

Machinery Cost Publication Updated

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The University of Minnesota Extension publication "Machinery Cost Estimates" was updated in June. Price assumed for diesel fuel was \$2.25/gal, down from \$3.50. Government forecasts diesel fuel prices will climb in 2010, but will stay below 2008 levels. Most machine prices continued the upward trend seen in past years. The combined impact of lower fuel and higher machinery prices on costs/acre is a mixed bag. Per acre costs of most forage operations were up slightly, while tillage operations tended to be down. <http://www.apec.umn.edu/faculty/wlazarus/documents/mf2009.pdf>.