

Michigan State University
2026 Custom Work Rates Summary

	TOTAL COST*	LABOR	EQUIPMENT
	per acre	per acre	per acre
Tillage			
Chisel Plow 23 Ft	\$ 19.81	\$ 1.94	\$ 17.88
Chisel Plow 37 Ft	\$ 17.36	\$ 1.20	\$ 16.16
Chisel Plow 57 Ft	\$ 15.69	\$ 0.78	\$ 14.91
Chisel Plow, Front Dsk 16.3 Ft	\$ 21.12	\$ 2.74	\$ 18.38
Chisel Plow, Front Dsk 21.3 Ft Fold	\$ 22.81	\$ 2.10	\$ 20.72
Moldboard Plow 6 Bottom-18, 9 Ft	\$ 31.53	\$ 5.50	\$ 26.03
Moldboard Plow 8 Bottom-18, 12 Ft	\$ 28.30	\$ 4.12	\$ 24.17
Field Cultivator 23 Ft	\$ 8.51	\$ 1.38	\$ 7.13
Field Cultivator 47 Ft	\$ 8.88	\$ 0.68	\$ 8.20
Field Cultivator 60 Ft	\$ 7.97	\$ 0.53	\$ 7.44
Tandem Disk 21 Ft Fold	\$ 17.60	\$ 1.88	\$ 15.72
Tandem Disk 30 Ft Fold	\$ 19.04	\$ 1.31	\$ 17.73
V-Ripper 25 "O.C., 10 Ft	\$ 21.51	\$ 3.71	\$ 17.80
V-Ripper 30 "O.C., 17 Ft	\$ 19.13	\$ 2.18	\$ 16.94
Planting			
Row Crop Planter 6 Row-30, 15 Ft	\$ 17.60	\$ 5.53	\$ 12.07
Row Crop Planter 8 Row-30, 20 Ft	\$ 15.75	\$ 4.15	\$ 11.61
Row Crop Planter 12 Row-30, 30 Ft	\$ 19.85	\$ 2.77	\$ 17.08
Row Crop Planter 16 Row-30, 40 Ft	\$ 22.35	\$ 2.07	\$ 20.28
Row Crop Planter 24 Row-30, 60 Ft	\$ 22.54	\$ 1.38	\$ 21.15
Presswheel Drill 16 Ft	\$ 20.21	\$ 5.46	\$ 14.76
Presswheel Drill 20 Ft	\$ 19.28	\$ 4.37	\$ 14.91
Presswheel Drill 25 Ft	\$ 19.67	\$ 3.49	\$ 16.18
Presswheel Drill 30 Ft	\$ 19.11	\$ 2.91	\$ 16.20
Air Seeder Drill w/Cart 52 Ft	\$ 31.96	\$ 1.68	\$ 30.29
No-Till Drill 15 Ft	\$ 35.92	\$ 5.82	\$ 30.10
Weed Control			
Row Cultivator 12 Row-30, 30 Ft	\$ 10.34	\$ 1.51	\$ 8.82
Boom Sprayer, Self-Propelled 120 Ft	\$ 9.62	\$ 0.63	\$ 8.99
Boom Sprayer, Pull-Type 90 Ft	\$ 6.60	\$ 0.91	\$ 5.70

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Harvest			
Rotary Mower/Conditioner 12 Ft	\$ 12.20	\$ 2.71	\$ 9.49
Hay Rake 30 Ft	\$ 3.04	\$ 0.88	\$ 2.16
Hay Merger 14 Ft	\$ 9.49	\$ 2.11	\$ 7.38
Hay Merger 34 Ft	\$ 10.30	\$ 0.87	\$ 9.43
Hay Baler PTO Twine 12 Ft	\$ 19.84	\$ 8.49	\$ 11.35
Round Baler w/Bale Wrap 5x6 , 20 Ft	\$ 20.88	\$ 2.43	\$ 18.46
Large Rectangular Baler 3x3 , 20 Ft	\$ 17.43	\$ 3.18	\$ 14.25
Large Rectangular Baler 4x3 , 20 Ft	\$ 19.41	\$ 3.18	\$ 16.22
Forage Harvester, Pull-Type w/Corn Head 3 Row, 7.5 Ft	\$ 84.24	\$ 17.92	\$ 66.33
Forage Harvester, Pull-Type w/Pickup Head 12 Ft	\$ 41.49	\$ 11.20	\$ 30.29
Forage Harvester, Self-Prop Corn Head 6 Row, 15 Ft	\$ 63.56	\$ 7.28	\$ 56.28
Forage Harvester, Self-Prop Corn Head 8 Row, 20 Ft	\$ 49.52	\$ 5.46	\$ 44.06
Forage Harvester, Self-Prop Pickup Head 12 Ft	\$ 60.38	\$ 9.10	\$ 51.28
Forage Harvester, Self-Prop Pickup Head (2X windrows) 24 Ft	\$ 36.46	\$ 4.55	\$ 31.92
Combine Platform 20 Ft	\$ 54.31	\$ 6.24	\$ 48.07
Combine Platform 25 Ft	\$ 51.33	\$ 4.99	\$ 46.34
Combine Platform 30 Ft	\$ 43.31	\$ 4.16	\$ 39.15
Combine Corn Hd 6 Row-30, 15 Ft	\$ 67.07	\$ 7.28	\$ 59.79
Combine Corn Hd 8 Row-30, 20 Ft	\$ 52.13	\$ 5.46	\$ 46.67
Combine Chopping Corn Hd 8 Row-30, 20 Ft	\$ 58.65	\$ 5.46	\$ 53.19
Combine Corn Hd 12 Row-30, 30 Ft	\$ 42.84	\$ 3.64	\$ 39.21
Combine Corn Hd 12 Row-22, 22 Ft	\$ 58.26	\$ 4.96	\$ 53.29
Combine Chopping Corn Hd 12 Row-30, 30 Ft	\$ 50.98	\$ 3.64	\$ 47.34
Combine Chopping Corn Hd 12 Row-22, 22 Ft	\$ 69.07	\$ 4.96	\$ 64.10
Combine Belt Pickup Hd 23 Ft	\$ 45.49	\$ 4.75	\$ 40.74
Grain Cart 30 Ft	\$ 37.42	\$ 3.63	\$ 33.79
Sugar Beet Harvester, Self-Propelled 15 Ft	\$ 197.07	\$ 5.40	\$ 191.67
Sugar Beet Harvester, Pull-Type 15 Ft	\$ 130.00	\$ 8.83	\$ 121.17
Stalk Shredder 20 Ft	\$ 18.40	\$ 3.19	\$ 15.21

*Economic cost contains all costs of running the equipment, including labor as well as fuel, repairs, depreciation, and insurance. It can be a good starting point for determining custom rates.