

Table 3. Farm Production Expenses: 2002 and 1997

[Data are based on a sample of farms. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
Total farm production expenses	2,391	722	356	1,313
..... farms, 2002	2,670	832	355	1,483
..... 1997	471,674	100,412	28,838	342,424
..... \$1,000, 2002	686,028	142,633	31,395	512,000
Average per farm	197,271	139,074	81,007	260,795
..... dollars, 2002	256,939	171,433	88,436	345,246
..... 1997				
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ¹	1,424	455	227	742
..... farms, 2002	1,480	520	194	766
..... 1997	23,780	8,743	3,243	11,794
..... \$1,000, 2002	20,606	7,580	3,288	9,757
..... 1997	1,423	410	173	840
Chemicals purchased	1,484	527	172	785
..... farms, 2002	15,174	4,212	1,842	9,120
..... 1997	16,447	5,889	2,162	8,395
Seeds, plants, vines, and trees	1,196	339	174	683
..... farms, 2002	1,498	514	211	773
..... 1997	18,135	5,371	3,008	9,757
..... \$1,000, 2002	11,591	3,921	1,942	5,729
..... 1997				
Livestock and poultry purchased	1,039	223	67	749
..... farms, 2002	1,226	304	32	890
..... 1997	55,182	13,172	253	41,757
..... \$1,000, 2002	70,407	11,043	1,294	58,070
..... 1997	158	73	13	72
Breeding livestock purchased (see text)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... farms, 2002	444	196	35	214
..... 1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other livestock and poultry purchased	928	155	61	712
..... farms, 2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... 1997	54,738	12,976	219	41,543
..... \$1,000, 2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... 1997	1,540	420	166	954
Feed purchased	1,553	415	133	1,005
..... farms, 2002	207,528	33,008	1,678	172,842
..... 1997	415,739	66,114	5,439	344,186
..... \$1,000, 2002				
..... 1997				
Gasoline, fuels, and oils	2,339	685	342	1,312
..... farms, 2002	2,325	749	328	1,248
..... 1997	21,131	3,123	1,228	16,780
..... \$1,000, 2002	12,974	4,104	1,344	7,526
..... 1997	1,690	440	162	1,068
Utilities (see text)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... farms, 2002	11,822	2,080	713	9,029
..... 1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Supplies, repairs, and maintenance	2,195	613	294	1,288
..... farms, 2002	2,267	669	290	1,308
..... 1997	25,183	5,072	3,053	17,057
..... \$1,000, 2002	20,070	6,367	2,297	11,407
..... 1997	891	181	104	606
Hired farm labor	1,004	299	105	600
..... farms, 2002	31,579	7,042	5,089	19,448
..... 1997	30,819	11,561	3,862	15,396
..... \$1,000, 2002				
..... 1997				
Contract labor	190	35	12	143
..... farms, 2002	307	116	52	139
..... 1997	2,818	431	590	1,797
..... \$1,000, 2002	4,151	1,322	726	2,103
..... 1997	485	99	75	311
Customwork and custom hauling	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... farms, 2002	2,839	456	222	2,161
..... 1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cash rent for land, buildings, and grazing fees ²	737	202	115	420
..... farms, 2002	718	215	108	397
..... 1997	16,584	5,590	3,103	7,891
..... \$1,000, 2002	13,281	4,770	2,376	6,134
..... 1997				
Rent and lease expenses for machinery, equipment, and farm share of vehicles	222	80	26	116
..... farms, 2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... 1997	3,537	1,410	546	1,581
..... \$1,000, 2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... 1997				
Interest expense	1,024	300	75	649
..... farms, 2002	1,376	409	121	846
..... 1997	14,025	3,877	1,200	8,948
..... \$1,000, 2002	19,115	5,849	1,973	11,294
..... 1997				
Secured by real estate	843	205	54	584
..... farms, 2002	1,100	324	61	715
..... 1997	10,769	2,381	993	7,396
..... \$1,000, 2002	15,884	4,709	1,553	9,622
..... 1997	435	148	38	249
Not secured by real estate	581	205	83	293
..... farms, 2002	3,255	1,496	207	1,552
..... 1997	3,231	1,140	420	1,671
..... \$1,000, 2002	2,194	666	293	1,235
..... 1997	2,489	771	314	1,404
Property taxes paid	4,556	1,411	746	2,399
..... farms, 2002	4,575	1,501	689	2,385
..... 1997				
All other production expenses (see text)	1,677	475	189	1,013
..... farms, 2002	2,445	766	275	1,404
..... 1997	17,803	5,416	2,324	10,063
..... \$1,000, 2002	35,134	9,780	3,038	22,316
..... 1997				
Depreciation expenses claimed (see text)	1,061	253	144	664
..... farms, 2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... 1997	28,662	6,865	2,559	19,257
..... \$1,000, 2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
..... 1997				

¹ Data for 1997 do not include lime and manure.

² Data for 1997 do not include grazing fees.