



Wisconsin Ag News – Farm Production Expenditures

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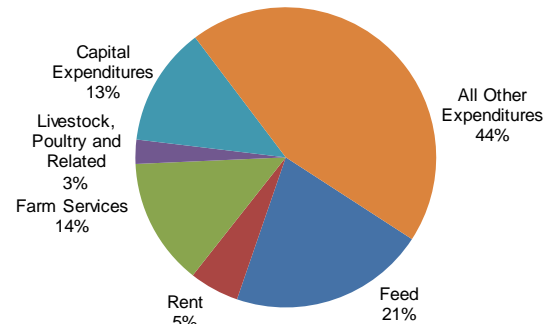
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Wisconsin farm production expenditures totaled \$10.8 billion in 2020, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Production Expenditures 2020 Summary* report. This was an increase of 3% from the 2019 total expenditures. Feed expense, which increased 6% to \$2.28 billion, represented the largest single production expense in Wisconsin in 2020, accounting for 21% of the total. Farm Services was the second largest expense category, totaling \$1.48 billion and accounting for nearly 14% of the total. This was up 1% from 2019. The largest percentage decreases were Fuels (down 16%), Livestock, Poultry and Related Expenses (down 15%), and Labor (down 14%). The largest percentage increases from last year were for Other farm machinery (up 36%), Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery (up 35%), Miscellaneous capital expenses (up 25%), and Trucks and autos (up 15%).

Farm Production Expenditures - Wisconsin: 2020



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Expenditure - farm share	Farms reporting ¹		Average per farm ²		Total expenditures	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(percent)	(percent)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(million dollars)	(million dollars)
Livestock, poultry and related expenses ³	27.3	21.7	5,085	4,348	330	280
Feed	47.1	45.7	33,128	35,404	2,150	2,280
Farm services ⁴	90.5	88.6	22,650	22,981	1,470	1,480
Rent ⁵	34.7	40.2	9,091	9,006	590	580
Agricultural chemicals ⁶	51.1	51.4	4,622	4,969	300	320
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners ⁶	53.1	64.7	10,478	11,801	680	760
Interest	48.4	34.7	7,473	6,832	485	440
Taxes (real estate and property)	99.9	100.0	5,855	6,599	380	425
Labor	23.1	25.0	17,411	15,062	1,130	970
Fuels	84.8	78.7	5,855	4,969	380	320
Farm supplies and repairs ⁷	85.2	82.3	11,248	12,733	730	820
Farm improvements and construction ⁸	56.8	53.3	7,704	7,764	500	500
Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery	14.9	14.4	4,777	6,522	310	420
Other farm machinery	23.5	15.0	3,621	4,969	235	320
Seeds and plants ⁹	68.0	63.9	11,710	11,801	760	760
Trucks and autos	14.0	9.9	1,541	1,786	100	115
Miscellaneous capital expenses	5.0	5.5	308	388	20	25
Total farm production expenditures¹⁰	100.0	100.0	162,558	167,935	10,550	10,815

¹ Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.
² The average per farm is computed by dividing the line-item total expense by the total number of farms at that level. Totals may not add due to rounding.
³ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. Intra-state and inter-state transfers of livestock are captured.
⁴ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, utilities, general expenses, and miscellaneous business expenses.
⁵ Includes cash rent paid, share rent, plus 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, temporary fencing, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of equipment not depreciated, and other small, non-capital equipment.
⁸ Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.
⁹ All purchases of seed, plants, or seed treatments for nursery and farming operation are included. Bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale are excluded.
¹⁰ Includes the operator, landlord, and contractor shares of farm production expenses. Totals may not add due to rounding.