



Arkansas Farm Production Expenditures

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This report contains the results from the **2018 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Arkansas farm production expenditures totaled \$8.16 billion in 2018, a slight decrease from the \$8.19 billion in 2017. The average expenditures per farm decreased from \$192,254 to \$192,000 in 2018. The largest increase in total expenditures, at a 50 percent increase, was for miscellaneous capital expenses, followed by a 14 percent increase for livestock, poultry, and related expenses, and a 13 percent increase for farm supplies and repairs. The largest decreases occurred in trucks and auto at 37 percent lower than 2017, tractors and self-propelled farm machinery which decreased 32 percent, and other farm machinery which decreased 29 percent from 2017.

Farm production expenditures in the United States are estimated at \$354.0 billion for 2018, down from \$357.8 billion in 2017. The 2018 total farm production expenditures are down 1.1 percent compared with 2017 total farm production expenditures. For the 17 line items, 7 showed an increase from previous year, while the rest showed a decrease.

The four largest expenditures at the United States level total \$178.1 billion and account for 50.3 percent of total expenditures in 2018. These include feed, 15.2 percent, farm services, 12.5 percent, livestock, poultry and related expenses, 13.1 percent, and labor, 9.6 percent.

Farm Production Expenditures by Farms Reporting, Average per Farm, Total, and Percent Change from 2017 - Arkansas: 2017 and 2018

Expenditure	Farms reporting ¹		Average per farm ²		Total expenditures		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(million dollars)	(million dollars)	(percent)
Livestock, poultry, and related expenses ³	26.6	26.3	18,779	21,412	800	910	114
Feed	69.4	68.2	50,704	50,118	2,160	2,130	99
Farm services ⁴	94.4	92.0	22,770	22,118	970	940	97
Rent ⁵	23.3	22.8	17,136	17,176	730	730	100
Agricultural chemicals ⁶	32.4	48.7	10,563	10,824	450	460	102
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ⁶	39.7	53.5	10,211	11,412	435	485	111
Interest	30.3	35.5	4,695	4,235	200	180	90
Taxes (real estate and property)	99.0	100.0	3,991	3,647	170	155	91
Labor	18.2	19.2	7,277	7,529	310	320	103
Fuel	89.8	83.9	8,920	9,176	380	390	103
Farm supplies and repairs ⁷	78.0	74.8	7,394	8,353	315	355	113
Farm improvements and construction ⁸	40.1	34.2	3,756	3,529	160	150	94
Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery	17.6	14.4	7,746	5,294	330	225	68
Other farm machinery	12.9	13.0	2,817	2,000	120	85	71
Seeds and plants ⁹	19.3	21.4	10,798	12,000	460	510	111
Trucks and autos	22.4	10.4	4,460	2,824	190	120	63
Miscellaneous capital expenses	3.8	5.0	235	353	10	15	150
Total farm production expenditures ¹⁰	100.0	100.0	192,254	192,000	8,190	8,160	100

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.

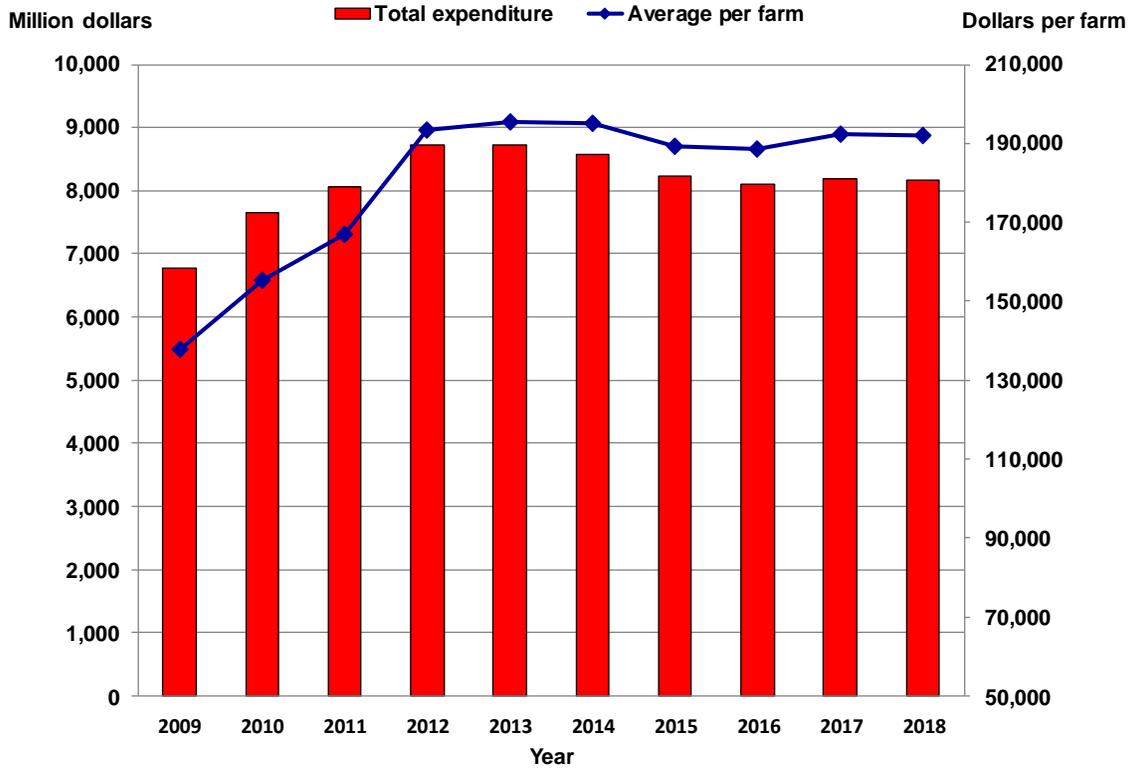
⁷ Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oils and lubricants, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry.

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.

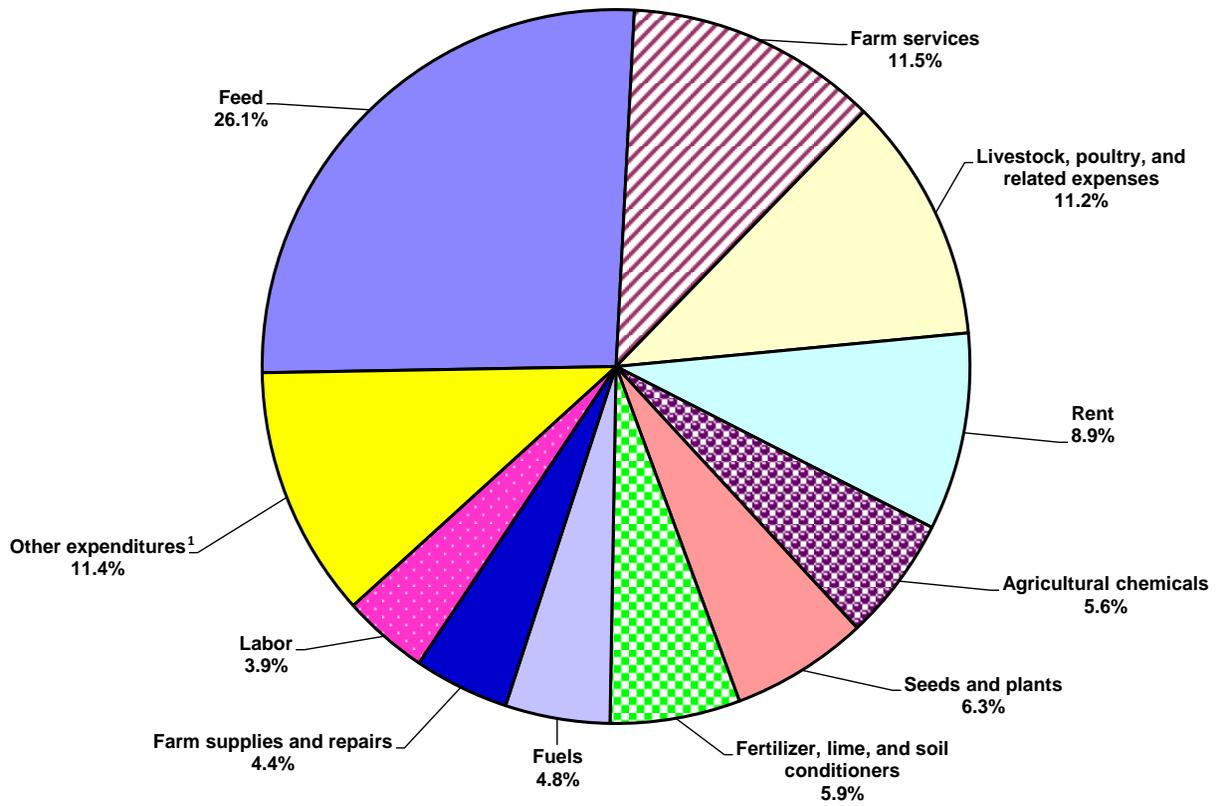
⁹ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, seed purchased for resale, and includes seed treatment.

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

Farm Production Expenditures, Total and Average per Farm by Year Arkansas: 2009-2018



Farm Production Expenditures as a Percent of Total Farm Expenditures - Arkansas: 2018



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