

2006 Minnesota NRCS Custom Rates

The values listed below include the cost of equipment and tractor, labor and supplies, such as fuel. Please note that these values do not include the cost of seed, fertilizer, lime, chemicals, etc.

If values are needed for operations that are not listed below, please contact the appropriate program manager in the Minnesota NRCS State Office.

Tillage Practices		
Moldboard Plow	\$13.50	Per Acre
Chisel Plow	\$11.25	Per Acre
Heavy Disking	\$8.75	Per Acre
Sub Soiling	\$14.75	Per Acre
Field Cultivator	\$8.75	Per Acre
Tandem Disking	\$8.75	Per Acre
Row Cultivator	\$5.75	Per Acre
Land Rolling	\$4.75	Per Acre
Harrowing	\$5.75	Per Acre
Planting		
Native Grass Seed Drill	\$15.00	Per Acre
Broadcast Grass Seeder	\$8.00	Per Acre
Fertilizer Application		
Dry Bulk – Applied	\$4.75	Per Acre
Liquid – Applied	\$5.75	Per Acre
Anhydrous – Applied	\$9.00	Per Acre
Spreading Lime	\$3.75	Per Acre
Pesticide Application		
Ground Spraying – Broadcast – Tractor or Self-Propelled	\$5.75	Per Acre
Ground Spraying – Broadcast - Incorporated	\$9.75	Per Acre
Vegetation Maintenance Operations		
Mowing	\$10.50	Per Acre
Other Custom Work		
Building Fence	\$14.50	Per Hour
General Farm Labor	\$10.00	Per Hour

Please note that the custom values have been increased by approximately 15%, where appropriate, to account for the increase in fuel costs since the custom rates were estimated in the respective publications.

Sources:

2005 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey (www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm), South Dakota 2004 Custom Rates (www.nass.usda.gov/sd), Wisconsin's 2004 Custom Rate Guide (www.nass.usda.gov/wi), Custom Farm Work Rates on North Dakota Farms, 2004 (<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extpubs/agecon/farmmgt/ec499w.htm>), Minnesota Ag News – Farm Labor (<http://www.nass.usda.gov/mn/labr1105.pdf>).