



The Great Plains Canola Association in cooperation with Oklahoma State University has put together the following list of custom harvesters that have harvested Canola in the past. Our objective is to provide custom harvester contact information to canola growers that may need help with a timely harvest. We will not provide your name or address to custom harvesters.

The list is custom harvesters that replied to a blog posted on the www.usharvesterinc.com website. These are harvesters that have experience with canola equipment and are willing to help get your crop out of the field. They may have to bring or obtain additional equipment. Please think ahead if needed and contact some of these experienced harvesters and make arrangements. Also listed are the available canola pushers in the state.

Also attached is a list of Oklahoma Custom Harvesters that are members of U.S. Harvesters Inc. It is very important to get your plans together now and not wait until it is time to harvest.

This custom harvester list should also be available at all OSU county extension offices, POP (Plains Oil Seed Products), all canola delivery points, Coops, Seed companies, and at OSU's website at www.canola.okstate.edu.

This list will be updated on an as needed bases and sent out by email. The Great Plains Canola Association hopes this will provide you with experienced harvesters to talk to, if you need assistance harvesting your canola.

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Okanola Project:

Meeting the needs of Canola Harvest 2010



“bringing the growers and custom harvesters together”

In replying to the blog post on www.usharvestersinc.com website, we would like to provide information regarding those custom harvesters that want to be involved in canola harvest in north Texas, Oklahoma and southern Kansas. Here are those with experience and equipment. We have talked to each one of these custom harvesters, and their comments listed below.

1. Kotara and Son's are based in Amarillo Texas. We run two machines. One being a John Deere 9760 and the second being a John Deere 9750. Each machine runs with a MacDon draper header. We use Kenworth tractor trailers 1050 bu grain cart. We continue to maintain our current size as we serve niche markets in hard to harvest fields such as ones meant to recapture seed grain. We focus on the Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colo. and Nebraska areas. This means our ability to focus attention to a large project locally would allow us to ensure the project is finished properly instead of being forced to move as the weather changes. Please call me at your convenience. The number I can be reached directly is 806.236.8509 srkotara@gmail.com

2. Al Kraft with Kraft Farms and Harvesting, I would be interested in harvesting canola. We currently have no other committed acres in Tx and Ok so these canola acres would be a first stop for us. I know the farmers don't like to wait for combines so we could be there early and ready when the crop is. Our equipment would be as follows 3 Gleaner combines R65 , tractor and grain cart, 3 Kenworth semi, 1 tandem, service truck, and fully experienced crew. I have been in buisness for 20 years. I have a lot of experience with canola. We are from ND and there is quite a bit of it raised here. We can straight cut or we also have pickup attachments to pickup swaths also. If needed we have windrowers and canola rollers. I would like to talk more on the canola harvest. My contact is 701-220-3405 kraftfarms007@hotmail.com

3. We heard you are looking for someone to harvest in northern Texas for 2010. Please check us out on our website at www.olsencustomfarms.com to learn a bit about us. Chad will be calling you sometime soon to discuss any opportunities we may have with canola and wheat. Thanks! Travis Olsen, CPA , Olsen Custom Farms, LLC, (507)-275-3176, tolsen@itctel.com

4. In reference to your December 22nd posting on the USCHI website, I am hoping to get more information regarding the winter canola/wheat job. I have been in the custom harvesting business for 15 years and am out of North Dakota. I have experience with both canola/wheat swath and straight cut. You may reach me at this email address or by phone 701-741-2458. Tim Buck, Buckharvesting buckharvesting@hotmail.com

5. First Farms and Trucking LLC: Email: laceyfirst@rocketmail.com; Mailing Address: 8462 SW Hwy 116 Polo, Mo. 64671. Phone Numbers: (660) 334-1307 or (816) 465-1307. We are willing to work from Texas to Canada, we will do both Wheat and Canola. If you let us know what, if any special equipment is needed, you would like us to have we will have it with us. The equipment we have on hand is two John Deere combines, a Gleaner combine, wheat heads, tractor and auger wagon, three Freightliner road tractors and hopper bottom trailers, and a swather. Thanks, Craig and Lacey First

6. Blake Harvesting: (Great Bend, KS) Equipment for 2010 will be 1- jd 9760 with 36' draper, 4-new jd 9770 with 35'drapers, we can also have pick-up headers for canola, 2-jd tractors & carts, Draper swather, with support.equipment. We operated 4 trucks with a sister's trucking company of 25 trucks. Mapping is available on all units and 4x4 on 3 units. We harvest wheat, barley, canola, corn, sunflowers, beans and milo from Texas to North Dakota. Our Texas job did not plant wheat after last year's disaster. We will be looking for a replacement. We have a 75% return crew each year and select experienced replacements, using american labor 99% of the time. You can reach Joseph at 620-253-0295 cell or our office at 806-637-0805 call anytime. Jblake555@hotmail.com <http://blakeharvesting.intuitwebsites.com/about.html>

7. Clay Bohne of Bohne Harvesting and I am interested in the harvest of canola and wheat. I am out of central Texas and we are looking for a second stop when we leave here. I run two Case machines looking to add a third one this year I have a j&m grain cart, two kenworth semis and hopper bottoms. What kind of acres do you think a crew of my size could be able to pickup we would be able to stay there as long as we needed cause our stop after that is in mid July so staying won't be a problem. If you would email me at cbohne2001@aol.com or call me 254-315-1448 with some details on the jobs and hope I can be of service and help get these crops out in a timely matter will be willing to come up and meet with some farmers after the first of the year. Thank you, Clay Bohne

8. A-Team Harvesting: (Jim Ashmore) We have been in business for over 30 years. We are a family ran operation. We run 7 Case-IH combines. 5 2388's and 2 8010's. All combines are equipped with 35' and 36' draper heads. We have all the supporting equipment to service the combines, grain carts, service trucks and semis. References are available. You can reach me at 785-689-7563 home; 785-650-1685 cell jimashmore@ruraltel.net

9. Eric Lamle (Lamle Harvesting) ; P.O. Box 521 Okeene, OK 73763; (580)822-5077; Ew1521@pldi.net I am very interested in the harvesting canola and wheat. I am looking to expand my custom harvesting business into Texas. I run my farming operation out of Okeene, Oklahoma. Along with this I have been custom harvesting for 35 years in Oklahoma and Colorado. Equipment: 2 - 9750 STS John Deere combines ; 2- 936D draper headers; 2- Semi Trucks and 2 grain trailers; 1084 Brent Avalanche grain cart, Four wheel drive tractor. Harvest Method, Straight cutting

10. Jon Pigg: We are a small family run harvest operation located out of the central Texas panhandle. We farm as well as custom harvest, so doing a good job means something to us. We have two combines with supporting equipment. As it sets right now we do not have many acres lined up for wheat harvest. As you may know wheat harvest in our area is touch and go at best due to the lack of rain. Therefore we are interested in getting something lined up starting in mid to late June. Both of our machines have 36ft draper headers, so therefore we would be willing to strait cut canola or cut it after the farmer uses a pusher on it. If enough acres are lined up a third combine can be put on the job as well. Jon Pigg; peanutgrwr@aol.com ; 806-422-0656

11. Wiebke Harvesting has been in business for 35 years harvesting a wide variety of crops including canola. We have 2 new Case-IH 8120 combines with 40' draper heads, belt pickup headers. Support equipment includes, service truck, tractor and grain cart with a weigh scale and 3 semi trucks with 42' hoppers. We could possibly be available from early May to about June 20. References available upon request. Ivan and Julie Wiebke 1120 S. Belford Ave. Holyoke, CO 80734 970-580-8147 ijwiebke@pctelcom.coop

12. Travis Carlson, Carlson Harvesting, Inc. We have been in operation for 15 years and operate six Case IH combines. We would have three tractors and grain carts along with six semi trucks ready for harvest. We live in northern Minnesota and have had several years of experience with harvesting canola. We have harvested canola in North Dakota as well as Canada. We have harvested canola with pickup heads and also with our MacDon straight headers. You can either contact me at this email address or my cell number is 218-686-9189 and my home number is 218-378-4245. carlsont@gvtel.com

13. Black Falcon Enterprises: We are a family owned and operated enterprise. Elmer started the business in 1964 after he graduated high school and has not missed a season. Leigh started operating a combine in 1986 at the age of 7 and has not missed a season since. We harvest all types of crops and have extensive experience in direct harvesting of Canola. Currently we operate 1 CaseIH AFX8010 with a 35' FD70 MacDon flex draper. This combine is supported by a 1325 bushel J&M grain cart and up to 5 semis with hopper bottom trailers. Our combine and grain cart are equipped with 76x50x32 tires to reduce the compaction throughout our customers fields. The Combine is equipped with straw and chaff spreaders and we have been complemented many times on the even spread throughout the entire field. For further questions or to check on scheduling please feel free to contact us at any time. Leigh Baus 620-672-4490 Elmer Baus 620-672-4290 blackfalcon@sctelcom.net

14. Brent Kittelson Harvesting & Trucking Ltd. Saskatchewan, Canada. I am currently running 6-8 John Deere 9770 combines, 1100bu. Avalanche grain carts, Peterbilt semi trucks for hauling, and the crew to operate it all. I have been custom harvesting now for 11 years always starting in Oklahoma. Please contact me @Office 306-456-2877, Cell 403-990-5719 Home 306-923-2066 or email brentkittelsonharvesting@hotmail.com

15. Jason Orgain (Orgain Harvesting) Rt 2 Box 96 Cheyenne, OK. 1-580-302-1221. I have worked in the harvesting business for the past nine years. I have owned my own business for the past two years. I have cut wheat from Texas to Nebraska, corn in Arkansas and in Iowa, soybeans in Iowa and Oklahoma. Last year I ended my summer run in mid July, if I was able to pickup enough canola acres I would continue to end my summer run in the same time frame so that I could be back in time to start on the canola acres. I have a 9610 combine and I lease a thousand bushel grain cart, I have two semis with hopper bottoms. I will acquire any additional equipment that is needed to perform any job in a timely fashion that is required. I am also in the process of adding more machines to my operation. References are available on request. jasonorgain@hotmail.com

16. Melchert: I talked to you a little over a week ago about custom harvesting wheat and canola. Our family farms about 2000 acres in southern Minnesota. We are not the "big guy" harvesting operation as we feel then it is harder to have a good relationship with our customers and good communication. We run CASE IH with supporting equipment. I also have a machinery dealership. I work close with a friend of mine who has 70 CASE IH stores in the northern states. When it comes to getting machinery or more machinery for a job it is usually not a problem. Also if people would like to book in advance or "pre book" acres to harvest, we will offer a discount. Thank you for all of your help and we look forward to serving you in the future. Jon Melchert 507-838-5507 jdm_farms@yahoo.com

17. Small farms LLC: We are a custom harvesting operation based out of Arkansas with 5 John Deere combines. We normally cut in the MS delta during the early summer, before going to KS to cut. This year the farmer is not raising any wheat so we are looking for a job to replace it with. We have been in the harvesting business since 1951, and have experience in all types of terrain and crop/field conditions. We also run a trucking company and have hopper bottoms to get the grain to the elevators. Feel free to check out our website at www.smallfarmsllc.com. Please give Joe a call at 901-277-2200 Allen@Smallfarmsllc.com

18. OX Custom Combining: I read the advertisement on the Custom Harvester site, and at this time I want to express our interest in helping you harvest your crops, we run six new 9770 STS John Deere Combines and 2- two thousand bushel grain carts, and all supporting equipment needed to get the job done. As far as canola we run pick up headers that pick up swaths in which we do a lot of in Canada. We also run John Deere draper headers for winter wheat. We have worked out of Minnesota (49 years) so if you have questions I can be reached at 320 815 0273.or e-mail ox@invisimax.com

19. Bowman Harvesting: We are a three generation family operation with 30 years experience on "the harvest". We have John Deere equipment. This equipment is: two JD 9770 combines with mapping, two 635 drappers, tractor and grain cart, four semis with trailers and pickup heads. We have experience harvesting canola North Dakota. Our contact information: Bowman Harvesting, 28168 810th Ave, Hollandale, MN 56045. Robert Bowman 507-279-0646 (cell), Ryan Bowman 507-279-0414 (cell) Home phones 507-889-9771 and 507-889-3803. rbowman@smig.net

Canola Pushers

Here is the current list of growers that have canola pushers. This equipment pushes over at 30 to 45 degrees (at approx. swathing time) and then the crop is straight cut the opposite direction it was pushed. Most have indicated that they could do custom pushing.

Kelly Chain, Canton ,OK Phone: 1-580-886-5118

Jeff Scott, Pond Creek, OK Phone: 1-580-984-9911

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