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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Agricultural Resource Management Survey.*

*This release is sent exclusively to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. Cooperation on the survey was excellent this year. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.*

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer  
Director

### Western Farm Production Expenditures Down Slightly

Farm production expenditures in the West Region totaled \$58.74 billion in 2007, down 1 percent from the \$59.16 billion reported for 2006. In comparison, the United States production expenditures were \$260 billion, up 9.2 percent from the revised 2006 total of \$238 billion.

In 2007, the average per farm U.S. Total Farm Expenditure was \$125,648 compared with \$114,186 an increase of 10 percent over 2006. On average, U.S. farm operations spent: \$18,412 on Feed, \$16,575 on Farm Services, \$12,903 on Livestock and Poultry Purchases, \$12,564 on Labor, \$8,988 on Rent, and \$8,070 on Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners. Farmers and ranchers in the West Region accounted for 22.6 percent of the nation's total farm expenditures in 2007.

### Farm Production Expenditures, West Region and U.S. 2006-2007

Expenditure - Farm Share	West 1/		United States		Average per Farm, 2007	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	West 1/	United States
	Million Dollars		Million Dollars		Dollars	
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses	3,140	2,860	26,100	26,700	10,039	12,903
Feed	7,190	8,720	31,400	38,100	30,607	18,412
Farm Services	11,120	10,360	32,000	34,300	36,364	16,575
Rent	3,300	3,030	18,300	18,600	10,635	8,988
Agricultural Chemicals	2,200	2,110	9,000	10,000	7,406	4,832
Fertilizer, Lime and Soil Conditioners	2,480	2,570	13,300	16,700	9,021	8,070
Interest	2,620	2,400	10,700	11,500	8,424	5,557
Taxes (Property & Real Estate)	1,790	2,000	9,000	9,800	7,020	4,736
Labor	11,540	11,500	24,500	26,000	40,365	12,564
Fuels	2,380	2,650	11,100	12,700	9,302	6,137
Farm Supplies & Repairs	3,700	3,450	13,400	14,300	12,110	6,910
Farm Improvements & Construction	2,880	2,810	12,700	13,100	9,863	6,330
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	1,270	1,150	7,300	8,100	4,037	3,914
Other Farm Machinery	560	530	3,900	4,000	1,860	1,933
Seeds and Plants	2,070	1,820	11,000	11,900	6,388	5,751
Trucks and Autos	850	740	3,900	4,000	2,597	1,933
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES*</b>	<b>59,160</b>	<b>58,740</b>	<b>237,810</b>	<b>260,010</b>	<b>206,178</b>	<b>125,648</b>

1/ West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY.

\*Miscellaneous capital expenses are not shown.

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