

CUSTOM RATES SURVEY SUMMARY



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Introduction

Since 1975 Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development has annually surveyed custom rates and rental rates to provide information to farmers and custom operators.

This publication presents a summary of custom work and rental rates during 2010. These rates are only intended as a guide. **They are not to be interpreted as the rates you must charge or pay.** The surveys were conducted by Maureen Wenger for the Statistics and Data Development Branch from February 2010 through December 2010.

The department gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the farmers and custom operators who willingly co-operated by providing information about their custom and rental rates.

Again for 2011, a listing of prices for some common farm inputs is included. These prices are collected throughout the year by Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (formerly Unifarm) and the Statistics and Data Development Unit of Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development.

Objective

The specific objective of this survey summary is to organize and report 2010 custom rates for certain custom operations on the farm. No effort is made to evaluate the fairness of reported rates. **The goal is to report what is being charged, not what should be charged.** Because many of the surveys were conducted in 2010, higher costs or other market factors may have resulted in higher custom rates by the time of publication.

Sample size

Sample size is often small, and thus, reported rates should only be used as a general indication of rates being charged for various custom operations in Alberta. **Custom rates in this publication are not to be interpreted as recommended rates.** Rates charged by individual custom operations should still be evaluated on their own merit.

Users of custom rates information

Farmers may find custom rates useful as a guide for machinery management, budgeting and financial planning for credit needs. Also, custom rates can be used as a guide in negotiating settlements for work performed for neighbors or others. Lenders, educators, government institutions and others doing budgeting or planning analysis may also find custom rates helpful in their work. Custom operators can use these guides to compare their own rate with the market rate in a certain area.

Understanding the tables

Within the tables are custom rates for various operations in Alberta which are itemized under:

- type of operation surveyed
- location where rates apply
- most common rates charged in 2009
- range of rates charged in 2010
- most common rates charged in 2010

Under the heading Location, four regions (south, central, north and Peace) are identified. When survey reports were insufficient for regional comparisons, the location is identified as Alberta.

Custom rates in 2011 for the various operations are shown as Range 2010 and Most Common 2010. The rates quoted most often by custom operators are under the heading Most Common 2010. Variations in rates from lowest to highest are under the heading Range 2010. Many factors contribute to these ranges, some of which are listed below.

Factors contributing to lower rates:

- neighborly work exchange
- location of job in relation to home base of custom operator
- custom operator's desire to cover variable costs, but not necessarily all fixed costs

- use of older equipment that does not reflect current investment cost and/or has a lower capacity
- services such as labor, meals, fuel, supervision, transportation or other convenience services being provided to the custom operator by the farmer
- the size of the job

Factors contributing to higher rates:

- full-time custom operators who are covering all costs
- charging what the market will bear
- tough jobs requiring extra power, repairs, fuel or time
- field conditions such as rocks, rough terrain, obstructions or high yield crops
- small size jobs
- higher capacity machines

How to Use Custom Rates Information

Rates quoted in this publication for the various custom operations are expressed in numerous ways (per hour, ton, tonne, bale, acres, etc.). Before comparing the various custom operations, always choose the appropriate basis on which to compare. For example, grain harvesting may require a per acre cost as compared to corral cleaning where a per hour rate is more appropriate. When custom rates are given in dollars per hour, it is advisable to convert to a physical unit cost (bushels, tonnes, acres) appropriate to that operation. A low cost per hour can be a very high cost per acre, tonne, etc.

Because custom rates quoted in this publication may not suit all custom operators and those hiring custom work, you can calculate your own custom costs by using the online [Machinery Cost Calculator](#).

Other Information Sources

[Custom Rates Survey Summary 2010](#)

[Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food](#) - Navigate to: Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide

[Manitoba Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives](#) - Navigate to: Farm Machinery Rental and Custom Rate Guide

The online [Machinery Cost Calculator](#)

[Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory](#)

[IRON solutions](#)

Tillage

Operation		Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Plowing	- hay & pasture	Alberta	- \$110-115/hr	\$45/ac \$110-125/hr	\$45/ac 110-125/hr
Total reports = 9 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Plowing, harrowing & seeding	- hay & pasture	Alberta	-	\$96.50/ac	\$96.50/ac
Total reports = 6 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Discing	- crop & stubble	Alberta	- \$130-165/hr	\$40-55/ac \$115-165/hr	\$40-55/ac \$130-165/hr
	- hay & pasture	Alberta	.- \$130-165/hr	\$14-19/ac \$110-220/hr	\$15-19/ac \$125-155/hr
Total reports = 51 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Rototilling	- hay & pasture	Alberta	\$100-115/hr	\$100-120/hr	\$110-120/hr
Total reports = 9 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Cultivating		Alberta	\$10/ac* \$115/hr	\$10/ac* \$100-125/hr	\$10/ac* \$115/hr
Total reports = 10 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Harrowing		Alberta	\$4.50-6.50	\$3.50-6.50	\$3.50-6.50
Total reports = 9 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Harrowing & packing		Alberta	\$6.50-7.50	\$3.50-6.50	\$3.50-6.50
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Power Harrowing		Alberta	-	\$28/ac	\$28/ac
Total reports = 5 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Harrowing & seeding		Alberta	-	\$35/ac	\$35/ac
Total reports = 6 Surveyed Fall 2010					
Land Rolling		Alberta	\$7-10/ac \$100/hr*	\$5.50-10/ac \$100/hr*	\$7-10/ac \$100/hr*
Total reports = 9 Surveyed Fall 2010					

Seeding

Operation		Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Seeding – air seeder/airdrill		Alberta	\$16-20/ac	\$11.20-23.50/ac	\$20/ac
Total reports = 19 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010					
Seeding – floater truck		South	\$6.50-7.50/ac	\$5.75-8/ac	\$6.50-7.50
		Central	\$7.50-8.25/ac	\$6.50-\$13/ac	\$7.50-8.75/ac
		North	\$7.50-8.95/ac	\$7.50-11/ac	\$9.25-11/ac
		Peace	\$6.50/ac*	\$6.50/ac*	\$6.50/ac*
Total reports = 72 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010					
Seeding – aerial		Alberta	\$7.50/ac	\$7.50/ac	\$7.50/ac
Total reports = 7 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010					
Seeding – no-till drill		Alberta	\$18-22/ac	\$13-30/ac	\$18-24/ac
Total reports = 59 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010					
Seeding – corn planter		Alberta	\$22-27.50/ac	\$22-30/ac	\$25-30/ac
Total reports = 8 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010					

Fertilizer Application

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Granular fertilizer application – floater truck	South	\$5.50-7.50/ac	\$4.75-8/ac	\$5.50-7.75/ac
	Central	\$6.50-8.25/ac	\$6.25-9/ac	\$6.50-8.25/ac
	North	\$6.50-8/ac	\$6-10.95/ac	\$6.50-8/ac
	Peace	\$6/ac*	\$6/ac*	\$6/ac*
Total reports = 145 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Wing/spin spreaders	Alberta	-	\$6.50-8.50/ac	6.50-8.50/ac
Total reports = 25 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Liquid or granular fertilizer application – fixed-wing aerial	Alberta	\$7.50-9.10	\$7.50-9.50	\$8.50-9.50
Total reports = 32 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Granular - pull-type	Alberta	\$25/load*	\$25/load*	\$25/load*
Total reports = 1 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Anhydrous fertilizer application – cultivator with cold flow kit	Alberta	\$30-70/tonne* -	\$20-30/tonne \$3/ac	\$30/tonne \$3/ac
Total reports = 10 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				

Herbicide Application

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Granular herbicide application – floater truck	South	\$6.50-7/ac	\$5.75-8/ac	\$6.50-7.50/ac
	Central	\$6.75-7/ac	\$6.75-7/ac	\$6.75-7/ac
	North	\$8/ac*	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
	Peace	**No response to survey	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
Total reports = 80 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Valmar applicator	Alberta	-	\$1.50-2/ac	\$1.50-2/ac
Total reports = 12 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Liquid herbicide application – floater truck	Alberta	\$300/hr*	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
Total reports = 0 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Liquid or granular herbicide application – truck mount	Alberta	\$3-5/ac	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
Total reports = 0 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Liquid herbicide application – high clearance **(Peace region -price includes SP ground sprayer)	South	\$5.75-7.25/ac	\$4.60-8.50/ac	\$5.75-7.25/ac
	Central	\$6.75-7.50/ac	\$6.50-9/ac	\$6.75-7.50/ac
	North	\$6-7/ac	\$5.50-8.50/ac	\$6-7.50/ac
	Peace	\$12-20/ac	\$5.75-20/ac	\$5.75-20/ac
Total reports = 141 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Liquid herbicide application – fixed-wing aerial	South	\$8.20-9.10/ac	\$7.50-9.50	\$8.50-9.50
	Central	\$7.50-8.75/ac	\$7.50-9.50	\$7.50-8.75
	North	\$7.50/ac	\$7.50-8/ac	\$7.50
	Peace	**No response to survey	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
Total reports = 43 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				

Machinery Rental

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Land Roller	Alberta	\$2-3/ac -	\$1.75-3/ac \$350-450/day	\$1.75-3/ac \$350-450/day
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Breaking disc	Alberta	\$5.50/ac \$400-525/day	\$9/ac \$400-550/day	\$9/ac \$400-525/day
Total reports = 14 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				
Heavy harrow	Alberta	\$1.75-2.50/ac \$350-400/day	\$2.50/ac \$350/day*	\$2.50/ac \$350/day*
Total reports = 11 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				

Soil Testing

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Soil testing (lab fees included)	Alberta			
	Four nutrients	\$60-100/field	\$34-150/field	\$60-100/field
	Complete analysis 0-6"	\$75-110/field	\$60-160/field	\$75-125/field
	Complete analysis 0-6" plus GPS	\$70-102/field	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
	Complete analysis 0-6" plus GPS mapped	\$269/field	\$269/field	\$269/field
	Complete analysis plus N, K, S, Ca, and Mg on 6-12"	\$160/field	\$160/field	\$160/field
	Four nutrients & manure management - 3 level analysis	\$150/field	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
Complete pH, organic & micronutrients	\$85/field -	\$90/field \$10/ac	\$90/field \$10/ac	
Total reports = 185 Surveyed Summer & Fall 2010				

Grain Harvesting

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Swathing	Alberta	\$10-12/ac \$75-90/hr	\$9-15/ac \$80-95/hr	\$10-14/ac \$80-95/hr
Total reports = 59 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Combining – straight cut or pickup header (**may be additional cost for fuel)	South - dryland	\$20-30/ac \$200/hr*	\$21-30/ac \$200/hr*	\$21-30/ac \$200/hr*
	South - irrigated	\$30-35/ac	\$30-35/ac	\$30-35/ac
	Central	\$22-30/ac \$225-250/hr	\$24-30/ac \$225-250/hr	\$24-30/ac \$225-250/hr
	North	\$20-25/ac \$180-270/hr	\$18-30/ac \$190-275/hr	\$22-27/ac \$190-275/hr
	North - dry	\$100-140/hr	\$100-170/hr	\$100-150/hr
	Peace	\$220/hr*	\$225/hr*	\$225/hr*
	Peace - dry	\$100-130/hr	\$100-130/hr	\$100-130/hr

Total reports = 54 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Combining and hauling to bin (**may be additional cost for fuel)	South - dryland	\$23.50-32/ac \$230/hr*	\$21-34.50/ac -	\$25-30/ac -
	South - irrigated	\$30-43/ac	\$30-43/ac	\$30-43/ac
	Central	\$30-43/ac \$250-300/hr	\$28-43/ac \$250-300/hr	\$30-43/ac \$250-300/hr
	North	\$30/ac \$200-240/ac	\$28-32/ac \$225-250/ac	\$28-32/ac \$225-250/ac
	Peace	-	\$28/ac	\$28/ac
Total reports = 56 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Grain drying	Alberta	\$95-175/hr	\$100-175/hr	\$100-175/hr
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Grain cleaning	Alberta	\$0.45-0.90/bu	\$0.50-0.90/bu	\$0.50-0.90/bu
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Grain vacumming	Alberta	\$0.07/bu*	\$0.07/bu*	\$0.07/bu*
Total reports = 1 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Grain Hauling (**may be additional cost for fuel)

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
0 - 50 kilometers (0-30 miles)	Alberta	\$7.21-9.61/tonne -	\$6.84-10.50/tonne \$100/hr*	\$7.21-9.61/tonne \$100/hr*
51 - 100 kilometers (31-60 miles)	Alberta	\$10-11.50/tonne	\$8.35-11.50/tonne	\$10.02-11.50/tonne
101 - 150 kilometers (61-90 miles)	Alberta	\$14.50/tonne	\$10.67-15.50/tonne	\$10.67-15.50/tonne
Over 150 kilometers (over 90 miles)	Alberta	\$16.50/tonne	\$13.01-31.45/tonne	\$17.50-25.86/tonne
Total reports = 106 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Haying

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Cutting & conditioning hay – mower conditioner	South	\$17-20/ac	\$15-30/ac	\$16-20/ac
	Central	\$17-20/ac \$60-100/hr	\$13-20/ac \$70-110/hr	\$15-20/ac \$70-110/hr
	North	\$60-122/hr	\$66-125/hr	\$65-125/hr
	Peace	**No response to survey	**No response to survey	**No response to survey

Total reports = 54 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Raking	Alberta	\$5-7/ac \$50-65/hr	\$4-12/ac \$55-75/hr	\$4-7/ac \$55-75/hr
Total reports = 38 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Baling – small square	Alberta	\$0.55-0.90/bale	\$0.55-0.90/bale	\$0.55-0.90/bale
Total reports = 11 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Stacking – small square	Alberta	\$0.60/bale*	\$0.55-0.60/bale	\$0.55-0.60/bale
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Baling	– medium square	Alberta	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
	– large square		\$14-15/bale	\$10-15/bale
Total reports = 12 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Baling - medium round	Alberta	\$9-10/bale	\$10/bale*	\$10/bale*
Total reports = 1 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Baling – large round	South	\$11.50-13/bale	\$10-15/bale	\$11-13/bale
	Central	\$10-12.50/bale \$60-100/hr	\$7-12.50/bale \$70-110/hr	\$10-12.50/bale \$70-110/hr
	North	\$8-9/bale \$100/hr	\$8-15/bale \$100-110/hr	\$9-11/bale \$100-110/hr
	Peace	\$9-13/bale	\$10/bale*	\$10/bale*
Total reports = 92 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Stacking – large round	Alberta	\$2-3/bale \$125/hr*	\$2-3/bale \$125/hr*	\$2-3/bale \$125/hr*
Total reports = 13 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Hay hauling – small square (1060 bales/load)	0-35 miles	\$90-100/hr \$19-20/tonne	\$90-100/hr \$19-20/tonne	\$90-100/hr \$19-20/tonne
	36-65 miles	\$23-24/tonne	\$21.50-24/tonne	\$21.50-24/tonne
Total reports = 22 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Stacking & hauling - small squares		-	\$0.50-1.25/bale	\$0.55-1.25/bale
Total reports = 13 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Hay hauling – large round (up to 22 bales/load)	0-50 miles	\$3-5/bale \$80/hr*	\$3-8/bale -	\$4-8/bale -
	Over 50 miles	**No response to survey	\$9-13/bale \$4/lmi	\$9-13/bale \$4/lmi
Total reports = 41 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Hay hauling – large round (30 or more bales/load)	0-30 miles	\$5-7/bale -	\$5-9.50/bale \$100-150/hr	\$5-7/bale \$100-150/hr
	31-60 miles	\$9-10.50/bale -	\$9-11.50/bale \$100-150/hr	\$9-11.50/bale \$100-150/hr
	61-90 miles	\$11-13/bale -	\$11-13/bale \$100-150/hr	\$11-13/bale \$100-150/hr
	Over 90 miles	\$14-16/bale -\$4-5/lmi	\$14-16/bale \$450/load \$4-5/lmi	\$14-16/bale \$450/load \$4-5/lmi
Total reports = 100 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Silage

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Cutting silage – swathing (6-20 ac/hr)	Alberta	\$2-2.50/tonne \$70-95/hr \$10-12/ac	\$2.25-2.50/tonne \$70-95/hr \$10-15/ac	\$2.25-2.50/tonne \$70-95/hr \$10-13/ac
Total reports = 39 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Chopping silage (20-75 Ton/hr)	Alberta	\$4.75-6.50/tonne \$300-450/hr \$25/load*	\$5.25-6.50/tonne \$135-450/hr \$25/load*	\$5.25-6.50/tonne \$300-450/hr \$25/load*
Total reports = 54 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Hauling silage – truck and operator (1-5 mile haul)	Alberta	\$1-3/tonne \$70-125/hr	\$1.25-3.25/tonne \$55-125/hr	\$1.25-3.25/tonne \$75-125/hr
Total reports = 86 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Packing silage – tractor with dozer loader or packer (25-60 tons/hr)	Alberta	\$1-1.25/tonne \$1.15-1.85/ton \$80-115/hr	\$1-1.75/tonne \$1.25-1.85/ton \$60-115/hr	\$1-1.25/tonne \$1.25-1.85/ton \$80-115/hr
Total reports = 36 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Chopping & hauling silage (1-5 mile haul)	Alberta	\$6.75-8/tonne \$6.50-10/ton \$270-605/hr	\$6.50-9.50/tonne \$6.50-10/ton \$190-640/hr	\$7-8.50/tonne \$6.50-10/ton \$270-605/hr
Total reports = 80 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Chopping, hauling & packing (1-2 mile haul)	Alberta	\$7.75-9.92/tonne \$9/ton \$305-365/hr	\$7.75-11.25/tonne - \$305-365/hr	\$8.25-10/tonne - \$305-365/hr
Total reports = 31 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Swathing, chopping & hauling silage	Alberta	\$10.50/tonne*	\$12/tonne*	\$12/tonne*
Total reports = 1 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Swathing, chopping, hauling & packing	Alberta	\$12-12.90/tonne \$375-390/hr	\$12-13.50/tonne \$375-390/hr	\$12-13.50/tonne \$375-390/hr
Total reports = 5 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Baling	Alberta	\$8-9/bale	\$5-10/bale	\$9-10/bale
Total reports = 4 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Bale wrapping	Alberta	\$5-8/bale	\$5-8/bale	\$5-8/bale
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Baling, hauling & wrapping	Alberta	\$19/bale*	\$19/bale*	\$19/bale*
Total reports 1 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Silage bagging – includes bag (customer provides tractor)	Alberta			
	Bag size 10x150	\$1750/bag \$6/ton	\$1750/bag \$6/ton	\$1750/bag \$6/ton
	Bag size 10x200	\$2200-2300/bag \$6/ton	\$2200-3190/bag \$6/ton	\$2200-2300/bag \$6/ton
	Bag size 10x250	\$2700-2725/bag \$6/ton	\$2200-2725/bag \$6/ton	\$2700-2725/bag \$6/ton
	Bag size 10x300	\$3000-3200/bag	\$3000-3200/bag	\$3000-3200/bag
Total reports = 58 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Silage chopping, hauling & bagging – includes bag (customer may need to provide tractor) (1-3 mile haul)	Alberta			
	Bag size 10x150	\$3350/bag \$15/ton	\$3350/bag \$15/ton	\$3350/bag \$15/ton
	Bag size 10x200	\$4000-4400/bag \$15/ton	\$4000-4400/bag \$15/ton	\$4000-4400/bag \$15/ton
	Bag size 10x250	\$4950-5000/bag \$15/ton	\$4950-5000/bag \$15/ton	\$4950-5000/bag \$15/ton

	Bag size 10x300	\$5600-6000/bag	\$4150-6000/bag	\$5600-6000/bag
	Bag size 12x250	-	\$7150/bag	\$7150/bag
	Bag size 12x300	-	\$8500/bag	\$8500/bag
Total reports = 55 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Grain Processing

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Grinding (mixing cost included)	Alberta	\$18-25/tonne	\$18-35/tonne	\$18-35/tonne
Total reports = 6 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Dry rolling (mixing cost included)	Alberta	\$15-25/tonne	\$15-35/tonne	\$15-35/tonne
Total reports = 8 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Steam rolling (mixing cost included)	Alberta	\$20-40/tonne	\$20-40/tonne	\$20-40/tonne
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Pelleting (mixing cost included)	Alberta	\$30-40/tonne	\$30-40/tonne	\$30-40/tonne
Total reports = 2 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Processed grain delivery (7-13 tonne load) (0-35 miles)	Alberta	\$85-100/hr	-	-
Total reports = 0 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Mobile Feed Processing

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Tub Grinding (customer supplies tractor)	Alberta	\$3.50/bale \$245/hr	\$3.50-3.75/bale \$245/hr	\$3.50-3.75/bale \$245/hr
Tub Grinding (self-powered)	Alberta	\$180-250/hr	\$185-250/hr	\$185-250/hr
Dry Rolling (grain)	Alberta	\$58-60/load \$180/hr	\$60-63/load \$180/hr	\$60-63/load \$180/hr
Total reports = 45 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Livestock Hauling

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010	
Possum belly liner (50,000-65,000 lb) lmi=loaded mile	Alberta	0-50 km (0-30 mi)	\$225-350/load \$125-135/hr	\$200-400/load \$125-135/hr	\$225-350/load \$125-135/hr
		51-100 km (31-60 mi)	\$350-455/load \$70-80/cwt \$6.50/lmi*	\$275-575/load \$70-85/cwt \$6.50/lmi*	\$330-455/load \$70-85/cwt \$6.50/lmi*
		101-150 km (61-90 mi)	\$455-575/load \$0.85-0.95/cwt	\$300-775/load \$0.90-1/cwt	\$475-575/load \$0.90-1/cwt
		Over 150 km (over 90 mi)	\$625-820/load \$5-5.25/lmi \$3-3.20/lkm	\$400-900/load \$2.50-5.25/lmi \$3-3.20/lkm	\$625-850/load \$4.50-5.25/lmi \$3-3.20/lkm

Total reports = 499 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Straight liner, body job and gooseneck (16,000-42,000 lb) lmi=loaded mile	Alberta	\$4.25/lmi \$100/hr	\$4.25/lmi \$100/hr	\$4.25/lmi \$100/hr
Total reports = 8 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Stock Trailer 48'	Alberta	-	\$3/lmi	\$3/lmi
Total reports = 18 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Hog hauling lkm=loaded kilometre	Alberta	\$480-660/load \$4.50-5/lmi \$1.85/lkm \$1.40/cwt* \$130/hr	\$300-715/load \$4.50-5/lmi \$1.85/lkm* \$1.40/cwt* \$130/hr	\$480-660/load \$4.50-5/lmi \$1.85/lkm* \$1.40/cwt* \$130/hr
Total reports = 26 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Livestock Feeding

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Overwintering cows (calving extra) Limited response - customer supplies feed - feed included - winter pasture	Alberta	\$0.75-1/hd/day \$1.50-2.25/hd/day \$0.35-0.50/hd/day	\$0.75-1/hd/day \$1.50-2.25/hd/day \$0.35-0.75/hd/day	\$0.75-1/hd/day \$1.50-2.25/hd/day \$0.35-0.75/hd/day
Total reports = 14 Surveyed Spring 2010				

Corral Cleaning

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Corral cleaning	Alberta			
loader, 3 or 4 spreaders, 5 operators		\$455-490/hr	\$425-500/hr	\$470-500/hr
loader, 2 or 3 spreaders, 4 operators		\$315-400/hr	\$330-450/hr	\$330-410/hr
loader, 1 or 2 spreaders, 3 operators		\$240-310/hr	\$200-400/hr	\$245-400/hr
loader only, 1 operator, for stockpiling		\$90-130/hr	\$60-135/hr	\$90-135/hr
spreader only, 1 operator		\$85-125/hr	\$65-150/hr	\$85-125/hr
gravel truck		-	\$90/hr	\$90/hr
skid steer		-	\$75-85/hr	\$75-85/hr
Total reports = 532 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Liquid Manure

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Liquid manure handling	Alberta			
application - pump, injection system & operators		\$0.012/gal \$225-755/hr	\$0.02/gal \$225-755/hr	\$0.02/gal \$225-755/hr
application - pump, 2-3 vacuum tanks & operators		\$335-440/hr	\$335-440/hr	\$335-440/hr
vacuum tank only, 1 operator		\$105-130/hr	\$105-130/hr	\$105-130/hr
tractor & straw blower for covering lagoons		\$135-140/hr	\$135-140/hr	\$135-140/hr
Total reports = 100 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Fencing

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Barbed wire fence construction (labour & equipment)	Alberta	\$2000-3300/mi \$90-120/hr \$7.45-7.50/m	\$1600-3300/mi \$75-125/hr -	\$2000-3300/mi \$90-125/hr -
Total reports = 45 Surveyed Fall 2010				
High tensile barb wire (labour & equipment)	Alberta	**No response to survey	**No response to survey	**No response to survey
Total reports = 0 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Pipe rail or corral fencing (labour & equipment)	Alberta	\$60-70/hr	\$75-165/hr	\$75/hr
Total reports = 7 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Elk & buffalo fencing (labour & equipment)	Alberta	\$11.50-18.75/m	\$18-28/m	\$18-28/m
Total reports = 2 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Page wire fence construction (labour & equipment)	Alberta	\$100/hr \$11.90/m	\$100/hr \$12/m	\$100/hr \$12/m
Total reports = 8 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Post pounding (labour & equipment)	Alberta	\$70-125/hr	\$70-165/hr	\$70-165/hr
Total reports = 16 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Post pounding - Rentals	Alberta	-	\$87.50/half day or \$125/day	\$87.50/half day or \$125/day
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Barbed wire fence repair or removal (labour & equipment)	Alberta	\$1200-2400/mi \$85-165/hr \$2/m	\$1200-2400/mi \$75-130/hr -	\$1200-2400/mi \$75-130/hr -
Total reports = 42 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Land Clearing & Breaking

Operation	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Brushing & piling or repiling (with a dozer blade)	Alberta			
	D5 or D6 (140-180hp)	\$125-150/hr	\$110-155/hr	\$120-150/hr
	D7 (180- 200hp)	\$135-165/hr	\$120-185/hr	\$130-165/hr
	D8 (225- 335hp)	\$160-210/hr	\$150-225/hr	\$150-210/hr

Total reports = 89 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Ripping or sub-soiling	Alberta	\$150-210/hr	\$145-225/hr	\$155-225/hr
Total reports = 51 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Discing (higher rates for remote locations or tough terrain)	Alberta	\$130-150/hr	\$110-165/hr	\$130-155/hr
Total reports = 33 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Plowing	Alberta	\$110-115/hr -	\$110-115/hr \$45/ac	\$110-115/hr \$45/ac
Total reports = 7 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Rototilling	Alberta	\$115/hr	\$110-120/hr	\$115/hr
Total reports = 8 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Dugout construction, drainage, feedlot construction & land leveling	Alberta			
	D6 Cat	\$118-150/hr	\$110-155/hr	\$125-150/hr
	D7 Cat	\$130-175/hr	\$120-190/hr	\$130-175/hr
	D8 Cat	\$160-210/hr	\$150-225/hr	\$175-210/hr
	Backhoe	\$90-135/hr	\$90-125/hr	\$90-125/hr
	Dozers	\$115/hr	\$100-115/hr	\$115/hr
	Dump trucks	\$90-120/hr	\$100-110/hr	\$100-110/hr
	Excavators	\$130-200/hr \$2.50/cu yd	\$90-255/hr \$1.30-2.50/cu yd	\$130-195/hr \$2.50/cu yd
	Graders	\$130/hr	\$130/hr	\$130/hr
	Scrapers	\$195-250/hr	\$120-250/hr	\$185-250/hr
Skid steers	\$75/hr		*No Response To Survey	*No Response To Survey
Total reports = 249 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Brush mowing	Alberta	\$120-130/hr	\$130/hr	\$130/hr
Total reports = 3 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Brush & mulch	Alberta	\$260/hr	*No Response To Survey	*No Response To Survey
Total reports = 0 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Rock picking	Alberta	\$175/hr -	\$120/hr \$9-10/ac	\$120/hr \$9-10/ac
Total reports = 5 Surveyed Fall 2010				
Rock raking	Alberta	\$100/hr	*No Response To Survey	*No Response To Survey
Total reports = 0 Surveyed Fall 2010				

Cash Rental

Cash Rent - cropland	Location	Average 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010	Average 2010
Alberta	South – irrigated	\$64.29/ac	\$50-300/ac	\$70-125/ac	\$91.67
	South – dryland	\$46.37/ac	\$33-65/ac	\$45-55/ac	\$50.23
	Central	\$49.58/ac	\$18.75-80/ac	\$40-60/ac	\$50.28
	North	\$35.56/ac	\$14-75/ac	\$40-60/ac	\$50.49
	Peace	\$19.25/ac	\$12-32/ac	\$15-32/ac	\$27.07
Total reports = 140 Surveyed spring 2010					

Cropshare Rental

Cropshare Rental - cropland	Location	Landlord: Tenant	No. of Leases	% Reporting	Notes
Alberta	South	1/4:3/4	4	33	Tenant pays all but taxes in 7 of 12 agreements.
		1.3:2/3	6	50	
		1/2:1/2	2	17	
	Central	1/5:4/5	1	17	Tenant pays all but taxes

		1/4:3/4	1	17	in 2 of 6 agreements.
		1.3:2/3	4	66	
	North	1/4:3/4	1	20	Tenant pays all but taxes in 1 of 5 agreements.
		1.3:2/3	3	60	
		1/2:1/2	1	20	
Total reports = 27 Surveyed spring 2010					

Length of Lease

Length of Lease - cropland	Cash Rent		Crop Share	
	Years	Number of leases	%	Number of leases
1	60	43	13	48
2	9	6	-	-
3	36	26	5	18
4	1	1	-	-
5	23	16	1	4
6+	-	-	-	-
Open	11	8	8	30
Total	140	100	27	100
Total reports = 167 Surveyed Spring 2010				

Type of Lease

Type of Lease - cropland	Cash Rent		Crop Share	
Location	Number of leases	%	Number of leases	%
South	34	24	12	45
Central	47	34	9	33
North	54	38	6	22
Peace	5	4	-	-
Total reports = 167 Surveyed Spring 2010				

Pasture Rental

Cash Rent - private pasture	Location	Most Common 2009	Range 2010	Most Common 2010
Alberta	South	\$25-30/AUM \$1500-\$2000/season -	\$11.75-30.50/AUM \$1500/season* \$2.50/ac	\$30.50/AUM \$1500/season* \$2.50/ac
	Central	\$22-30/AUM \$2700-\$4000/season \$18-\$21/hd/mo	\$20-33/AUM \$1500-8000/season \$21/hd/mo*	\$25-30/AUM \$3000-\$4000/season \$21/hd/mo*
	North	\$25-30/AUM \$20-\$25/ac \$1900-\$3400/season -	\$10-31/AUM \$25-30/ac \$1300-8000/season \$0.50-0.75/pair/day	\$24-31/AUM \$25-30/ac \$11500-3000/season \$0.50-0.75/pair/day
	Peace	\$1210-\$2500/season -	\$500-2500/season \$12/ac	\$500-2500/season \$12/ac
Total reports = 64 Surveyed Spring 2010				

The following average prices are based on prices quoted the first week of each month at 18 centres across Alberta. These prices are intended as a guide only. Actual current prices may differ.

Building Supplies

Items	Average 2009	Average 2010	2009/2010 Percentage Change
Constr. grade lumber 2x6 spruce, metre	\$374.07	\$404.06	8.02%
Rough grade lumber 2x8 spruce, metre	\$666.85	\$620.26	-6.99%
Sheathing, ply., spruce, 3/8", 4'x8' sht	\$13.95	\$13.48	-3.33%
Ready-mix concrete, 20 mpa, cubic metre	\$192.59	\$197.07	2.33%
Fence posts, std. gr., treated, 3-4" diam., 7' length, ea.	\$3.97	\$3.82	-3.77%
Nails, std. grd., 4" spiral, 50 lb box	\$70.70	\$68.46	-3.18%
Pipe, plastic, 1", 75 psi., 100' coil	\$56.89	\$57.95	1.86%
Rods, re-enforcing 1/2", 6 metres	\$6.33	\$6.02	-4.90%
Barbed wire, 12 gauge, double strand	\$63.26	\$61.73	-2.42%

Machinery Repairs

Items	Average 2009	Average 2010	2009/2010 Percentage Change
Truck tires, 1st line, LT 285-70R-17, each, env. tax incl.	\$305.73	\$311.83	2.00%
Battery, 525 cranking amp, each	\$87.00	\$96.01	10.36%
V-belt, 1/2" x 70", ea.	\$14.35	\$13.49	-6.03%
Antifreeze, 4 litres	\$14.47	\$13.80	-4.66%
Mech. repairs, per hour	\$99.25	\$100.13	0.89%

Crop Supplies

Items	Average 2009	Average 2010	2009/2010 Percentage Change
Baler twine, plastic, 28000' bale	\$31.35	\$30.90	-1.45%
Fertilizer, 46-0-0, tonne, bulk	\$532.10	\$484.48	-8.95%
Fertilizer, 11-51-0, tonne, bulk	\$687.53	\$602.15	-12.42%
Fertilizer, 82-0-0, tonne, bulk (applicator inc.)	\$906.21	\$750.58	-17.17%
Refine Extra, granular, 320 gram	\$264.25	\$262.62	-0.62%
Assert 300 SC, liquid, 10.8 litre	\$270.24	\$266.07	-1.55%
Roundup Weather Max, liquid, 10 litre	\$158.06	\$98.78	-37.51%
Seed; wheat, #1, 100 kg., bulk	\$43.82	\$38.60	-11.91%
Seed; barley, #1, 100 kg., bulk	\$37.48	\$33.54	-10.49%
Seed; conventional canola, #1, treated, 100 kg., bagged	\$943.54	\$934.89	-0.92%
Seed; herbicide tolerant canola, #1, treated, 100 kg., bagged	\$1407.72	\$1494.31	6.15%

Feeds

Items	Average 2009	Average 2010	2009/2010 Percentage Change
Calf starter ration, pellets, 13-20%	\$461.77	\$448.74	-2.82%
Dairy supp., 32%, tonne (bulk)	\$609.90	\$535.13	-12.26%
Feedlot supp., pellets, 32%, excl. Ionophore, tonne (bulk)	\$411.41	\$394.64	-4.08%
Hog grower ration, 15-17%, tonne (bulk)	\$362.78	\$331.63	-8.59%
Swine supplement, pellets, 35-40%	\$703.75	\$662.50	-5.86%
Broiler grower complete feed, 18-20%, tonne (bulk)	\$421.35	\$379.96	-9.82%
Cattle mineral, 25 kg.	\$37.30	\$34.90	-6.43%
Feed barley, #1, (farm gate), bu	\$3.01	\$2.97	-1.29%
Feed wheat, #1, (farm gate), bu	\$4.34	\$3.94	-9.23%
Hay, good quality baled, ton	\$95.78	\$102.28	6.79%

Livestock Supplies

Items	Average 2009	Average 2010	2009/2010 Percentage Change
Penicillin G, injectable, 300 mg/ml, 250 ml	\$13.56	\$13.46	-0.74%
Vitamin A D E., injectable, 250 ml	\$24.70	\$26.01	5.31%

Fuel and Oil

Items	Average 2009	Average 2010	2009/2010 Percentage Change
Purple gas, 100 litres (minus prov. rebate only)	\$76.22	\$82.59	8.36%
Diesel fuel, 100 litres (minus prov. rebate only)	\$63.59	\$72.12	13.40%
Propane, bulk, 100 litres	\$51.13	\$52.48	2.64%
Natural gas, GJ (excluding delivery charge)	\$4.11	\$4.38	6.72%
Electricity, farm use, 100 kwh (excluding delivery charge)	\$8.40	\$7.12	-15.24%
Oil, for diesel engines, 5 litres	\$17.06	\$17.91	5.01%

Other

Items	Average 2009	Average 2010	2009/2010 Percentage Change
Farm labour, per month, without board	\$2,530.07	\$2688.01	6.24%
Tractor 105-130 hp, diesel, fwd	\$107,062.45	\$103,950.95	-2.91%
Tractor 325-375 hp, diesel, 4wd	\$246,828.04	\$240,024.56	-2.76%
Combine, sp, diesel, 250-310 hp	\$312,150.21	\$314,785.01	0.84%
Air drill, 40-42', w/packer wheels, 325 bu tank	\$156,256.48	\$161,302.55	3.23%
Sprayer, pt, 800-900 gal. tank, 90-100' boom	\$42,123.80	\$45,414.95	7.81%
Round baler, pull type 5'x6' bale	\$42,063.38	\$40,528.81	-3.65%
Double disc, hvy duty 19'-21'	\$37,152.32	\$40,235.60	8.30%
Truck, 3/4 ton 4x4, 4 spd. Auto., 5.4L or 5.9L V8	\$36,401.32	\$36,639.21	0.65%
Grain bin, hopper btm., 3500 bushel	\$13,260.39	\$14,410.02	8.67%