

Farm Production Expenditures, 2009

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U.S. Farm Production Expenditures totaled \$287.4 billion in 2009 down from \$307.0 billion in 2008. This is the first major decline of farm expenditures since 1986. The 2009 Total Farm Expenditures fell 6.4 percent compared to the 2008 rise of 8.3 percent. Total Expenditures for 2008 remain unchanged from a year ago. Two expense items showing increases from the previous year were: Rent, up 0.9 percent, and Seed and Plants, up 2.6 percent.

Major factors that impacted expenditures this year were general economic conditions and the price of crude oil. The sharp decline in petroleum prices was a major factor affecting Total Expenditures. Fuels, down 22.5 percent over previous year, had the largest decrease of any capital or non-capital expense. The decreasing cost of crude oil also contributed to the drop of Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemicals in 2009.

In 2009, the U.S. Total Farm Expenditure average per farm was \$131,137 compared with \$140,075 in 2008, a decrease of 6.4 percent. On average, U.S. farm operations spent: \$20,533 on Feed, \$16,609 on Farm Services, \$13,141 on Labor, \$11,818 on Livestock and Poultry

Purchases, \$9,171 on Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners, and \$10,312 on Rent. For 2008, U.S. farms spent an average of: \$21,398 on Feed, \$17,337 on Farm Services, \$12,912 on Livestock and Poultry Purchases, \$13,550 on Labor, and \$10,220 on Rent.

Total Expenditures by Region were down for all five regions in 2009. The Atlantic had the largest decrease at 8.7 percent, followed by the Plains down 8.4 percent. Total Expenditures for the South decreased 7.8 percent; the West decreased 6.1 percent; and the Midwest decreased only 3.5 percent.

The Atlantic Region (CT, DE, KY, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WV) contributed \$35.5 billion or 12 percent of the 2009 U.S. total for farm production expenditures. The total expenditures for the five regions were: the Midwest (IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI) at \$88.2 billion; Plains (KS, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX) at \$68.0 billion; West (AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY) at \$64.6 billion; Atlantic at \$35.5 billion; and South (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC) at \$31.1 billion.

Farm Production Expenditures: Major Input Items, Average per Farm, Total, Atlantic Region¹³ & U.S.¹, 2008-2009

Expenditure - Farm Share	Farms Reporting ¹¹		Average per Farm ¹²		Total Expenditures	
	2008 (percent)	2009 (percent)	2008 (dollars)	2009 (dollars)	2008 (million dollars)	2009 (million dollars)
Atlantic¹³						
Total Farm Production Expenditures ²	100.0	100.0	87,288	79,753	38,880	35,510
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ³	25.5	24.9	6,870	6,828	3,060	3,040
Feed	64.5	62.7	18,522	15,789	8,250	7,030
Farm Services ⁴	95.9	94.5	10,776	10,062	4,800	4,480
Rent ⁵	19.6	22.7	2,514	2,471	1,120	1,100
Agricultural Chemicals ⁶	39.3	40.4	2,178	2,426	970	1,080
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ⁶	57.3	51.2	4,692	3,998	2,090	1,780
Interest	31.9	30.7	3,345	2,875	1,490	1,280
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	100.0	99.9	3,974	3,481	1,770	1,550
Labor	26.8	27.1	9,227	8,827	4,110	3,930
Fuels	91.3	86.7	4,445	3,549	1,980	1,580
Farm Supplies & Repairs ⁷	89.7	86.6	4,894	5,143	2,180	2,290
Farm Improvements & Construction ⁸	56.5	52.6	5,882	5,705	2,620	2,540
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	17.7	15.6	3,031	2,471	1,350	1,100
Other Farm Machinery	23.4	17.2	1,751	1,235	780	550
Seeds & Plants ⁹	44.6	40.1	3,817	3,593	1,700	1,600
Trucks & Autos	16.5	15.4	1,302	1,235	580	550
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ¹⁰	6.5	6.2	67	67	30	30
United States¹						
Total Farm Production Expenditures ²	100.0	100.0	140,075	131,137	307,020	287,400
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ³	25.9	25.1	12,912	11,818	28,300	25,900
Feed	59.4	56.9	21,398	20,533	46,900	45,000
Farm Services ⁴	93.3	92.8	17,337	16,609	38,000	36,400
Rent ⁵	28.2	29.3	10,220	10,312	22,400	22,600
Agricultural Chemicals ⁶	45.7	44.8	5,338	5,247	11,700	11,500
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ⁶	51.0	47.8	10,265	9,171	22,500	20,100
Interest	38.1	36.2	5,475	5,019	12,000	11,000
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.7	99.6	4,882	4,745	10,700	10,400
Labor	30.8	28.8	13,550	13,141	29,700	28,800
Fuels	85.1	82.5	7,300	5,658	16,000	12,400
Farm Supplies & Repairs ⁷	82.7	81.0	7,254	7,072	15,900	15,500
Farm Improvements & Construction ⁸	55.7	53.9	7,209	6,434	15,800	14,100
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	22.9	21.2	5,201	4,243	11,400	9,300
Other Farm Machinery	25.4	22.7	2,692	2,145	5,900	4,700
Seeds & Plants ⁹	41.1	38.2	6,889	7,072	15,100	15,500
Trucks & Autos	23.0	21.2	2,053	1,825	4,500	4,000
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ¹⁰	13.1	13.3	100	91	220	200

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