Farm Production Expenditures in the United States is estimated at $351.8 billion for 2012, up from $318.7 billion in 2011. The 2012 Total farm production expenditures were up 10.4 percent compared with 2011 Total farm production expenditures. All expenditure items, except Interest, increased from the previous year. The four largest expenditures at the United States level totaled $161.8 billion and accounted for 46.0 percent of Total expenditures in 2012. These include Feed, 16.8 percent, Farm services, 11.3 percent, Livestock, poultry and related expenses, 9.1 percent, and Labor, 8.8 percent.

In 2012, the United States Total farm expenditure average per farm is $162,743 compared with $146,653 in 2011, up 11.0 percent. On average, United States farm operations spent $27,338 on Feed, $18,457 on Farm services, $14,802 on Livestock, poultry and related expenses, and $14,247 on Labor. For 2011, United States farms spent an average of $25,129 on Feed, $17,075 on Farm services, $13,163 on Livestock, poultry and related expenses, and $12,334 on Labor.

Total Fuel expense is $15.4 billion. Diesel, the largest sub component, is $10.3 billion, accounting for 66.9 percent. Diesel expenditures are up 2.2 percent from the previous year. Gasoline is $3.1 billion, up 11.1 percent. LP gas is $1.3 billion, down 19.3 percent. Other fuel is $700 million, down 14.6 percent.

The United States Economic Sales Class contributing most to the 2012 United States Total expenditures is the $1,000,000 - $4,999,999 class, with expenses of $116.8 billion, 33.2 percent of the United States total, up 27.5 percent from the 2011 level of $91.6 billion. It is followed by the $5,000,000 and Over class with $71.6 billion, up from $58.3 billion in 2011.

In 2012, Crop farms expenditures increased to $199.8 billion, up 17.4 percent while Livestock farms expenditures increased to $152.0 billion, up 2.4 percent. The largest expenditures for Crop farms is: Rent at $25.0 billion, (12.5 percent), Farm services at $24.9 billion, (12.5 percent) and Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners at $24.8 billion, (12.4 percent). Combined crop inputs (chemicals, fertilizers, and seeds) are $55.5 billion, accounting for 27.8 percent of Crop farms total expenses. The largest expenditures for Livestock farms are: Feed at $54.4 billion, (35.8 percent), Livestock, poultry and related expenses, at $27.9 billion, (18.4 percent), and Farm services at $15.0 billion, (9.9 percent), together accounting for 64.1 percent of Livestock farms Total expenses. The average Total expenditure for a Crop farm are $202,740 compared to $129,230 per Livestock farm.

The Midwest region contributed the most to United States Total expenditures with expenses of $112.0 billion (31.8 percent), up from $98.8 billion in 2011. The other regions ranked by Total expenditures are: Plains at $88.8 billion (25.2 percent), West at $69.9 billion (19.8 percent), Atlantic at $42.6 billion (12.1 percent), and South at $38.6 billion (11.0 percent). The Plains increased $15.0 billion from 2011, which is the largest regional increase in dollars.

The sum of Total expenditures for the 15 Estimate States is $228.9 billion in 2012 (65.1 percent of the United States Total expenditures) and $205.8 billion in 2011 (64.6 percent). California contributed most to the 2012 United States Total expenditures, with expenses of $31.2 billion, (8.9 percent). California expenditures are up 0.5 percent from the 2011 estimate of $31.0 billion. Iowa, the next leading state, has $26.8 billion in expenses, (7.6 percent). Other states with more than $20 billion in Total Expenditures are: Texas with $23.8 billion, and Nebraska with $22.0 billion.

Atlantic Region - CT, DE, KY, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WV
Midwest - IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI
Plains - KS, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX
West - AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY
South - AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC