



Preliminary Wisconsin Custom Rates for the 2025 Planting Season April 18, 2025

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The 2025 Wisconsin planting season has begun and we are pleased to share preliminary results from the 2025 Wisconsin Custom Rate Survey. This initial release includes rates for tillage and field preparation, crop planting operations, and application of fertilizers and chemicals. We will publish full results for all field operations and update these preliminary rates in a few weeks.

The average rates provided reflect expected prices for the 2025 crop season. The survey asked respondents to report custom rates for 2024. These rates have been adjusted upward for inflation to 2025 rates by using the percentage increases for comparable operations between the 2024 and 2025 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey. Please note that these custom rates are intended to serve as a general guide—actual rates will vary depending on local market conditions. The range of reported rates and the number of observations are included so users can assess the variability and uncertainty in these averages.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the survey participants who made this effort possible. As this is the first year of the survey, we are committed to refining and improving it moving forward. Our goal is to continue supporting Wisconsin farmers and custom operators with reliable and timely information. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Section 1 Custom Land Tillage Services

	\$/acre	Range		Responses
Chisel Plowing	23.09	12.71	31.78	15
Disk/Ripper	24.53	16.58	31.09	9
Disking with Harrow or Cultipacker	23.25	16.58	31.09	7
Field Cultivating	18.35	10.25	30.76	19
Vertical Tillage	21.90	14.51	31.09	19
Finishing Disk	21.21	10.36	30.16	11
Offset Disk	31.89	15.77	28.39	6
Row Cultivating	20.45	15.15	40.39	7
Row Cultivating with Fertilizer	24.49	15.55	51.82	6
Subsoiling (16-20 in. deep)	27.66	18.66	36.28	9
Strip Tillage	30.99	18.66	51.82	10

Section 2 Custom Drilling Services

	Conventional (\$/acre)	Range		Responses	No Till (\$/acre)	Range		Responses
Alfalfa	18.40	9.97	27.91	14	22.08	13.95	29.90	13
Soybean	20.15	13.62	27.24	15	23.31	15.72	31.43	18
Small grains	19.41	9.46	30.26	14	21.47	9.46	30.26	21

Section 3 Custom Seeding and Planting Services

	Conventional (\$/acre)	Range		Responses	No Till (\$/acre)	Range		Responses
Aerial Seeding	17.47	14.27	20.92	8	16.93	14.27	19.02	5
Air Seeding with Fertilizer								
Corn	23.49	17.12	30.43	10	24.61	20.92	30.43	8
Small grains	22.83	13.31	38.04	5	26.39	19.02	42.80	4
Soybean	24.38	13.31	38.04	8	25.55	19.02	42.80	7
Air Seeding without Fertilizer								
Corn	24.25	19.02	28.53	4	23.30	17.12	28.53	6
Small grains	19.70	12.36	23.78	7	23.54	19.02	28.53	4
Soybean	21.28	13.31	23.78	8	23.24	17.12	28.53	9
Broadcast Seeding	13.60	6.68	19.09	6	13.94	6.68	19.09	5
Planting								
Alfalfa, Clover, etc.	23.59	16.16	30.16	10	23.84	19.39	32.32	8
Corn								
with fertilizer	26.88	19.39	37.70	28	26.82	18.31	35.55	25
without fertilizer	23.97	15.08	30.16	12	24.28	15.08	30.16	12
Forages	22.44	16.16	26.93	6	25.05	21.54	32.32	6
Small grains	24.01	16.16	26.93	7	25.37	16.16	32.32	10

Section 4 Custom Application of Fertilizers and Chemicals

	Rate (\$/acre)	Range		Responses
Fertilizer				
Bulk Dry Broadcast	8.79	5.79	17.12	36
Liquid Broadcast	10.54	5.35	12.49	11
Liquid Side-Dressing with Drop Nozzles	14.69	8.76	19.16	19
Lime Application (\$/acre)	18.91	13.24	34.21	7
Lime Application (\$/ton)	22.33	5.47	71.15	11
Fungicide				
Ground Application	12.86	8.76	21.89	38
Herbicide				
Boom Sprayer	12.16	7.39	43.78	41
Broadcast or Banded (only) Liquid	10.41	7.39	12.59	8

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