

# 2024 DAWSON COUNTY AREA PRICE & RENT SURVEY

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Price & Rent Trend



The results of the 2023 survey and the 2024 survey can be found in the following tables. It's extremely important to note that no two operations or rental agreements are exactly alike. Those rents on either end of the range probably have some special circumstances (i.e. family). Production potential likely varies greatly on these rent extremes.

## Summary

Based on responses, cash rents and bushel rents were up for pivot and dryland ground and down for gravity or alfalfa ground. No alternative crops were listed as suggestions for the 2024 survey results.

We did get a few responses on residue grazing and see the widest ranges on the soybean grazing rents.

This rent letter and updated price survey results will also be available at **dawson.unl.edu**. We will put a link to the University's statewide survey (March), and one to the Custer County survey when they become available.

I will include some flex rent suggestions gathered from the survey. There is also a spreadsheet available that will help you calculate your own flex cash lease. Go to <http://agecon.unl.edu> and search for flex rent.

*To help us to serve you better. In an effort to find more ways to realize cost savings, if you would let us know your e-mail address, and then continue to keep us updated on any e-mail address changes so we can send these results to you electronically. We send this report to over 467 customers all over the United States. Of those 381, we currently send it by e-mail to 190 customers. If you received this in the mail and you thought we had your e-mail address, it may have bounced back. Double check it with us or send it to [dlans2@unl.edu](mailto:dlans2@unl.edu). Thank you for your interest.*

Sincerely,

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### CORN/SOYBEAN GROUND

Good Dawson County gravity irrigated corn/soybean ground with average base.

	2024 Results		2023 Results	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Cash Rent/Acre	\$239.38	\$200-\$300	\$252.76	\$200 - \$325
Bushels Rent/Acre	53.75 bushels	30-75 (4 response)	55 bushels	50-69 (3 responses)
Crop Share	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord
(most common)	60:40	50:50 - 80:20	70:30	50:50 - 80:20

Good Dawson County pivot irrigated corn/soybean ground with average base.

	2024 Results		2023 Results	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Cash Rent/Acre	\$284.13	\$235.00- \$350.00	\$277.15	\$220.00-\$325.00
Bushels Rent/Acre	68.86 bushels	60-82 (7 responses)	63.80 bushels	50-81 (6 responses)
Crop Share	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord
(most common)	60:40	60:40 - 70:30	70:30	60:40 - 70:30
Tenant-owned power unit adjustment	\$22.50	\$10.00- \$30.00	\$23.14	\$12.00 - \$50.00
Tenant-owned pivot adjustment	\$42.50	\$20.00 - \$50.00	\$38.33	\$20.00 - \$75.00
Corner rents	\$190.71	\$0.00 - \$300.00	\$215.67	\$33.00 - \$325.00
	(corn, beans, cane, alfalfa most mentioned corner crops)			

### DRYLAND

	2024 Results		2023 Results	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Cash Rent/Acre	\$130.00	\$90.00 - \$225.00	\$127.05	\$70.00 - \$235.00
Bushels Rent/Acre	28.75 bushels	20 - 35 (4 responses)	11 bushels	20-33 (3 responses)
Crop Share	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord
(most common)	60:40	50:50 - 80:20	65:35	50:50 - 80:20

### ALFALFA GROUND

	2024 Results		2023 Results	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Cash Rent	\$190.00	\$100.00 - \$235.00	\$222.50	\$110.00-\$300.00
Crop Share	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord	Tenant: Landlord
(most common)	50:50	50:50 on all responses	50:50	50:50 on all responses

### PASTURE RENT

	2024 Results		2023 Results	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Cow-Calf/month	\$95.50	\$45 - \$350.00	\$53.45	\$37.50 - \$90.00
Cow-Calf/acre	\$46.50	\$37.00-\$55.00	\$44.80	\$40.00 - \$50.00
Yearling Steer/mo.	\$31.67	\$20.00 - \$35.00	\$19.73	\$1.20 - \$33.00
Steer/acre	\$48.50	\$47.00 - \$50.00	No responses	
Stock Rate	6.77 acre/cow-calf or 3.33 acre/steer	5.5-8 acre/cow-calf or 2.5-4 acre/steer	8.43 acre/cow-calf or 7 acre/steer	6-15 acre/cow-calf or 7 acre/steer

## CORN STALKS

	2024 Results		2023 Results	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Per Day (landowner fences)	\$.85	\$.80-\$ .90	No response	
Per Day (renter fences)	\$.55	\$.35 -\$.75	\$.60	1 response
Per Acre (landowner fences)	\$15.00	\$13.00 - \$17.00	\$14.80	\$10.00 - \$20.00
Per Acre (renter fences)	\$14.20	\$13.00 - \$15.00	\$13.93	\$12.00 - \$20.00
Per Acre (rent for baling)	No Response		\$100.00	1 response

## SOYBEAN STUBBLE

	2024 Results		2023 Results	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
Per Acre (landlord fences)	\$9.50	\$4.00 - \$15.00	\$6.80	\$4.00 - \$15.00
Per Acre (renter fences)	\$0.00	\$0.00 (2 responses)	\$7.63	Free - \$20.00
Per Acre (rent for baling)	No Response		\$75.00	1 response

### Alternative Pricing Arrangements Offered by Respondents

#### 2024 Examples

1. Repeat of #1 of 2022.
2. Base \$235/ac or 65 bu. x Viterra (Gavilon) Price, whichever is more. Paid ½ April 1<sup>st</sup> and ½ November 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. 70 bu./ac x December elevator contract price on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2023 Examples

1. Rent bonus added \$10/acre if December corn board 2022.
2. Repeat of #1 of 2022.
3. \$105/acre + 35 bushels.

#### 2022 Examples

1. \$240 per acre minimum. March 1 = ½. December 10 = ½. RCIS spring price – Gavilon basis for Feb. RCIS fall price – Gavilon basis for November = Average price x 70/bu./ac.
2. 50 bu./acre x average of spring & fall crop insurance price. Flex cash rent agreement.
3. Only rental is within family. \$150/ac + 1/3 of price on Oct 15 over \$4.50/bu. x APH. The tenant does all repairs and maintenance.
4. Yield x 17.5% = bushels x price Lex. Nov 1. Example: 240 x 17.5 = 42 bu. x \$5.65 = \$237.30/acre rent.

#### 2021 Examples

1. \$240 per acre + adjustment if Gavilon price is above a set price.
2. Based on 33% of the current APH per pivot corn, in bushels delivered to any market the landlord chooses within 15 mil of the field.
3. 60:40 if renter own pivot, 30 bushels X cash corn price on March 1 and same on Dec. 1
4. 25% on corn bushel over \$4.00 per bushel
5. \$225 min. with flex rent of 70 bu./ac based on RCIS spring/fall price minus Gavilon bests for Feb/Nov
6. 5-year average yield taking off high and low X 30% = bushels

#### 2020 Examples

1. Corn yield x 25% = bushels x price November 1<sup>st</sup> at Cozad or Lexington
2. 5-year average yield. Take off high and low. Take that average yield x 30%. Deliver bushels to town.
3. Cash but guarantee minimum bushels to landlord. His discretion to the market.

### 2019 Examples

1. 60 bu. rent goes up ½ bushel for bushels over 220 bu.
2. 70 bushels to landlord with ½ due March 1 based on RCIS spring price minus Gavilon avg. basis for Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> due Dec. 1 based on RCIS fall price minus Gavilon avg. basis for Nov.
3. Yield/ac. X 25% x price of corn 11/1/18 at Cozad (ex. 272.9 x 25% = 68.225 X \$3.29 = \$224.46)
4. Flex bu. rent – 60 bu./ac. minimum price \$3.00; or \$200 cash rent and 50% of profits
5. \$240 cash rent but if cash corn hits \$4.20 or higher at Lex Gavilon, it triggers an extra \$15 per acre; \$220 cash rent but goes to \$240 if corn hits \$4.25 on the board; & \$250 if it hits \$4.55.
6. \$240/ac. if produces 250 bushel per acre or more; \$210 per ac. if produces less than 250 bu.
7. Corn price Dec. 1 X 60-65 bu./ac.; Pay \$120/ac. March 1 – balance Dec. 1

### 2018 Examples

1. ((Price at Lex \$4.50)/3)) X APH X 85% X acres
2. 25% of the 10 yr. RMA yield X Avg C2 in Red December Futures
3. 45-50 bushel per acre and use the average spring/fall crop insurance price for cash rent amount.
4. Yield dry bushels of corn X 25% X local elevator price on Nov. 1 or 220.2 bu. in 2017 X \$3.03 = \$166.81
5. 70 bu./ac priced 1/2 on Mar.1 RCIS spring price minus Gavilon Basis for Feb; 1/2 Dec.1 RCIS fall price minus Gavilon Nov. Not less than \$225 per ac. rent.

### 2017 Examples

1. \$200 + 50% of profit
2. 70:30 with all cost to tenant and 30% to landlord based on 3-year average yield (bushels to town)
3. Corn yield x 25% x price/bu. on Nov. 1 at Cozad & Lexington = \$168.50 this year
4. Pivot Corn - \$225 with a yield bonus-all bushels over the tenants APH are subject to a 60% tenant/40%/landlord split. Tenant markets bushels and settles with landlord.
5. Pivot - \$250/Ac. Bonus by selecting higher of MPC1 base rate and MPC1 Harvest rate for corn calculated times 50 bu., minus the base rent. If amount is over \$0 then bonus paid by Dec. 31

### 2016 Examples

1. 50-bushel base. Use higher local prices either on Jan. 15th or July 15th. 50-bushel X higher of two prices = rent.
2. On a 50:50 crop share. Bonus of \$20 - \$50 paid if > \$250 profit per acre.
3. 58-bushel base with rent figured on ½ at RCIS (Rural Community Insurance Services) spring price minus Gavilon average basis for February and ½ at RCIS fall price minus Gavilon average basis for November.
4. To price landlord crop share: 30% of multi-peril crop insurance average yield X CBOT (Chicago Board) Dec. 1 price minus \$.40 basis.
5. \$250 base which is adjusted higher if Gavilon price is above a set bushel price. ½ in March, ½ in October.

### 2015 Examples:

1. \$250 per/acre min. Set Bushels with ½ price on March 1 & ½ price on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Using RCIS Spring/Fall prices minus Gavilon's Average Basis for Feb/Nov.
2. Yield/acre X 25% X bu. Price on 11/1/14 at elevator for corn – use same on all acres including alfalfa acres.
3. Rent + 50% of profit after expenses (including rent)
4. Pay to landlord – 30% of 5-year average bushels.
5. Use average of spring & fall USDA gov't insurance price and add onto base price. Ex. \$200/A at \$4.00 corn, then for every .25 above \$4.00 add \$5.00 to base rent of \$200.

### 2014 Examples:

1. Flex rent tied to corn price. i.e.       \$5 corn = \$200 rent  
  \$6 corn = \$250 rent  
  \$7 corn = \$275 rent
2. Bonus or rebate depending on profitability.
3. Bushel rent x ½ based on March 1 Gavilon new crop, other ½ based on Dec. 1 Gavilon new crop with \$250 minimum.
4. Use established crop insurance price to determine base price. i.e., \$4 = \$180 rent, then for each \$.25 above \$4.00, add \$10 per acre to rent.