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Activity	Basis For Charge	Northern Region	Southern Region	Western Region
Tillage				
Stalk Shredding	\$/acre	8.00 – 10.00	12.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 20.00
Plow – Moldboard	\$/acre	14.00 – 16.00	22.00 – 27.00	18.00 – 30.00
Plow – Deep Chisel (irrigated)	\$/acre	12.00 – 17.00	18.00 – 30.00	25.00 – 30.00
Plow – Deep Chisel (dryland)	\$/acre	12.00 – 17.00	18.00 – 30.00	25.00 – 30.00
Plow – Surface Chisel (irrigated)	\$/acre	12.00 – 16.00	18.00 – 20.00	20.00 – 25.00
Plow – Surface Chisel (dryland)	\$/acre	11.00 – 16.00	8.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 20.00
Plow – Sweep	\$/acre	10.00 – 16.00	8.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 20.00
Disk (irrigated)	\$/acre	10.00 – 16.00	8.00 – 15.00	18.00 – 20.00
Disk (dryland)	\$/acre	10.00 – 16.00	8.00 – 12.00	15.00 – 20.00
Mulching	\$/acre	14.00 – 17.00	18.00 – 20.00	18.00 – 20.00
Harrow	\$/acre	14.00 – 17.00	10.00 – 12.00	18.00 – 20.00
Cultivating – Field	\$/acre	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00	15.00 – 20.00
Cultivating – Bedding	\$/acre	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00	15.00 – 20.00
Rod Weeder	\$/acre	7.00 – 10.00	8.00 – 12.00	n/a
Rotary Tillage	\$/acre	8.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 15.00	n/a
Land Leveling/Floating	\$/acre	9.00 – 12.00	15.00 – 18.00	12.00 – 14.00
Furrowing	\$/acre	10.00 – 18.00	12.00 – 15.00	11.00 – 15.00
Strip Till (tillage only)	\$/acre	10.00 – 20.00	11.00 – 18.00	15.00 – 20.00

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Planting (does not include seeds and transplants)				
Seed Cleaning	\$/bushel	0.75 – 1.20	0.75 – 1.00	0.80 – 1.50
Plant – Drill	\$/acre	11.00 – 18.00	10.00 – 13.00	12.00 – 15.00
Plant – Drill (30-inch spacing)	\$/acre	11.00 – 20.00	12.00 – 22.00	15.00 – 25.00
Plant – Air Seeder	\$/acre	11.00 – 15.00	12.00 – 20.00	15.00 – 25.00
Plant – Strip Till (single operation)	\$/acre	12.00 – 30.00	12.00 – 16.00	15.00 – 20.00
Plant – No Till	\$/acre	11.00 – 18.00	15.00 – 20.00	15.00 – 20.00

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Chemical and Fertilizer Application (does not include material)				
Dry Fertilizer	\$/acre	5.00 – 7.00	5.00 – 8.00	5.00 – 8.00
Liquid Fertilizer	\$/acre	4.00 – 7.00	4.00 – 9.00	5.00 – 10.00
Anhydrous Ammonia	\$/acre	7.00 – 12.00	7.00 – 12.00	7.00 – 12.00
Anhydrous Ammonia with Sweep	\$/acre	7.00 – 14.00	8.00 – 15.00	10.00 – 15.00
Aerial Spraying	\$/acre	6.00 – 7.50	7.00 – 11.00	15.00 – 21.00
Boom Sprayer	\$/acre	5.00 – 7.50	5.00 – 12.00	5.00 – 10.00
Side-Dress	\$/acre	5.00 – 7.50	6.00 – 12.00	10.00 – 12.00

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Hay and Silage Harvesting				
Silage – Chopping and Hauling	\$/acre	40.00 – 55.00	45.00 – 60.00	50.00 – 65.00
Hay – Mowing	\$/acre	10.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 20.00	15.00 – 20.00
Hay – Swathing	\$/acre	12.00 – 16.00	8.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 25.00
Hay – Raking	\$/acre	3.00 – 6.00	8.00 – 12.00	6.00 – 10.00
Baling – Small Square Bales	\$/bale	0.60 – 1.50	0.50 – 1.50	0.50 – 1.50
Baling – 3x3x8 Bales	\$/bale	10.00 – 12.00	8.00 – 9.00	8.00 – 9.00
Baling – 4x4x8 Bales	\$/bale	16.00 – 20.00	15.00 – 18.00	8.00 – 9.00
Baling – Round Bales	\$/bale	10.00 – 16.00	8.00 – 10.00	8.00 – 9.00
Loading/Stacking – Sm Sq Bales	\$/bale	0.40 – 0.80	0.50 – 1.50	0.50 – 0.70
Hauling – Large Square Bales	\$/loaded mile	3.50 – 6.00	1.50 – 4.00	3.00 – 5.00
Hauling – Round Bales	\$/loaded mile	3.50 – 5.50	1.50 – 2.50	3.00 – 5.00
Tub Grinding	\$/ton	12.00 – 18.00	12.00 – 15.00	12.00 – 15.00

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Grain Harvesting In some locales there is both a fixed rate per acre and a variable rate per bushel charged for combining. For example, the costs for harvesting dryland wheat may be known as "23-23-23" or "3 23s" -- \$23 per acre plus \$0.23 for each bushel harvested in excess of 20 bushels per acre plus \$0.23 per bushel for hauling.				
Combine – Corn/Sorghum (irrigated)	\$/acre + \$/bushel	20.00 – 30.00 0.20 – 0.30	18.00 – 28.00 0.20 – 0.25	25.00 – 45.00 0.20 – 0.25
Combine – Corn/Sorghum (dryland)	\$/acre + \$/bushel	20.00 – 30.00 0.20 – 0.30	18.00 – 25.00 0.20 – 0.25	20.00 – 40.00 0.20 – 0.25
Combine – Small Grains (irrigated)	\$/acre + \$/bushel	20.00 – 30.00 0.20 – 0.30	18.00 – 20.00 0.18 – 0.20	20.00 – 40.00 0.20 – 0.25
Combine – Small Grains (dryland)	\$/acre + \$/bushel	20.00 – 30.00 0.20 – 0.30	18.00 – 20.00 0.18 – 0.20	20.00 – 40.00 0.20 – 0.25
Combine – Oil Seeds, Soybeans, Dry Beans	\$/acre	40.00 – 55.00	n/a	40.00 – 60.00
Swath – Small Grains	\$/acre	12.00 – 15.00	n/a	n/a
Hauling - Grains	\$/bushel	0.20 – 0.30	0.10 – 0.35	0.25 – 0.40

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Labor				
General Labor	\$/hour	12.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 20.00	12.00 – 25.00
Tractor Drivers	\$/hour	12.00 – 15.00	12.00 – 15.00	8.00 – 15.00
Irrigators	\$/hour	8.00 – 16.00	12.00 – 15.00	9.00 – 15.00
Full Time (year round) Employees	\$/month	2,000 – 3,200	3,000 – 5,200	3,500 – 5,000
Foreman	\$/month	2,500 – 3,500	2,000 – 3,500	3,000 – 5,000
Managers	\$/month	2,500 – 4,500	3,500 – 5,000	3,500 – 7,500

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Livestock Handling				
Sheep - Shearing	\$/head	3.50 – 5.00	4.00 – 5.00	2.00 – 8.00
Sheep – Fertility Testing Rams	\$/head	25.00 – 45.00	20.00 – 25.00	19.00 – 30.00
Sheep – Ultrasound Diagnosis	\$/head	3.00 – 4.00	3.00 – 5.00	5.00 – 6.50
Beef – Fertility Testing Bulls	\$/head	30.00 – 55.00	35.00 – 40.00	30.00 – 45.00
Beef – Pregnancy Testing Cows	\$/head	3.00 – 4.00 + mileage	3.00 – 4.00 + mileage	2.90 – 5.50 + mileage
Horses – Shoeing (with shoes)	\$/head	80.00 – 100.00	85.00 – 100.00	85.00 – 100.00
Horses – Hoof Trimming	\$/head	40.00 – 75.00	50.00 – 75.00	50.00 – 75.00
Livestock Hauling	\$/Loaded mile	3.80 – 7.50	3.00 – 4.00	3.75 – 5.00
Fence Building (4 wires)	\$/mile	6,000 – 10,500	5,000 – 10,200	8,000 – 12,000

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Livestock Land Rental Arrangements				
Sheep – Grazing All Pasture Types	\$/head/day	n/a	n/a	3.00 – 6.00
Beef Cows – Grazing				
Native Range	\$/head/month	15.00 – 35.00	18.00 – 25.00	30.00 – 40.00
Irrigated Pasture	\$/head/month	18.00 – 22.00	18.00 – 20.00	20.00 – 25.00
Wheat Pasture	\$/head/month	15.00 – 22.00	18.00 – 20.00	n/a
Corn/Milo Stalks	\$/head/month	15.00 – 30.00	18.00 – 30.00	20.00 – 25.00
Yearling Cattle – Grazing				
All Pasture Types	\$/head/month	10.00 – 15.00	12.00 – 20.00	20.00 – 30.00
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Crop Land Cash Rents				
Irrigated Land				
Corn/Sorghum	\$/acre	150 – 300	250 – 300	120 – 250
Small Grains	\$/acre	180 – 250	n/a	120 – 250
Alfalfa	\$/acre	160 – 200	170 – 250	120 – 250
Sugar Beets	\$/acre	250 – 350	n/a	n/a
Grass Hay	\$/acre	n/a	n/a	25 – 60
Non-Irrigated Land (Dryland)				
Corn/Sorghum	\$/acre	45 – 50	45 – 55	20 – 50
Small Grains	\$/acre	45 – 50	45 – 55	20 – 50
Oil Seed and Millet	\$/acre	45 – 50	45 – 55	20 – 50
Alfalfa	\$/acre	n/a	n/a	120 – 190

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Crop Land Share Rents The first number represents the tenant's share and the second number represents the landowner's share of production and expenses.				
Irrigated Land				
Corn/Sorghum		67% - 33%	67% - 33%	67% - 33%
Small Grains		75% - 25%	75% - 25%	67% - 33%
Alfalfa		50% - 50%	50% - 50%	67% - 33%
Sugar Beets		75% - 25%	n/a	n/a
Non-Irrigated Land (Dryland)				
Corn/Sorghum		67% - 33%	67% - 33%	67% - 33%
Small Grains		67% - 33%	75% - 25%	67% - 33%
Oil Seed and Millet		67% - 33%	75% - 25%	67% - 33%
Alfalfa		n/a	n/a	And 60% - 40%