

# Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District

District Cost Share Program

## Program Policies

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*To provide financial resources for the implementation of worthwhile conservation projects in Wasco County that don't fit traditional funding sources. The District Cost Share Program also serves to assist local conservation education including workshops, demonstrations, and "hands-on" youth conservation educational programs and urban resource problems.*



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# Wasco County SWCD District Cost Share Program

## Program Overview

The goal of the District Cost Share Program (DCS) is to provide financial assistance to County residents to address natural resource issues and concerns on their property. Cost share is also available to help local schools and educational outlets carry out educational and community goals. While the program was originally geared towards projects that didn't fit traditional funding sources, the Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors has extended the program to allow it to be used in conjunction with other grants, to match funding sources and promote projects that might otherwise be cost-prohibitive to the landowner.

The program starts with a new allocation of money at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1. The budgeted amount for the year is currently allocated at \$150,000.

## Applicant Eligibility

Wasco County landowners are eligible to apply. Applicants holding lease contracts on land in Wasco County are eligible; however, they are required to have the landowner co-sign the cost share agreement to acknowledge permission of the funded activity and the minimum required maintenance of the practice. Residential renters are eligible and are also required to have the property owner co-sign the agreement, as stated above.

Applicants are allowed one general conservation cost share and one haul road cost share per fiscal year. An applicant may not apply for cost share if they have any outstanding cost share projects open or have sought district cost share funding for the same project on the same property.

## Leased Land

Transportable materials associated with the project (i.e., irrigation upgrades, wheel lines, pivots, farming technology), become the property of the landowner/operator at the end of the project agreement. Items are property of the District until the end of the project agreement, which generally coincide with established USDA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) project lifespans. It is up to the landowner/operator to determine ownership of the items at the end of the project agreement. For transportable, structural or practices that exceed the EQIP lifespan or those that address structural improvements on the land (i.e., erosion control practices, streambank stabilization, livestock fencing, water development), the following must be obtained prior to project implementation and reimbursement:

1. Written permission from the landowner is required. Both the landowner/operator and the applicant must sign the cost share agreement.
2. The landowner must agree to maintain the practice for the expected lifespan which is stated on the agreement.

3. A clear indication of who is paying the bills and who will be receiving the reimbursement once the project is completed. In most cases, the applicant pays the upfront out of pocket costs for each project, and is the one who receives reimbursement.

### Sale or Transfer of Property

When an applicant/landowner receives a project award and signs the cost share agreement, they must attest: *“I agree to refund all or part of the project cost-share assistance paid to me as determined by the Conservation District, if, before the expiration of the specified project life span, I destroy the practice or voluntarily relinquish control or title to the land on which the practice has been established and the new owner or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice for the remainder of its lifespan. I understand that my obligation will be met under this paragraph if I have properly maintained the applicable practices and upon transfer of control or title, the new owner or operator signs an agreement identical to this agreement.”*

The board reserves the right to require monitoring reports based on the expected lifespan of the practice to ensure the practice is being maintained through the sale or transfer of property.

### Eligible Projects

Eligible projects are those that seek to address a resource concern on private land and/or provide an educational benefit to youth in Wasco County. Eligible projects must be within the scope of the Wasco County SWCD’s mission, as well as within the list of prioritized resource concerns for Wasco County.

The current priority list is Exhibit A.

Applicants may have repeat cost share requests once the previous agreement is complete if:

1. The practice has reached the end of the lifespan;
2. The project/practice is destroyed by a natural disaster (fire or flood event);
3. The practice is for an extenuating circumstance.

Projects that are part of regular maintenance are not eligible for the cost share program unless they are past the EQIP lifespan of the practice/project. An SWCD technician will verify whether the project/practice has failed due to lack of proper maintenance, or if it has passed the NRCS lifespan and is eligible for the program.

Projects that are not listed within the list of conservation practices or are non-traditional may be eligible for the program. It is at the board’s discretion to assess each application on a case-by-case basis. The District Board reserves the right to consider an applicant’s previous completion record when reviewing new requests. Tried and true conservation practices, for example fence, should adhere to NRCS technical standards. NRCS practice standards and job sheets are available on request. For non-traditional projects, applicants are encouraged to work with SWCD technical staff to develop the project concept and design.

### General Conservation Projects

General conservation projects that are eligible for the cost share program are projects that address:

1. Water quality/quantity
2. Upland process and function – including grazing management, erosion control, etc.
3. Riparian habitat / instream benefits

4. Educational benefit to Wasco County youth
5. Precision agriculture

Full list of eligible projects is in Exhibit B.

### Haul Roads / Heavy Use Areas

Haul Roads are an eligible practice under the District Cost Share program, as they address the priority resource concern of erosion control. Haul Roads and Heavy Use Areas will only be reimbursed for the rock that is associated with each road/area. Dollars spent on hauling and spreading the rock will not be reimbursed, but may be used as match. The distance for each haul road to be rocked will have a minimum of 1/8 mile to a maximum 1/2 mile per cost share application. No smaller rock than 3/4 minus will be applied. The maximum request is 200 yards per application or approximately 270-280 tons. It is recommended that rock come from a certified weed free pit (ODA certifies for free), although it is not a requirement of the program. Landowners may use rock from a private rock pit; however, the rock must be weighed in order to track the accurate tonnage used. Weight slips and load numbers are required for reimbursement.

### Haul Road Eligibility

Haul roads eligible for the program are those that are used for trucks to get in and out of farm fields (specifically wheat fields) that are prone to wind and soil erosion, as well as compaction. Other agriculture roads may qualify for the program based on the SWCD technician's verification of the site and state of erosion. Rock must be applied on one continuous road, unless the need for multiple non-consecutive segments is confirmed and verified with an SWCD technician at the time of application. This must be stated on the application for the Board's review. In some cases, haul roads may require a rock base, which will be at the expense of the landowner. Base rock may be used as match or in-kind but will not be eligible for reimbursement. Fuel surcharges are not an eligible reimbursement expense, although may be used as the applicant's match. Match for Haul Roads includes delivery of the rock, spreading, and road preparation. Landowners may haul their own rock and use their own equipment. Landowners who conduct the work themselves are required to keep track of their hours and what type of equipment was used.

The District Cost Share program will only fund one haul road, per landowner, per fiscal year. No driveways will be eligible for the program, unless a technician verifies the driveway is part of the haul road system. This must be noted at the time of application review and will be approved or denied at the Board's discretion.

### How to Apply

The District Cost Share program application is a 1-page form to be filled out by the applicant, or with the assistance of an SWCD technician. The application must describe the resource concern, the proposed project activities, including who will do the work, as well as project deliverables. A copy of the general conservation and haul road applications are included in Exhibit C. Applications may be submitted to the SWCD at any time via email, post office mail, or hand delivered; however, they must be submitted by the last Friday of the month to be considered at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The SWCD Board of Directors reviews applications on a first come first serve basis during their monthly Board meetings (held the first Wednesday of each month). For an application to be reviewed, the application must:

1. Be completed in its entirety, and signed by the applicant/landowner;
2. Include a detailed budget – this may be a quote from a local contractor or estimates based off similar projects. A material list and estimated labor hours are encouraged. An SWCD technician may help applicants develop a budget, as well as provide the current list of reimbursement rates (Exhibit E) for owned machinery and equipment;
3. Include a detailed map of the project area/site location;
4. Include photos of the current site.

## Cost Share Application Review & Award Process

### District Board Review Process

Applications submitted by the deadline (last Friday of the month) will be considered at the next regularly scheduled board meeting (first Wednesday of the month). Board members will review applications on a first come first serve basis. Each application will be ranked according to SWCD priority, urgency, and completeness. More information on emergency applications is provided under the section titled “Emergency Applications”. If the Board has questions on the application, i.e., if the project goals, implementation strategy, budget concerns, or the long-term management considerations are unclear, they may elect to table the application until the next board meeting and request the applicant provide more information. Applicants may also revise and resubmit applications based on board discussion and recommendations.

### Award Process

Once the District board has approved an application, the Program Manager will mail an award packet to the applicant, containing a Project Completion Report Form, W9, and cost share agreement. All items are required to be submitted at the time of project completion for reimbursement.

### Project Completion Report

The project completion report form includes space to describe the project: what was done, who completed the work, and any other details the applicant would like to share. There is also space to track project expenses. The first table is to list what owned equipment was used, hours, and rate. The second table is to list invoices and receipts. There is a total section to show the total project cost, any other cost share that was used towards the project, and the total reimbursement request. The Project Completion Report must be signed and dated by the applicant at time of project completion. The program manager may assist the applicant in completing this form, and will provide each applicant with a current list of SWCD Approved Cost Share Reimbursement Rates, which are necessary to accurately complete the form.

### W9

District Cost Share funds are classified as taxable grants. When a project is completed, a current IRS Form W9 (request for Taxpayer ID) must be submitted to the SWCD by the applicant (or whoever will be expending/receiving the cost share funds), so that the SWCD can accurately issue a 1099-G for the year in which the funds were paid. Project reimbursement requests will not be paid without a current W9 on file.

### Cost Share Agreement

Upon board approval, all parties (the cost share applicant and landowner, if different from the applicant) must sign the agreement concerning the proposed work. Each agreement will be tailored to the

individual project and shall include: what the project is (including quantity), project location, estimated total cost, approved reimbursement amount, project completion date, and EQIP lifespan for the project/practice. Within each agreement is general information detailing the approved practice, NRCS practice code (if applicable), project inspection authorization, proof of property ownership/control, acquisition of permits if required, monitoring, required minimum practice maintenance, and weed control. A cost share agreement example is provided in Exhibit D.

### Photo Point Monitoring

Photos of the site and project location are required at the time of application submittal. Post-project implementation photos are also required at time of project completion to receive reimbursement. Photos may be emailed or mailed into the SWCD. The applicant may work with an SWCD technician or the program manager for help with any photo point monitoring.

## Reimbursement

Project reimbursement is based on the approved project description and funding is capped at what is indicated in the signed agreement. Reimbursement rates are set by the District Board and reviewed annually. Reimbursement rates determine the amount the District will cost share on for work personally performed by the landowner/applicant or those working on their behalf. This includes operating machinery, hand labor, etc. The SWCD Reimbursement rates will apply to all labor and equipment expenses unless the work is contracted out and the contracted invoices show different.

General conservation projects are eligible for reimbursement of 50% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$7,500. Haul Road and Heavy Use area projects will only be reimbursed for the total cost of the rock up to \$3,000. A minimum 50% match is required for Haul Roads and Heavy Use areas.

Contracted work is invoice-based and the Reimbursement Rates typically do not apply. Wages for on-farm laborers are eligible, providing proof of payroll is provided and wages do not exceed the BOLI prevailing wage rates.

### Ineligible Reimbursement Costs

The SWCD will not pay for or reimburse any activities or materials that were not covered under the original project application and/or agreement, or did not receive prior approval from the SWCD Board of Directors. The SWCD will not reimburse expenses incurred prior to the project award date. Expenditures without a receipt will not be considered for reimbursement. A photo of a check, or copy of a bill of sale are also not acceptable forms of documentation for reimbursement.

Mileage is not an eligible reimbursement unless there are extenuating circumstances, which the board will consider on a case-by-case basis. In all cases, the cost share applicant should do due diligence when developing their budget and attempt to identify and request approval for any necessary travel within the scope of the project proposal. The board reserves the right to attach conditions to any pre-approved travel, as well as to deny travel requests while still approving the overall project.

Operating and labor costs are factored into the Reimbursement Rates for using owned equipment. The District will not reimburse a landowner's out of pocket expenses for equipment repairs, replacement parts, or any maintenance. The District will not cost share on any tools or machinery purchases such as lawnmowers, chainsaws, or replacement chains, or any other attachments.



## Advance Payments

Partial reimbursements may be made if a landowner is unable to complete the project due to insufficient funds. The District may award up to 50% of the out of pocket costs to date, if the landowner provides a written request to the District Board, including all receipts, progress on the current state of the project as well as an estimated completion timeline. The remaining funds will not be distributed until the project is completed and all other documentation is submitted.

## Funding

### Additional Funding Requests

Applicants may request additional funding (not to exceed a total of \$7,500) if:

1. every effort was made to create a realistic budget but unforeseen expenses came up;
2. the initial budget was reviewed by staff and a critical component of the request was overlooked;
3. there was a change in the original quote/estimate by a contractor

The board may also choose to reject a request for additional funds based on current budget constraints, or the lack of realistic planning on the applicant's part. The District is not responsible for project costs exceeding the approved amount.

### Match Funding Sources

The Cost Share Program allows DCS funds to be matched with other funding sources to reduce the applicant's out of pocket costs. If the applicant is receiving funding from NRCS or any other cost share (FSA, OWEB Small Grant, Utilities, etc.) the DCS approval does not constitute approval to proceed under outside funding sources. Cost share outside of the DCS program shall be applied first and in no case should cost share result in over 100% payment of actual project costs. This funding is intended to help projects move forward that would otherwise not be possible.

## Project Timeline

The applicant has 2 years from the date the project is awarded to complete the project and submit receipts as well as the award packet documents for reimbursement. If a project has fallen behind schedule and will not be completed within the 2-year time frame, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the SWCD prior to the expiration date to explain why the project is not completed, and provide an estimated timeline for project completion. If a project is not completed by the deadline, the District will inquire about project status. If no response is received within 2 weeks of notification, the District will inform the applicant/landowner in writing that the cost share project application is terminated. Terminated projects may be resubmitted for consideration if circumstances warrant.

## Emergency Applications

Emergency applications are those that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled board meeting for full review and approval. An emergency application shall be considered following a natural disaster if the applicant provides all the required materials and the District Manager agrees that the proposal constitutes an eligible emergency. If/when the District Manager agrees, the application and associated materials will be distributed to the District Board for review. If the application receives 4 board member votes in favor of moving the project forward (a quorum of the 7-director board), the application will be tentatively or conditionally approved. The application will be reviewed at the next regular board meeting

for full board approval and any additional conditions will be applied to the final cost share agreement at the Board's discretion.

If there are insufficient funds left in the current budget to fully fund an application, the Board may choose to obligate the remaining funds in the current Cost share budget and revisit the project for the rest of the funding when a new budget is available (typically July of each year). Funds will not be moved forward from the next fiscal year budget.

## Exhibit A

SWCD Priorities										
The SWCD approved this updated list of prioritized resource concerns for Wasco County										
1	Erosion control on cropland, pasture, rangeland									
2	Water conservation (quality & quantity)									
3	Integrated Pest Management practices including technologies that help direct seed/no-till sustainable and protect water quality									
4	Erosion control of stream banks and forest land									
5	Riparian enhancement									
6	Rangeland condition and resource management									
7	Ag Energy Conservation									
8	Invasive species									
9	Fish and Wildlife habitat									
10	Forest land condition resource management									
11	Upstream flood control (including flood hazard mitigation)									
12	Wetland preservation									
13	Plant materials programs / demonstration nursery									
14	Drainage									
15	Other agriculture related									
16	All other non-agriculture related									

## Exhibit B

This is a list of eligible District cost share projects based on SWCD priorities. This list is not exhaustive but intended to provide guidance on project eligibility.

1. Erosion control on cropland, pasture, rangeland
  - a. Cover crops
  - b. Haul roads
2. Water Conservation (quality / quantity)
  - a. Irrigation upgrades
  - b. Stream crossing / ford eliminations
3. Integrated Pest Management practices including technologies
  - a. Direct seed/no=till
  - b. Precision agriculture technology components specifically designed to reduce a farmer's input of chemicals, fertilizers, and fuel, which improve long-term resource conservation on farm applications.
4. Erosion control of stream banks and forest land
5. Riparian enhancement
  - a. Planted buffers
  - b. Livestock exclusion fencing
6. Rangeland condition and resource management
  - a. Range seeding
  - b. Cross fencing
  - c. Off channel livestock watering facilities
7. Ag Energy Conservation
8. Invasive species – Note: any project associated with the treatment of invasive species including weed control and juniper removal, is required to provide a long-term management plan.
  - a. Juniper removal
  - b. Weed control
9. Fish and Wildlife habitat
  - a. Wildlife guzzlers
  - b. Pollinator habitat
10. Forest land condition resource management
  - a. Thinning for forest health
11. Upstream flood control (including flood hazard mitigation)
12. Wetland preservation
13. Plant materials programs / demonstration nursery
14. Drainage
15. Other agriculture related
16. All other non-agriculture related
  - a. Educational or demonstration projects

# Exhibit C

## General Conservation Application

### Wasco County SWCD Cost Share Program Application

ATTENTION: It is the responsibility of the applicant/landowner to obtain any required permits for the project being cost shared. If you need assistance contact the SWCD office.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

.....  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** Please include a detailed map of the project area, photos and budget to summarize expenses.

12 Digit HUC: \_\_\_\_\_ SWCD LRP Priority Ranking# \_\_\_\_\_

NRCS Practice Code: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this project Ag Water Quality Related? \_\_\_\_\_ ODA Management Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this project part of a Farm Bill program or receiving any other Cost Share? YES or NO

1. Project Proposal – Please describe the resource concern, what will be done & who will do the work. *(additional space on reverse side if needed)*

2. Describe how this project will address the resource concern or provide an overall benefit that this project will provide to the watershed.

Estimated Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(50%, UP TO \$7,500) Budget space is provided on reverse side

Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Signature (if different than the applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Staff Review** \_\_\_mgr \_\_\_tech \_\_\_adm **Recommend:** Fund Not Fund **Board Action:** Approved / Denied

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Wasco County SWCD Cost Share Program  
Haul Road Application**

*(Deliver to District Office by last Friday of the month for consideration at the next Board meeting)*

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Haul Road Guidelines:** Haul Roads are an eligible practice under the District Cost Share program, as they address the priority resource concern of erosion control. Haul Roads and Heavy Use Areas will only be reimbursed for the rock that is associated with each road/area. Dollars spent on hauling and spreading the rock will not be reimbursed, but may be used as match. The distance for each haul road to be rocked will have a minimum of 1/8 mile to a maximum 1/2 mile per cost share application. No smaller rock than 3/4 minus will be applied. The maximum request is 200 yards per application or approximately 270-280 tons. It is recommended that rock come from a certified weed free pit (ODA certifies for free), although it is not a requirement of the program. Landowners may use rock from a private rock pit; however, the rock must be weighed in order to track the accurate tonnage used. Weight slips and load numbers are required for reimbursement. Rock must be applied on one continuous road, unless the need for multiple non-consecutive segments is confirmed and verified with an SWCD technician at the time of application. No driveways will be eligible for the program, unless a technician verifies the driveway is part of the haul road system Fuel surcharges are not an eligible reimbursement expense, although may be used as the applicant's match. Match for Haul Roads includes delivery of the rock, spreading, and road preparation. Landowners may haul their own rock and use their own equipment.

**The District Cost Share program will only fund one haul road, per landowner, per fiscal year.**

What is the approximate distance of the haul road to be rocked?

Is the rock pit ODA certified weed free? YES / NO

Will this haul road require a rock base? YES / NO

Where is the project located? (Township, Range, Section and Tax lot)

*\*\*Attach a map with start and stop latitude and longitude along with photos of the eroding road and bank. Include a budget with estimated total yards or tons needed and cost per ton or yard.*

Estimated total project cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested from the District (50%, UP TO \$3,000): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner/Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Staff Review wgr tech adm Recommend: Fund Not Fund Board Action: Approved / Denied  
Priority (from LRP): 1-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit D

Revision 1/30/2024

### CONSERVATION DISTRICT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

**Specifications.** I agree to adhere to NRCS specifications on all conservation practices funded under this agreement. The district can provide standards or specifications on request.

**Utilities.** I understand that no representation is by the Conservation District as to the existence or non-existence of utilities. It is the responsibility of the landowners or operator and contractors to comply with the provisions of ORS 757.541 to 757.571. Landowners or operators and contractors will be liable for any damage resulting from disruption of service caused by construction activities. **AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE YOU DIG, CALL: 1-800-332-2344**

**Access.** I agree to allow access by Conservation District personnel as necessary to fulfill project requirements. I understand that this does not relieve project personnel of the requirement to make access arrangements with me in advance.

**Maintenance.** I agree to maintain all project-funded practices for a minimum of 10 years from December 31 of the year the practice is completed. Not applicable to education programs. I agree to inspect project-funded fencing, erosion control structures, and water and sediment control basins at least annually. I understand that Conservation District personnel will inspect individual practices for completion.

**Weed Control.** I agree to control noxious weeds on all areas disturbed by project activities.

**Sale or Transfer of Property.** I agree to refund all or part of the project cost-share assistance paid to me as determined by the Conservation District, if, before the expiration of the specified project life span, I destroy the practice or voluntarily relinquish control or title to the land on which the practice has been established and the new owner or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice for the remainder of its life span. I understand that my obligation will be met under this paragraph if I have properly maintained the applicable practices and upon transfer of control or title, the new owner or operator signs an agreement identical to this agreement.

**Certification:** Signature below certifies ownership of the property or authority to install practices and acknowledgement that information relating to the work is a public record.

**Permits, reviews, water rights:** Some activities require permits such as DSL and Army Corps of Engineers fill/removal permits. Work on flood plains may require Wasco County Planning Dept. "Subject to Standards" review. Some activities involving beneficial use or storage of water may require water rights. It is the responsibility of the landowner to obtain the necessary permits, reviews, water rights necessary for the work and not the SWCD's responsibility.

**NOTE:** If receiving NRCS cost share or any other cost share (FSA, OWEB Small Grant, Utilities, etc) the DCS approval does not constitute approval to proceed under outside funding sources. Cost share outside of the DCS program shall be applied first and in no case should cost share result in over 100% payment of actual project costs. This funding is intended to help projects move forward that would otherwise not be possible.

<b>Practice or Activity:</b>	Irrigation Upgrade	<b>Total Project Cost (Est.):</b>	
<b>Quantity:</b>	3 ¼ mile wheel lines.	<b>Reimbursement Rate:</b>	50% NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00
<b>Location:</b>	\$15,000	<b>Approved Reimbursement from SWCD:</b>	\$7,500.00

Landowner / Applicant agrees to provide a summary report on the result of the project and completion photos, copies of all expense receipts and report showing labor and equipment costs, as well as a copy of any and all required permits.

**Completion Deadline:** I agree to complete this project within two years of Board approval.

**Estimated Completion:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, printed Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Rep. Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, printed Landowner (if different than the applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature / Date



## Exhibit E

<b>Wasco County District Cost Share Reimbursement Rates</b>			
Maximum total cost accepted for landowner using own equipment and completing the work. Compensation for contracted work will be reimbursed per DCS policy of no more than half the total project cost up to \$5,000			
Assume 1/2 the cost is direct fuel related and 1/2 is the base rate.			
Revised rate = Base + Base X (Current Fuel/4.68)			
<b>REVIEW PERIODICITY: Annually. Update at the June Board mtg. for next fiscal year</b>			
\$4.68 was diesel pump price in August 2008 when recommended rates were first developed.			
<b>Equipment</b>			
Diesel pump price index value:			
ITEM			23-24
Farm truck & operation 1.5 ton+	per mile		\$ 1.65
Tractor & Implements w/op <40hp	per hour		\$ 66.00
Tractor & Imp. w/op 40-60hp	per hour		\$ 66.00
Tractor & Imp. w/op 60-100hp	per hour		\$ 88.00
Tractor & Imp. w/op 100-125hp	per hour		\$ 115.50
Tractor & Imp. w/op 125-150hp	per hour		\$ 121.00
Tractor & Imp. w/op 150-200hp	per hour		\$ 148.50
D-2 Equivalent /hr	per hour		\$ 66.00
D-4 Equivalent /hr	per hour		\$ 93.50
D-5 Equivalent /hr	per hour		\$ 110.00
D-6 Equivalent /hr	per hour		\$ 126.50
D-7 Equivalent /hr	per hour		\$ 137.50
D-8 Equivalent /hr	per hour		\$ 170.50
Grader	per hour		\$ 165.00
Backhoe (full size)	per hour		\$ 93.50
Mini excavator (6-7klbs)	per hour		\$ 49.50
Mid-sized Excavator	per hour		\$ 71.50
Excavator (32-54Klbs GVW)	per hour		\$ 154.00
Dump Truck (10 YD)	per hour		\$ 82.50
4 yd. Front End Loader	per hour		\$ 82.50
Op PLOW	per ac wTr		\$ 49.50
Op DISC (COVER CROP)	per ac wTr		\$ 38.50
Op DISC (TANDEM)	per ac wTr		\$ 22.00
Op SPRINGTOOTH HARROW	per ac wTr		\$ 22.00
Op SPRINGTOOTH CULTIVATING	per ac wTr		\$ 22.00
Op HARROWING	per ac wTr		\$ 2.75
Op DRILLING (CONVENTIONAL)	per ac wTr		\$ 22.00
Op CHISEL PLOW	per ac wTr		\$ 38.50
<b>Labor and Operations</b>			
Hand Labor / Hour	per hour		\$ 27.50
Family labor (under 18 yrs)/hr (state minimum wage)	per hour		
Labor w/power Eq (chain saw,etc)	per hour		\$ 33.00
Welding (NOTE 1)	per hour		\$ 77.00
Op DIRECT SEEDING (NOTE 2)	per ac wTr		\$ 27.50
Op GROUND SPRAYING cropland	per ac wTr		\$ 11.00
Op ROTARY MOWING	per ac wTr		\$ 38.50
Op Sagebrush beating	per ac wTr		\$ 77.00
Op ROD WEEDING	per ac wTr		\$ 33.00
Op Range seeding	per ac wTr		\$ 49.50
Mg light disking	per ac wTr		\$ 11.00
Mg mowing or clipping	per ac wTr		\$ 16.50
Op Hand Labor / Acre			<b>2023-24</b>
Op Juniper Cutting - medium - light	per acre		\$ 110.00
Op Juniper Cutting - heavy	per acre		\$ 165.00
Op Fencing	per foot		\$ 3.30