

Extension tries to help fill in government data

One publication, the Kansas Agriculture Statistics Custom Rates, which many of our farmers and ranchers have used in the past, will not be available. Producers have used the Custom Rates book as a decision aid over the years. The annual publication included a summary of the results from annual surveys of farmers and ranchers,



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custom operators, cooperatives and elevators.
The Custom Rates book, which

is usually released to the public in January and reports rates from the previous year, was dropped for budgetary reasons this year. With the developing void in information usually provided to producers, Kevin Dhuyvetter

Kansas State University agricultural economist, has estimated most custom rates previously published by KAS. Dhuyvetter believes this should be helpful as producers make decisions in 2011. The report, "Historical Custom Rates in Kansas and Projections for 2011," is available on the web: <http://www.agmanager.info/farmmgmt/machinery/default.asp#2>. We have also ran off copies here at the office and they are available for producers.

Dhuyvetter points out that the estimates reported are for state averages only (no regional estimates were made) and included estimates for both 2010 and 2011. This is so people can see what the model-estimated change is from

what a predicted value for last year would be.
In his news release Dhuyvetter said, "In most cases, the models are suggesting relatively large increases compared to 2010 values, which is primarily due to the current high forecast for diesel fuel next year."

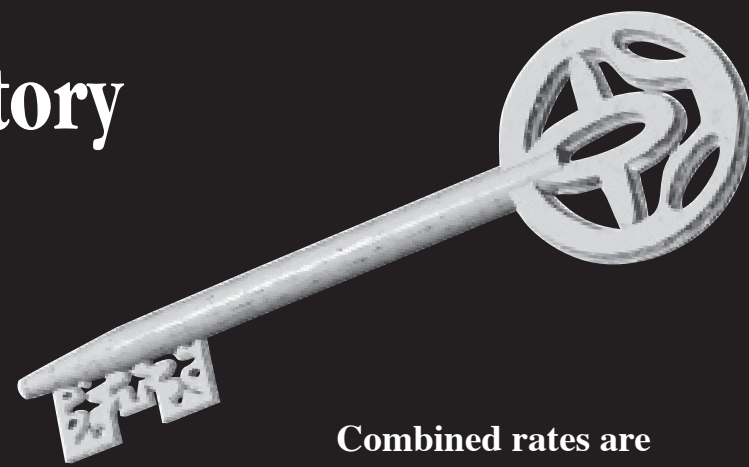
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