

Total and average per farm expenditures up

# U.S. Farm Production Expenditures, 2019

## Top States in Farm Expenditures (\$ bil)

California	42.7
Iowa	30.4
Texas	23.0
Nebraska	21.1
Kansas	19.9

## About the Survey

Data presented here are based on the survey of farm production expenditures the National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts annually in the 48 contiguous states as part of the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

ARMS provides annual data on the financial health of the farm sector and farm household finances. For more on the information ARMS provides, go to [www.nass.usda.gov/go/arms](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/arms).

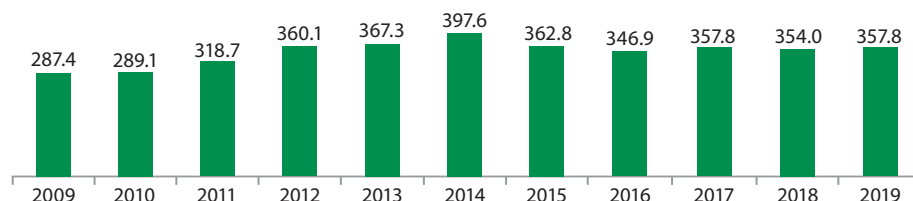
Access all farm expenditure data through the Quick Stats database (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov>).

Total and average per farm production expenditures in the United States increased in 2019. Expenditures were mixed in regions, economic classes, and farm types.

## Total Farm Expenditures

Total expenditures by U.S. farms (not including Alaska and Hawaii) were \$357.8 billion in 2019, up 1.1% from \$354.0 billion in 2018. (Fig. 1) As Table 1 shows, five expenditure categories (feed, livestock/poultry/related expenses, farm services, labor, and rent) accounted for 58.6% of 2019 farm expenditures.

Fig. 1. U.S. Total Farm Expenditures, 2009 – 2019 (\$ billion)



Source: USDA NASS.

Table 1. Farm Expenditures, by Category, 2019 (\$ billion and percent)

	\$ billion	percent <sup>a</sup>
Feed	59.4	16.6
Livestock, poultry, and related expenses	42.8	12.0
Farm services	42.8	12.0
Labor	34.8	9.7
Rent	29.7	8.3
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners	22.3	6.2
Seeds and plants	21.2	5.9
Farm supplies and repairs	17.6	4.9
Agricultural chemicals	15.5	4.3
Farm improvements and construction	13.5	3.8
Taxes	13.4	3.7
Fuel	12.3	3.4
Other expenses	32.5	9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>357.8</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>a</sup>May not add to 100% due to rounding.  
Source: USDA NASS.

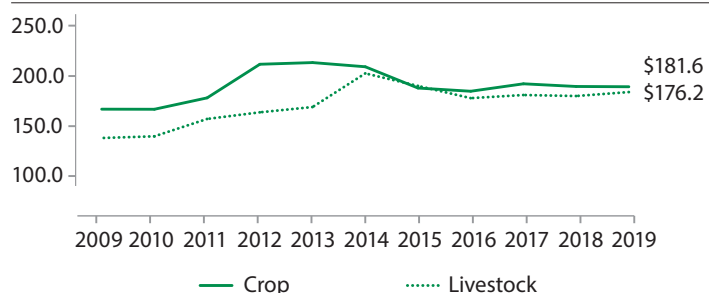
Feed, at \$59.4 billion, was the largest expense item, accounting for 16.6% of farm expenditures.

Twelve categories accounted for 90.9% of the total. "Other expenses" includes tractors and self-propelled machinery, interest, other machinery, trucks/autos, and miscellaneous capital expenses.

Feed (up \$5.6 billion) as well as rent and labor (both up \$9 billion) were the three categories with the largest increases between 2018 and 2019. In percentage terms, the categories with the largest increases were feed (up 16.6%), followed by labor (up 9.7%), and rent (up 8.3%).

Between 2018 and 2019, expenditures by crop farms decreased by 0.1% and expenditures by livestock farms increased by 2.4%. In 2019, crop farm expenditures (\$181.6 billion) exceeded livestock farm expenditures (\$176.2 billion). (Fig. 2)

**Fig. 2. Total Farm Expenditures, Crop and Livestock Farms, 2009 – 2019 (\$ billion)**

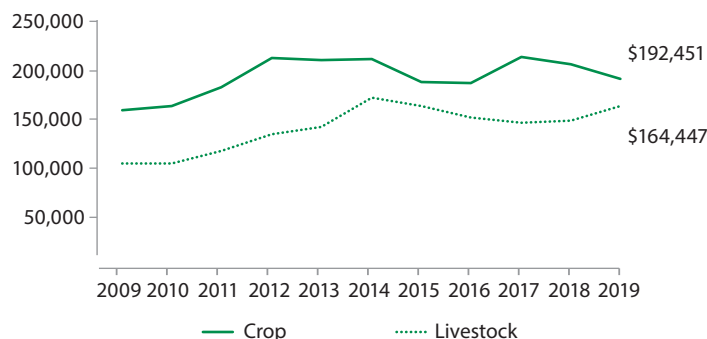


Source: USDA NASS.

## Per Farm Average Expenditures

Per farm average expenditures in 2019 were \$177,564, up 1.4% from 2018. Expenditures were higher for crop farms (\$192,451) than for livestock farms (\$164,447). (Fig. 3)

**Fig. 3. Per Farm Average Expenditures, Crop and Livestock Farms, 2009 – 2019 (\$ per farm)**



Source: USDA NASS.

Of 15 large agricultural states, California had the highest per farm expenditures.

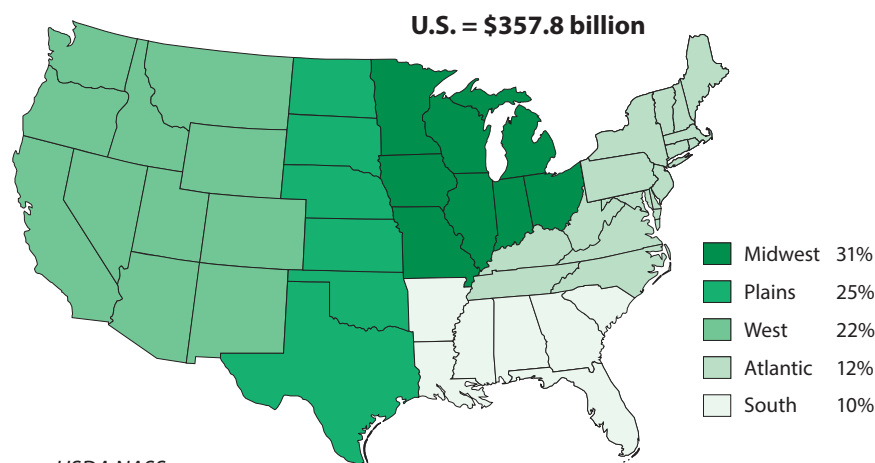
### Per Farm Average Expenditures, Selected States, 2019 (\$ per farm)

California	610,801
Nebraska	460,832
Iowa	356,155
Kansas	339,915
Minnesota	262,500
North Carolina	250,974
Illinois	218,417
Arkansas	202,600
Washington	199,017
Indiana	184,911
Georgia	177,952
Wisconsin	162,558
Florida	128,059
Missouri	105,882
Texas	93,259

Source: USDA NASS.

In 2019, the Midwest region accounted for 31% of U.S. total production expenditures, with expenses of \$111.5 billion, up 6.4% from 2018. In the West region, 2019 expenses were \$79.5 billion, up 4.4%. In the Atlantic region, 2019 expenses were \$42.1 billion, down 6.4%. The South saw a 1.2% increase, while the Plains region saw a 4.2% decrease in expenses.

### Regional Shares of U.S. Farm Production Expenditures, 2019 (not including Alaska and Hawaii)



Source: USDA NASS.

