

2023 Forage Custom Rate Survey Results

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The data below was collected from producers throughout Tennessee who charged to harvest hay or paid another producer to harvest hay. It is important to note that the prices below are the rates being charged and not the cost of production. Thank you to the county Extension agents for helping collect the data.

Forage Custom Rate per Acre

	Unit	Count	Average	Min	Max
Bush Hogging	acre	10	\$47.50	\$15.00	\$75.00
No-Till Drilling	acre	6	\$17.08	\$8.00	\$25.00
Broadcast Seeding	acre	2	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$22.00
Disc Mowing	acre	2	\$16.50	\$13.00	\$20.00
Disc Mower Conditioner	acre	2	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$27.00
Tedding	acre	3	\$6.67	\$5.00	\$10.00
Raking	acre	3	\$8.67	\$5.00	\$15.00

Forage Custom per Round Bale

	Unit	Count	Average	Min	Max
Disc Mowing	bale	8	\$6.69	\$2.00	\$10.00
Disc Mower Conditioner	bale	3	\$12.50	\$10.00	\$15.00
Tedding	bale	7	\$6.29	\$1.00	\$10.00
Raking	bale	8	\$6.25	\$2.00	\$10.00
Hauling	bale	6	\$5.42	\$2.00	\$9.00

Bale

Size	Count	Twine	Net Wrap
4x4	-	-	-
4x5	12	\$13.17	\$15.17
5x5	7	\$14.40	\$14.50
5x6	6	\$14.00	\$13.00

Mow/Rake/Bale

Size	Count	Twine	Net Wrap
4x4	2	\$16.00	-
4x5	23	\$21.72	\$25.86
4x6	2	-	\$37.50
5x5	8	\$33.00	\$28.33
5x6	4	-	\$31.00

Forage Custom per Small Square Bale

	Unit	Count	Average	Min	Max
Square Bale	bale	7	\$1.09	\$0.50	\$1.50
Average Weight	lbs.	12	52	37	70
Mow/Rake/Bale-Square Bale	bale	10	\$4.23	\$1.50	\$8.00