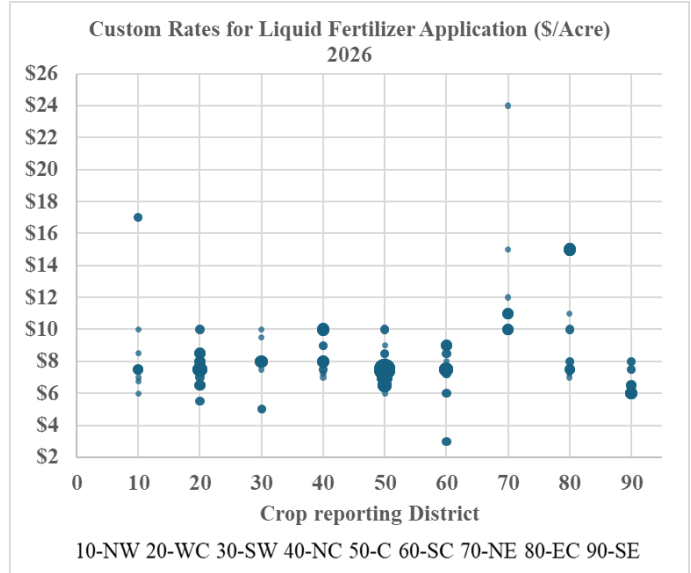
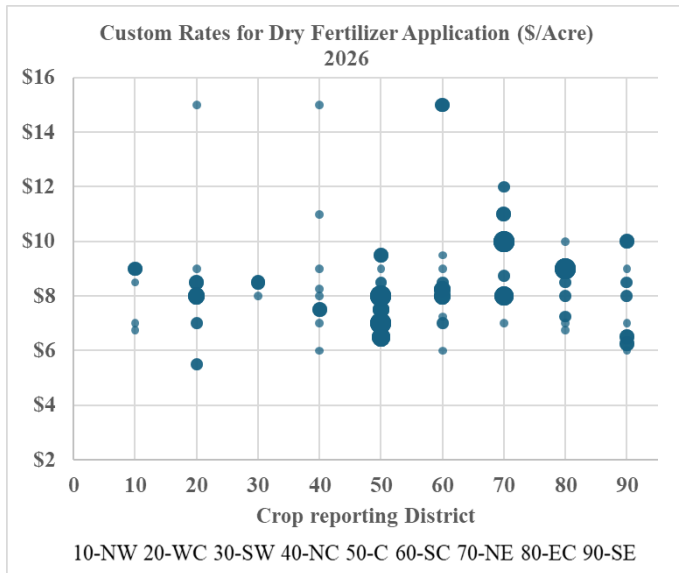
- No response.

The rate for the application of dry fertilizer averaged \$8.40 per acre in 2026, up \$0.81 per acre from the 2024 rate. Liquid fertilizer application, on average, cost \$8.28 per acre in 2026, \$0.09 per acre lower than in 2024.

**Custom Rates for Fertilizer Application, 2026, by District**

District	Dry Fertilizer (\$/Acre)			Liquid Fertilizer (\$/Acre)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
NW	6	6.75-9.00	8.21	10	6.00-17.00	9.48
WC	13	5.50-15.00	8.19	20	5.50-10.00	7.58
SW	4	8.00-8.50	8.38	9	5.00-10.00	7.67
NC	10	6.00-15.00	8.68	14	7.00-10.00	8.52
C	29	6.50-9.50	7.64	33	6.00-10.00	7.45
SC	19	6.00-15.00	9.09	17	3.00-9.00	7.18
NE	19	7.00-12.00	9.55	9	10.00-24.00	12.67
EC	15	6.75-10.00	8.35	14	7.00-15.00	10.27
SE	16	6.00-10.00	7.70	11	6.00-8.00	6.77
STATE	131	5.50-15.00	8.40	137	3.00-24.00	8.28

Custom rates for fertilizer application varied widely across custom providers and across regions.



## CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS (Continued)

Custom chemical applicators charged an average of \$21.51 per acre to apply anhydrous ammonia in 2026, an increase of 18 cents from the 2024 average.

### Custom Rates for Application of Anhydrous Ammonia, 2026, by District

District	No. of Reports	Range	Average (\$/Acre)
NW	-	-	-
WC	7	8.00-30.00	15.14
SW	10	8.00-20.00	16.20
NC	14	15.00-30.00	22.43
C	13	6.50-30.00	20.92
SC	6	16.00-27.00	21.17
NE	22	18.00-32.00	25.14
EC	8	21.00-30.00	22.75
SE	<sup>1/</sup>		
STATE	82	6.50-32.00	21.51

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

The average cost for aerial application of herbicide in 2026 was \$10.11 per acre, up \$1.61 from the 2024 rate of \$8.50. When herbicide was applied with a ground rig, the average cost in 2026 was \$8.57, up \$1.17 from the average of \$7.41 in 2024.

### Custom Rates for Herbicide Application, 2026, by District

District	Aerial (\$/Acre)			Ground Rig (\$/Acre)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
NW	4	9.00-13.00	10.00	14	6.00-17.00	8.73
WC	7	7.50-10.00	8.21	28	6.00-9.00	7.79
SW	<sup>1/</sup>			18	5.00-8.50	7.52
NC	<sup>1/</sup>			21	6.50-18.00	9.44
C	9	8.00-12.00	9.89	37	6.50-9.50	7.70
SC	8	7.50-10.25	9.53	14	6.00-9.50	7.61
NE	8	10.00-12.00	11.00	29	8.50-12.00	10.52
EC	4	10.25-16.00	12.31	20	7.00-13.00	9.68
SE	-	-	-	15	6.50-11.00	7.73
STATE	44	7.50-16.00	10.11	196	5.00-18.00	8.57

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS (Continued)

The custom rates for aerial insecticide/fungicide application in 2026 was \$10.23 per acre, \$1.74 higher than the 2024 average of \$8.49. When insecticides were applied with a ground rig, the average cost was \$8.74 per acre in 2026, up \$1.25 from the 2024 average.

**Custom Rates for Insecticide/Fungicide Application, 2026, by District**

District	Aerial (\$/Acre)			Ground Rig (\$/Acre)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
NW	5	9.00-13.00	9.90	6	6.75-8.50	7.71
WC	4	8.00-12.00	9.00	16	6.00-10.00	8.19
SW	<sup>1/</sup>			5	5.00-8.50	6.80
NC	<sup>1/</sup>			12	7.50-20.00	10.83
C	12	7.00-12.00	8.75	32	6.50-9.50	7.76
SC	9	7.50-12.00	10.25	14	6.00-10.00	8.23
NE	9	10.00-12.00	11.00	21	8.00-15.00	10.76
EC	6	10.25-13.50	12.54	17	7.21-13.00	9.82
SE	-	-	-	13	6.50-8.00	7.00
STATE	48	7.00-13.50	10.23	136	5.00-20.00	8.74

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

Historical averages of custom rates for chemical application are presented in the table below. The herbicide and insecticide application rates in 2026 increased from 2024.

**Custom Rates for Chemical Application, Historical Averages (\$/Acre)**

Type of Operation or Application	2006	2007	2008	2009	2013	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026
Cultivation with Fertilizer	7.60	6.33	8.41	8.00	10.84	9.40	12.02	12.67	12.25	20.00	16.93
Cultivation without Fertilizer	7.09	6.32	8.46	7.24	9.39	8.27	10.51	9.50	10.39	17.50	16.05
Dry Fertilizer	4.15	4.20	4.96	4.68	5.31	5.48	5.61	5.74	6.51	7.59	8.73
Liquid Fertilizer	4.42	4.37	4.98	4.82	5.71	5.65	5.73	6.16	7.27	8.37	8.58
Anhydrous Ammonia	6.75	8.46	10.20	10.55	12.60	15.15	15.09	16.61	17.86	21.33	21.51
Herbicide-Aerial	4.83	5.19	6.20	6.93	7.60	7.69	8.07	7.97	7.92	8.50	10.11
Herbicide-Ground Rig	4.40	4.50	5.01	4.98	5.44	5.61	5.73	5.99	6.44	7.41	8.57
Insecticide-Aerial	5.20	5.48	6.20	6.60	7.73	7.65	8.48	8.14	8.13	8.49	10.23
Insecticide-Ground Rig	4.51	4.49	5.07	4.95	5.45	5.62	5.71	5.98	6.34	7.49	8.74

Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS.

## FEED PREPARATION

Rates for custom feed preparations are those generally charged by grain elevators and feed mills. For grinding grain, the average custom rate in 2026 was 37 cents per hundredweight (cwt), down 27 cents from 2024. The average rate for rolling grain in 2026 was 50 cents per cwt, 7 cents lower than the 2024 average. Too few reports were available to publish the custom rates of grinding hay. Mixing operations cost an average of 45 cents per cwt in 2026, compared to 42 cents per cwt in 2022 and 52 cents in 2024. The average rates for rolling and mixing and for grinding and mixing in 2026 were 79 cents per cwt and 86 cents per cwt, respectively, compared with \$0.83 per cwt and 0.59 cents per cwt, respectively, in 2024. The small number of responses should be taken into consideration when the rates were compared across years.

### Custom Rates for Feed Preparation (\$/cwt), 2026, by District

Region	Grinding Grain			Rolling Grain		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	1 <sup>/</sup>		
Central	3	0.50-0.50	0.50	3	0.50-0.50	0.50
Eastern	9	0.25-0.36	0.32	6	0.34-0.34	0.34
STATE	12	0.25-0.50	0.37	10	0.34-1.50	0.50

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

### Custom Rates for Feed Preparation (\$/cwt), 2026, by District

Region	Mixing Feed			Rolling and Mixing			Grinding and Mixing		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	1 <sup>/</sup>			-	-	-
Central	3	0.50-0.50	0.50	5	0.60-1.00	0.84	3	1.00-1.00	1.00
Eastern	6	0.43-0.43	0.43	6	0.77-0.77	0.77	6	0.79-0.79	0.79
STATE	9	0.43-0.50	0.45	12	0.60-1.00	0.79	9	0.79-1.00	0.86

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

Charges for pelleting feed operations in 2026 averaged \$1.37 per cwt, 26 cents lower than in 2024. Custom rates for grinding, mixing and pelleting operations averaged \$2.23 per cwt in 2026, down 24 cents from the 2024 average. Charges for pelleting feed operations and grinding, mixing and pelleting operations in 2026 were unavailable. Sacking operations, excluding the cost of sacks, averaged \$3.03 per cwt, down 18 cents from the 2024 average.

### Custom Rates for Feed Preparation (\$/cwt), 2026, by District

Region	Pelleting Feed Only			Grinding, Mixing, and Pelleting			Sacking Feed		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 <sup>/</sup>		
Central	3	1.00-1.00	1.00	3	2.00-2.00	2.00	3	2.50-2.50	2.50
Eastern	6	1.55-1.55	1.55	6	2.34-2.34	2.34	6	3.30-3.30	3.30
STATE	9	1.00-1.55	1.37	9	2.00-2.34	2.23	9	2.50-3.30	3.03

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## FEED PREPARATION (Continued)

Rates for custom feed preparations have fluctuated since 2001. The custom rates for feed preparation in 2026 were lower than the corresponding 2024 rates, except for grinding and mixing feed. The small number of responses likely contributed to the rate variation across the years.

### Custom Rates for Feed Preparation, Historical Average (\$/cwt)

Year	Grinding Grain	Rolling Grain	Grinding Hay	Mixing Feed	Rolling and Mixing	Grinding and Mixing	Pelleting Feed	Grinding, Mixing, and Pelleting	Sacking Feed (excluding sack costs)
2001	0.34	0.31	0.66	0.23	0.49	0.53	0.70	1.18	0.91
2002	0.36	0.33	0.74	0.26	0.51	0.53	0.76	1.19	0.95
2003	0.35	0.33	0.62	0.26	0.52	0.57	0.84	1.14	1.16
2004	0.36	0.34	0.25	0.26	0.56	0.57	0.79	1.16	1.12
2005	0.39	0.36	0.32	0.28	0.58	0.62	0.89	1.20	1.15
2006	0.38	0.37	0.55	0.28	0.58	0.61	0.86	1.02	1.13
2007	0.44	0.39	0.57	0.33	0.57	0.58	0.83	1.34	1.27
2008	0.40	0.36	0.69	0.34	0.64	0.68	1.03	1.52	1.44
2009	0.41	0.37	0.61	0.32	0.61	0.67	0.90	1.51	1.30
2013	0.37	0.38	0.69	0.33	0.72	0.69	1.17	<sup>1/</sup>	1.49
2016	0.47	0.45	<sup>1/</sup>	0.34	0.77	1.03	0.89	1.47	1.74
2018	0.44	0.47	<sup>1/</sup>	0.42	0.88	0.64	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	1.57
2020	0.45	0.45	<sup>1/</sup>	0.46	0.90	0.91	0.94	1.69	1.45
2022	0.46	0.41	-	0.42	1.08	0.78	1.30	1.96	1.73
2024	0.64	0.58	-	0.52	0.83	0.59	1.63	2.47	3.21
2026	0.37	0.50	-	0.45	0.79	0.86	1.37	2.23	3.03

Note: Rates before 2016 are from surveys conducted by NASS. <sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. – No response.

## FEED DELIVERY

Various methods were used to charge for bulk feed deliveries. Rates for the most reported methods are presented. If the feed delivery charge was based on a straight charge per mile, the average rate in 2026 was \$5.26 per loaded mile on an average load of 20.60 tons. In 2024, operators charged \$4.72 per loaded mile on an average load of 16.78 tons. If feed delivery was charged per load plus mileage, the rate in 2026 averaged \$55.71 per load plus \$3.14 per loaded mile for an average load of 12.86 tons. The rate in 2024 averaged \$50.00 per load plus \$3.43 per loaded mile for an average load of 13.29 tons. Some operators charged a flat rate of \$180.00 for an average load of 14.80 tons.

### Custom Rates for Feed Delivery, 2026, by Region

Region	Flat Rate per Load			Straight Charge per Mile			Charge per Load Plus Charge per loaded Mile			
	Number of Reports	Dollars per Load	Avg. Load (Tons)	Number of Reports	Dollars per Loaded Mile	Avg. Load (Tons)	Number of Reports	Dollars per Load	Dollars per Loaded Mile	Avg. Load (Tons)
Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	-	-	-	<sup>1/</sup>			7	55.71	3.14	12.86
Eastern	5	180.00	14.80	9	5.41	19.75	-	-	-	-
STATE	5	180.00	14.80	11	5.26	20.60	7	55.71	3.14	12.86

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. -No response.

## MACHINERY RENTAL

Rental costs listed below do not include the cost of fuel or labor for self-propelled equipment and tractors. Tractors and combines were commonly reported rental items, followed by skid loaders, corn headers, and no till drill. Some items, such as anhydrous applicators, fertilizer applicator, and chemical sprayers, were reported but had too few reports to summarize.

Combine rental averaged \$247.50 per hour, and average rental rate for skid loader was \$95.96 per hour in 2026. Rental charges for corn headers in 2026 averaged \$11.22 per acre and average rental charge for no till drill was \$17.20 per acre. Rental for tractors with horsepower of 151-250 averaged \$162.50 per hour in 2026; while rental for tractors more than 250HP averaged \$203.43 per hour. Average rental costs show increases or decreases due to the varied demand and increasing costs of implements. Some of the variation may be due to the small number of reports for some rental items.

### Machine Rental Rates, 2026

Machine or Tool	Method of Charge	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Combine	\$/Hour	8	100-875	247.50
Skid Loader	\$/Hour	9	80-120	95.56
Corn Header	\$/Acre	9	8-20	11.22
No Till Drill	\$/Acre	5	10-22	17.20
Tractor				
151-250 HP	\$/Hour	4	50-200	162.50
250+ HP	\$/Hour	7	80-260	203.43

## MANURE REMOVAL AND SPREADING

Custom rates for manure removal alone averaged \$7.00 per ton in 2026 with limited number of responses. Custom rates for manure spreading alone averaged \$6.11 per ton, 92 cents higher than the 2024 average. Manure removal and spreading in 2026 averaged \$9.96 per ton, an increase of \$2.46 per ton from the 2022 average but down \$1.66 from 2024. Additional mileage charge averaged \$2.25 per mile hauled for removal only, \$1.04 per mile hauled for spreading only and \$1.96 for removal and spreading services in 2026.

### Custom Rates for Manure Removal, 2024, by Region

Region	Removal Only (\$/Ton)			Spreading Only (\$/Mile)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	1/			13	2.00-8.00	4.54
Central	1/			7	5.00-20.00	9.14
Eastern	1/			7	4.50-14.00	6.00
STATE	5	3.00-10.00	7.00	27	2.00-20.00	6.11
Region	Removal and Spreading (\$/Ton)			Additional Charges per Mile Hauled (\$/Mile)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	Removal Only	Spreading Only	Removal & Spreading
Western	1/	8.50-8.50	8.50	1.88	0.65	1/
Central	5	4.00-18.00	9.60	1/	1/	1.75
Eastern	7	7.00-15.00	10.43	-	1.00	-
STATE	13	4.00-18.00	9.96	2.25	1.04	1.96

1/ Insufficient number of reports. -No response.

## HAULING LIVESTOCK

Questions related to rates for hauling livestock were added to the survey starting in 2016. Custom rates for hauling livestock with a belly-semi truck in 2026 averaged \$4.88 per mile hauled at 47750 lbs. capacity. In 2024, the average rate for hauling livestock with a belly-semi was \$5.29 per mile with 49286 lbs. capacity. In 2026, custom rates for hauling livestock with a flat cattle truck averaged \$5.22 per mile, with average capacity of 50500 lbs. The average custom rate for hauling livestock with a small truck or gooseneck trailer in 2026 was \$4.68 per mile at 25000lbs. capacity and the trailer length averaged 35.71 feet. The relatively small number of responses may be one of the reasons that caused the variation between the average values in 2024 and 2026.

### Custom Rates for Hauling Livestock, Belly Semi Truck, 2026, by Region

Region	Belly Semi Truck					
	Weight Capacity (lb.)			One-Way Load Charge (\$/Mile)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	<sup>1/</sup>	-	49000	<sup>1/</sup>	-	4.50
Central	4	48000-50000	48500	4	4.00-5.00	4.75
Eastern	<sup>1/</sup>		45000	<sup>1/</sup>		5.50
STATE	8	45000-50000	47750	8	4.00-5.50	4.88

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. -No response.

### Custom Rates for Hauling Livestock, Flat Cattle Truck, 2026, by Region

Region	Flat Cattle Truck					
	Weight Capacity (lb.)			One-Way Load Charge (\$/Mile)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	<sup>1/</sup>		48000	3	5.50-5.50	5.50
Central	11	50000-55000	51182	11	1.60-6.00	5.10
Eastern	5	50000-50000	50000	7	5.00-5.50	5.29
STATE	18	48000-55000	50500	21	1.60-6.00	5.22

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports. -No response.

### Custom Rates for Hauling Livestock, Small Truck or Gooseneck Trailer , 2026, by Region

Region	Small Truck or Gooseneck Trailer								
	Weight Capacity (lb.)			One-Way Load Charge (\$/Mile)			Trailer Length (Foot)		
	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average	No. of Reports	Range	Average
Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	3	30000-30000	30000	3	5.00-5.00	5.00	3	38-38	38.00
Eastern	3	20000-20000	20000	4	4.25-5.00	4.44	4	32-40	34.00
STATE	6	20000-30000	25000	7	4.25-5.00	4.68	7	32-40	35.71

-No response.

## TERRACING AND DOZING

The cost of building terraces averaged \$1.85 per foot in 2026, up 18 cents from 2024. The average cost for general dozer work was \$202.86 per hour, up \$12.02 from the 2024 average of \$190.83 per hour.

### Custom Rates for Terracing and Dozing, 2026, by Region

Region	Terracing			Dozing		
	No. of Reports	Dollars per Foot		No. of Reports	Dollars per Hour	
		Range	Average		Range	Average
Western	4	1.20-1.90	1.55	<sup>1/</sup>		
Central	4	1.50-2.65	2.04	9	150-225	178.33
Eastern	3	2.00-2.00	2.00	11	160-275	218.64
STATE	11	1.10-2.50	1.85	21	150-275	202.86

<sup>1/</sup> Insufficient number of reports.

## FENCE BUILDING

Rates for fence building were reported in the Bluestem Pasture Survey report published in May of 2025. The 2025 average fence building costs were computed from responses in the 14 Flint Hills counties. The reported rates varied considerably due to the difference in materials, equipment, and terrain. The rate charged for building a five-wire fence, excluding materials, averaged \$28.56 per rod in 2025, \$7.63 higher than the 2023 average. The rate including materials averaged \$46.35 per rod, down \$6.83 from 2023. In 2023, the additional charge for gates was \$237.89 and for corners was \$332.50. The hourly rate for rough or rocky terrain averaged \$142.14 per hour.

### Custom Rates for Fence Building, 2025, by Post Types

Post Type	5 Wire Including Materials (\$/Rod)		5 Wire Excluding Materials (\$/Rod)	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Steel Post Only	45.78	17.02 - 61.88	22.97	4.69 - 51.56
Steel & Wood Posts	48.05	31.25 - 62.50	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>
Combined Rate	46.35	17.02 - 62.50	28.56	4.69 - 51.56

### Custom Rates for Fence Building, Additional Charges, 2025

Additional Charges	Average	Range
Additional Charge for Gates (\$)	237.89	20-500
Additional Charge for Corners (\$)	332.50	100 - 525
Average Hourly Rate for Rough or Rocky Terrain (\$/Hour)	142.14	70 - 200