

INTRODUCTION

This Custom Rate Survey was conducted by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Economics and Competitiveness Branch, Statistics and Data Development Section.

The data presented in this report was obtained by contacting producers and custom operators and thus represent actual charges. Please note that some instances may be “good neighbor rates” as opposed to commercial rates. The reader should be aware that varying lease and rental arrangements in different areas of the province could significantly affect the rates charged from year to year.

The intent of the survey is to provide producers with additional information to help with their farm management decisions. The quality of data is dependent on the cooperation received by producers as well as commercial custom operators. We would like to thank all the survey participants who willingly provided the information for this report. If you are aware of anyone who is a custom operator that has not been contacted, but wish to participate in the survey, please do not hesitate to refer them to me.

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