

PREFACE

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

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 conditions 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 those who willingly provided information for this report. If you are involved in any custom operations or in the leasing of crop or pastureland, and have not been contacted but wish to contribute, please contact Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Economics and Competitiveness Division, Statistics and Data Development Branch.

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