

# Farm Production Expenditures, 2008

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U.S. Farm Production Expenditures totaled \$307 billion in 2008 and \$284 billion for the revised 2007 crop year. The 2008 Total Farm Expenditures rose 8.3 percent compared to the 2007 rise of 19.2 percent over 2006. The 2007 revised estimate is up from the preliminary estimate by \$23.5 billion due to significant summary adjustments based on 2007 Census farm numbers.

Rising fertilizer prices and weather were two large factors affecting farm production expenditures during the year. Fertilizer, up 27.1 percent over the previous year, was the fastest expanding non-capital expense. The increased cost of crude oil continued to drive up the cost of several production inputs in 2008. This directly translated into rising fuel cost, and influenced fertilizer products, chemicals, and transportation costs. Persistent snow and rain in the Midwest in the spring set the stage for historic flooding in Iowa in June. This contrasted with driest March – May in California in 114 years.

In 2008, the average per farm U.S. Total Farm Expenditure was \$140,075 compared with \$129,062, an increase of 8.5 percent over

2007. On average, U.S. farm operations spent: \$21,398 on Feed, \$17,337 on Farm Services, \$13,550 on Labor, \$12,912 on Livestock and Poultry Purchases, \$10,265 on Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners, and \$10,220 on Rent. Revised estimates for 2007 indicate U.S. farms spent an average of: \$19,073 on Feed, \$16,752 on Farm Services, \$15,022 on Livestock and Poultry Purchases, \$13,019 on Labor, and \$8,968 on Rent.

Total Expenditures by Farm Production Expenditure Region were up for all five regions in 2008. The Midwest had the highest increase at 13 percent, followed by the West up 11 percent.

The Atlantic Region (CT, DE, KY, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WV) contributed \$39.0 billion or 13 percent of the 2008 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 \$91.2 billion; Plains (KS, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX) at \$74.2 billion; West (AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY) at \$68.7 billion; Atlantic at \$39.0 billion; and South (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC) at \$34.0 billion.

**Farm Production Expenditures: Major Input Items, Average per Farm and Total, Atlantic Region<sup>13</sup> & U.S.<sup>1</sup>, 2007-2008**

Expenditure - Farm Share	Farms Reporting <sup>11</sup>		Average per Farm <sup>12</sup>		Total Expenditures	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars	
<b>Atlantic<sup>13</sup></b>						
Total Farm Production Expenditures <sup>2</sup>	100.0	100.0	80,292	87,446	35,880	38,950
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses <sup>3</sup>	23.4	25.5	6,512	6,803	2,910	3,030
Feed	67.0	64.5	15,060	18,567	6,730	8,270
Farm Services <sup>4</sup>	95.3	95.9	10,025	10,754	4,480	4,790
Rent <sup>5</sup>	20.7	19.6	2,372	2,514	1,060	1,120
Agricultural Chemicals <sup>6</sup>	37.8	39.3	2,193	2,178	980	970
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners <sup>6</sup>	53.5	57.3	3,625	4,692	1,620	2,090
Interest	32.9	31.9	3,357	3,345	1,500	1,490
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	100.0	100.0	3,580	4,131	1,600	1,840
Labor	29.6	26.8	9,846	9,227	4,400	4,110
Fuels	86.7	91.3	3,939	4,445	1,760	1,980
Farm Supplies & Repairs <sup>7</sup>	86.3	89.7	5,236	4,894	2,340	2,180
Farm Improvements & Construction <sup>8</sup>	58.3	56.5	6,154	5,882	2,750	2,620
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm	18.1	17.7	2,283	3,031	1,020	1,350
Other Farm Machinery	21.7	23.4	1,343	1,751	600	780
Seeds & Plants <sup>9</sup>	40.0	44.6	3,446	3,839	1,540	1,710
Trucks & Autos	15.0	16.5	1,208	1,302	540	580
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses <sup>10</sup>	7.7	6.5	112	90	50	40
<b>United States<sup>1</sup></b>						
Total Farm Production Expenditures <sup>2</sup>	100.0	100.0	129,062	140,075	283,520	307,020
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses <sup>3</sup>	25.1	25.9	15,022	12,912	33,000	28,300
Feed	60.9	59.4	19,073	21,398	41,900	46,900
Farm Services <sup>4</sup>	93.3	93.3	16,752	17,337	36,800	38,000
Rent <sup>5</sup>	28.8	28.2	8,968	10,220	19,700	22,400
Agricultural Chemicals <sup>6</sup>	45.9	45.7	4,780	5,338	10,500	11,700
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners <sup>6</sup>	51.7	51.0	8,057	10,265	17,700	22,500
Interest	38.1	38.1	5,508	5,475	12,100	12,000
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.7	99.7	4,689	4,882	10,300	10,700
Labor	32.3	30.8	13,019	13,550	28,600	29,700
Fuels	80.2	85.1	6,145	7,300	13,500	16,000
Farm Supplies & Repairs <sup>7</sup>	79.5	82.7	6,874	7,254	15,100	15,900
Farm Improvements & Construction <sup>8</sup>	53.6	55.7	6,419	7,209	14,100	15,800
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm	22.3	22.9	3,915	5,201	8,600	11,400
Other Farm Machinery	23.7	25.4	2,003	2,692	4,400	5,900
Seeds & Plants <sup>9</sup>	39.2	41.1	5,736	6,889	12,600	15,100
Trucks & Autos	21.9	23.0	2,003	2,053	4,400	4,500
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses <sup>10</sup>	14.9	13.1	100	100	220	220

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