

NATURAL RESOURCES CUSTOM RATE SURVEY

	Unit	Count	Median	Range	
Tillage Activities					
Disking	acre	20	\$ 18	\$ 6 -	30
Field cultivating	acre	13	20	7 -	30
Cultipacking	acre	14	20	5 -	30
Planting Activities (excluding seed, trees)					
Native grass seeder	acre	17	\$ 30	\$ 12 -	50
Native grass seeder with no-till attachments	acre	19	32	12 -	50
Interseeding	acre	17	30	12 -	50
Tree planting by machine					
Bare root stock	acre	22	\$ 156	\$ 60 -	375
Direct seeding	acre	10	100	40 -	250
Balled and burlap	tree	11	20	10 -	45
Potted	tree	12	13	5 -	30
Tree spade	tree	5	65	10 -	150
Tree planting by hand					
Bare root stock	tree	26	\$ 1	\$.30 -	10
Balled and burlap	tree	22	24	3 -	75
Potted	tree	20	15	3 -	25
Wildlife food plots					
Planting	acre	10	\$ 21	\$ 8 -	48
Drilling	acre	16	28	10 -	48
Broadcasting	acre	11	25	8 -	48
Weed Control (excluding herbicides)					
Spraying - ground, broadcast	acre	19	\$ 30	\$ 3 -	85
Spraying - ground, narrow band	acre	21	45	20 -	85
Spot spraying	hour	16	38	9 -	50
	acre	5	40	20 -	150
Mowing - between trees	acre	26	25	5 -	75
Mowing - full width	acre	24	23	5 -	55
Spot mowing	hour	21	45	15 -	75
	acre	6	33	10 -	50
Tree and Brush Cutting					
Shearing	hour	11	\$ 60	\$ 16 -	75
	acre	6	175	35 -	300
Chain saw, light cover	hour	19	35	10 -	50
	acre	9	80	35 -	100
Chain saw, moderate cover	hour	19	40	14 -	50
	acre	9	100	35 -	200
Chain saw, heavy cover	hour	18	40	14 -	65
	acre	8	150	85 -	350
Hand cutting, light cover	hour	11	35	10 -	45
	acre	5	100	30 -	150
Hand cutting, moderate cover	hour	10	35	15 -	45
	acre	5	125	40 -	300
Hand cutting, heavy cover	hour	10	35	15 -	45
	acre	5	150	70 -	450
Prescribed burning	hour	5	55	30 -	100
Construction of firebreaks	hour	7	40	20 -	50
Timber stand improvement	hour	15	40	15 -	60
Earth Moving					
Back hoe	hour	7	\$ 65	\$ 45 -	160
Bulldozing	hour	6	85	75 -	135

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