



Arkansas Farm Production Expenditures Report

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Arkansas farm production expenditures totaled \$8.23 billion in 2015, a 4 percent decrease from the \$8.59 billion in 2014. The average expenditures per farm decreased from \$195,114 to \$189,195 in 2015. The largest increase in average expenditures per farm, at a 27 percent increase, was for labor, followed by a 25 percent increase for interest related expenses, and an 8 percent increase for farm services. The largest decreases occurred in fuel expenses at 23 percent lower than 2014, trucks and autos which decreased 19 percent, and agriculture chemicals which decreased 18 percent from 2014.

United States total farm production expenditures were \$363 billion in 2015, down from \$398 billion in 2014. The 2015 total farm production expenditures are down 8.8 percent compared with 2014 total farm production expenditures. All but two expenditure items decreased from the previous year.

The four largest expenditures at the United States level total \$177.3 billion and account for 48.9 percent of total expenditures in 2015. These include feed, 16.1 percent, livestock, poultry and related expenses, 12.5 percent, farm services, 11.5 percent, and labor, 8.8 percent.

Farm Production Expenditures: Farms Reporting, Average per Farm, Total, and Percent Change from 2014 Arkansas, 2014-2015

Expenditure	Farms Reporting ¹		Average per Farm ²		Total Expenditures		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	% Change from 2014
	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars		
Livestock, Poultry, and Related Expenses ³	31.6	25.8	19,545	17,011	860	740	-14
Feed	62.5	65.7	50,455	51,954	2,220	2,260	2
Farm Services ⁴	90.3	92.1	17,045	18,621	750	810	8
Rent ⁵	27.0	26.1	18,182	16,782	800	730	-9
Agricultural Chemicals ⁶	33.5	37.5	11,136	9,195	490	400	-18
Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners ⁶	43.4	45.8	12,727	11,034	560	480	-14
Interest	35.4	32.4	3,636	4,598	160	200	25
Taxes (Real Estate and Property)	100.0	99.2	3,864	3,678	170	160	-6
Labor	23.2	25.5	6,818	8,736	300	380	27
Fuels	88.4	88.4	12,045	9,425	530	410	-23
Farm Supplies and Repairs ⁷	81.6	81.7	7,727	8,046	340	350	3
Farm Improvements and Construction ⁸	42.7	47.9	5,682	5,977	250	260	4
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	20.0	16.0	7,727	6,897	340	300	-12
Other Farm Machinery	16.5	15.2	3,182	2,759	140	120	-14
Seeds and Plants ⁹	23.1	24.7	11,591	11,264	510	490	-4
Trucks and Autos	18.5	17.0	3,636	2,989	160	130	-19
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses	0.5	4.5	114	230	5	10	100
Total Farm Production Expenditures ¹⁰	100.0	100.0	195,114	189,195	8,585	8,230	-4

¹ Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.

² Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. Items may not sum to total due to rounding.

³ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry.

⁴ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general and miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities.

⁵ Includes public and private grazing fees.

⁶ Includes material and application costs.

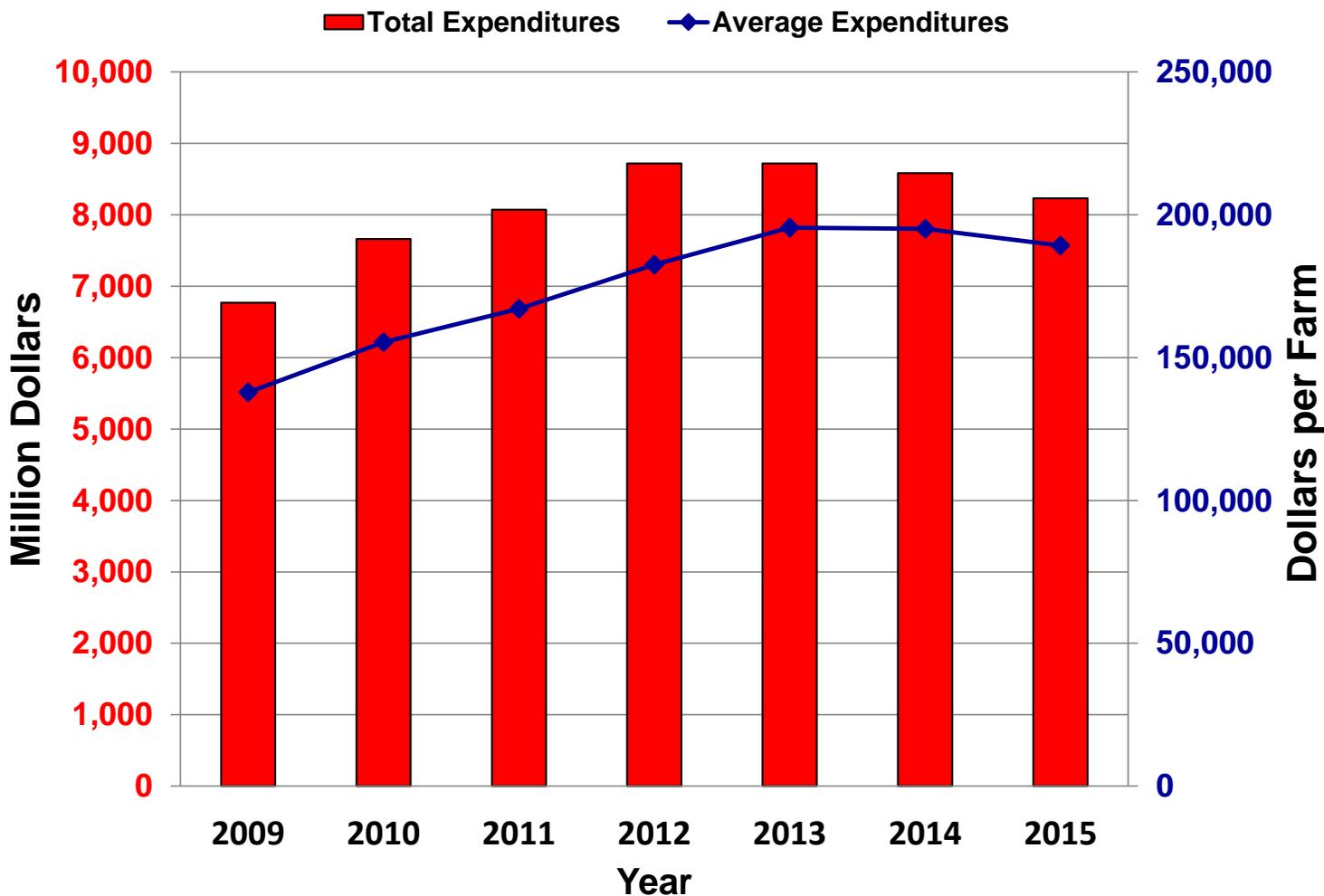
⁷ Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oils and lubricants, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry.

⁸ Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by the operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.

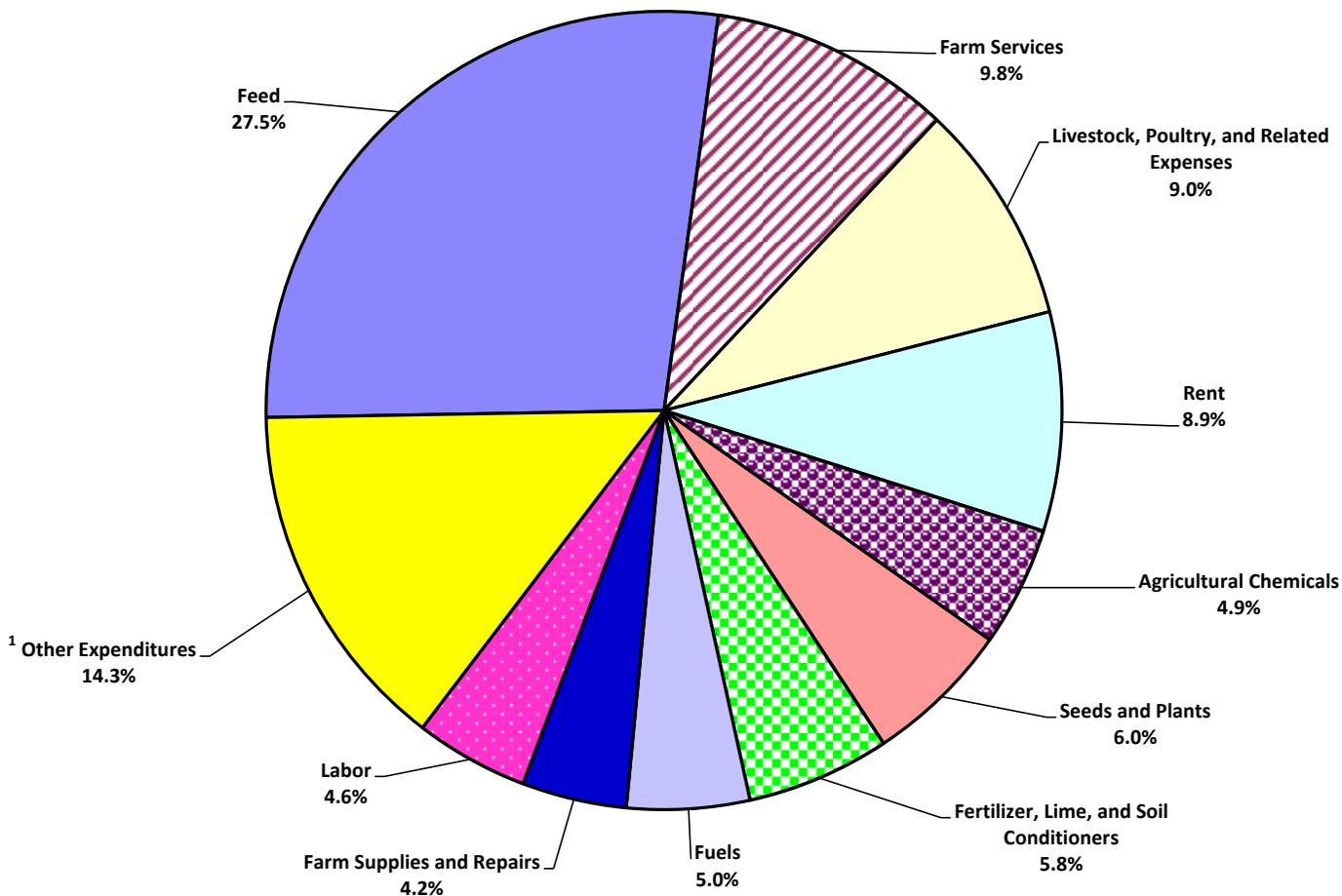
⁹ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, seed purchased for resale, and includes seed treatment.

¹⁰ Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Arkansas Total and Average Farm Expenditures, 2009-2015



Arkansas Farm Expenditures as a Percent of Total Farm Expenditures, 2015



¹ Includes interest, taxes, farm improvements and construction, tractors and self-propelled farm machinery, other farm machinery, trucks and autos, and miscellaneous capital expenses.