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## Custom Farming Contract

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**Date and names of parties.** This lease is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between Landowner(s) (Insert Landowner's exact name): \_\_\_\_\_, whose mailing address is \_\_\_\_\_, and Custom Operator(s) (Insert Operator's exact name): \_\_\_\_\_, whose mailing address is \_\_\_\_\_, and whose Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number (if Operator is entity other than an individual) is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Section 1. Description of Rented Land and Length of Tenure

**A. Description of Land.** The Custom Operator agrees to perform custom farming operations for the owner on the following land or parcels of real estate located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
commonly know as the \_\_\_\_\_ farm and consisting of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

**B. Length of tenure.** The term of this contract shall be from \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Extensions must be in writing and attached to this contract, and both parties agree that failure to execute an extension at least \_\_\_\_\_ months before the end of the current term shall be constructive notice of intent to allow the contract to expire.

### Section 2. Method Of Payment

The Custom Operator agrees to submit to the Landowner an itemized written statement of work completed after (date, or last operation to be completed) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The Landowner agrees to make payment to the Custom Operator within \_\_\_\_\_ days after receiving the statement.

### Section 3. Procurement Of Supplies

(NOTE: Describe who is responsible for the purchase and delivery of seed, fertilizer, chemicals, and other supplies, and procedure for reimbursement, if any)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4. Other Provisions**

(NOTE: Parties may wish to include language regarding bonus or incentive payments, Custom Operator's right to subcontract, or Landowner's right to hire a different Custom Operator)

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**Section 5. Field Operations, Rates, and Acres**

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Unit (acre/hr/bu)</i>	<i>Rate Per Unit</i>	<i>Parcel (or field) 1</i>	<i>Parcel (or field) 2</i>	<i>Parcel (or field) 3</i>	<i>Parcel (or field) 4</i>
Chisel Plow						
Tandem Disk						
Spraying						
Field Cultivate						
Planting						
Combine						
Hauling						
Drying						

Fields may be described on page one of the contract, or on an attached map or description. Indicate with an X which field operations are to be performed on each field. Several fields may be combined into the same column if the same operations will be performed on each of them.

**Signatures of Parties to Lease**

_____	Landowner	_____	Date
_____	Landowner	_____	Date
_____	Tenant	_____	Date
_____	Tenant	_____	Date

**Extensions to the Lease**

Lease Extension # 1

This lease, originally dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ ,  
shall be extended ...

From \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

To \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lessor

\_\_\_\_\_ Tenant

Lease Extension # 2

This lease, originally dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ ,  
shall be extended ...

From \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

To \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lessor

\_\_\_\_\_ Tenant

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