

PREFACE

The Custom Rate Surveys are conducted for Alberta Agriculture and Food, Economics and Competitiveness Division, Statistics and Data Development Unit by M. C. Wenger Consulting.

The data presented in this report was obtained by contacting custom operators and dealers 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 and have not been contacted but wish to contribute, please contact Alberta Agriculture and Food, Economics and Competitiveness Division, Statistics and Data Development Unit.

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