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Wisconsin Custom Rate Guide Now Available

The Wisconsin Custom Rate Guide, which reports what farmers paid last season for custom services such as tilling their land, applying fertilizer, or harvesting various crops has been updated and is now available at your local UW-Extension offices.

Farmers who hired custom operators, machinery dealers who rented equipment and custom operators who performed the work supplied figures from 2007 that have been incorporated into the guide. The guide helps farmers determine appropriate charges for custom farm work, machinery or land rental, and labor during the 2008 growing season. The guide gives average costs for the state as a whole and for specific regions. Data for the guide came from 750 respondents to a survey conducted in 2007.

The report is available at the UW-Extension, Jefferson County Office. You can also download it from the internet at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/Publications/custom_rates_2007.pdf

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