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The results of the 2024 survey and the 2025 survey (different producers were surveyed each year) are below. I have given the average rental rate and the range. Keep in mind that the values on the edges of the range may have special circumstances. No two operations or rental agreements are exactly the same. Rents should not be based upon surveys, but surveys can provide a starting point. To the best of my knowledge and of those surveyed, these are typical of Custer County. This is especially true when the ranges are considered. On the pasture rent, the renters generally take care of the cattle with some owner involvement on fences and thistles. If the landowner is more involved in the care, the rents are above the average.



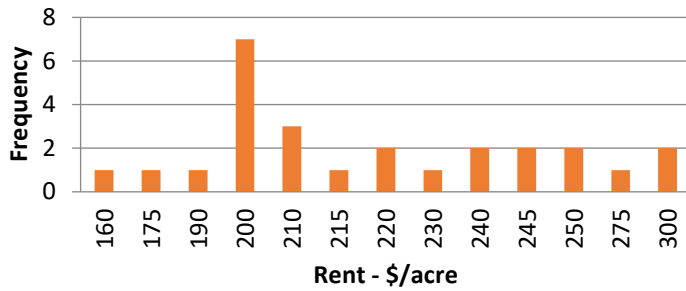
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Custer County Rental Rates	2024		2025	
	<u>Average</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Range</u>
Gravity Irrigated Cropland (\$/acre)	\$230.79	\$150-\$400	\$222.50	\$160-\$300
Center Pivot Irrigated Cropland (\$/acre)	\$254.26	\$180-400	\$243.78	\$170-\$300
Are the Crop residues included in the rental?	85% Yes	15% No	70% Yes	30% No
Tenant-owned power unit adjustment (\$/acre)	\$17.50	\$15-\$20	\$30	\$30 (2 responses)
Tenant-owned pivot adjustment (\$/acre)	\$28.75	\$20-\$40	\$30	\$20-\$35
Pasture Land rental rates:				
Cow/calf (\$/month)	\$70.08	\$35-\$100	\$66.34	\$45-\$105
Yearling (\$/month)			\$43.60	\$25-\$60
\$/acre (hard ground)	\$57.92	\$30-\$100	\$40.17	\$20-\$65
\$/acre (sand)			\$28.31	\$20-\$39.50
Dryland cropland (\$/acre)	\$94.92	\$40-\$145	\$93.86	\$40-\$170
Dryland alfalfa (\$/acre)	\$88.00	\$40-\$120	\$93.06	\$70-\$150
Irrigated Alfalfa (\$/acre)	\$218.33	\$150-\$260	\$245	\$200-\$300
Cornstalks (\$/acre)	\$16.00	\$7-\$30	\$16.10	\$6.25-\$40
Cornstalks (Head/Day)	\$0.84	\$0.60-\$1.00	\$0.62	\$0.25-\$0.85
Who fences the cornstalks? (% of those surveyed)	Renter	59%	Renter	62%
	Landowner	38%	Landowner	31%
	Both	3%	Both	7%

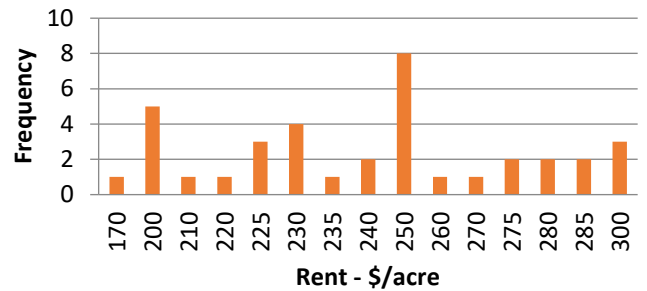
2025 Custer County Rental Rates

Graphs showing the frequency of a particular rental rate.

Gravity Irrigated



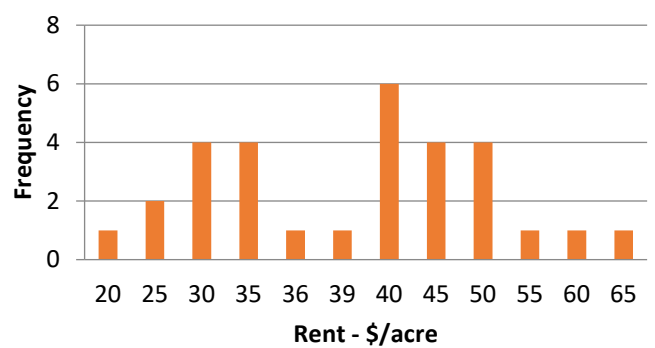
Pivot Irrigated



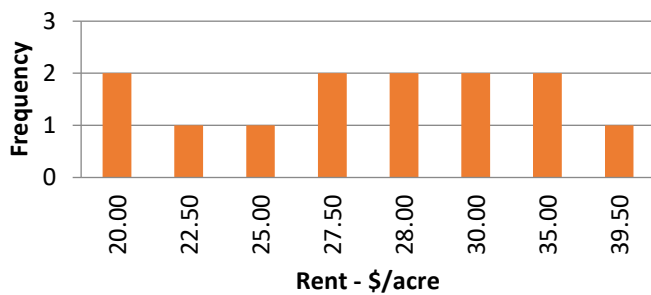
Cow/Calf Pasture



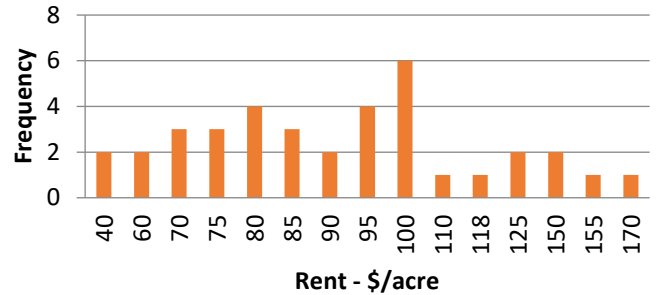
Hard Pasture



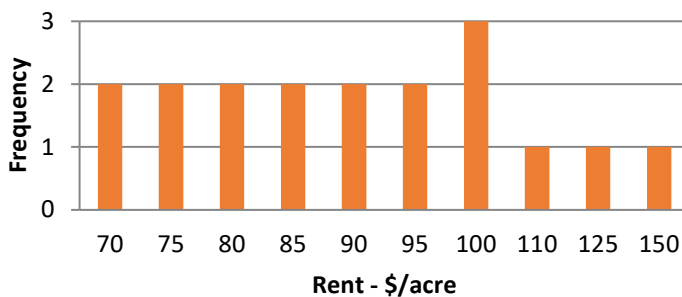
Sandy Pasture



Dryland Cropland



Dryland Alfalfa



Irrigated Alfalfa

