

## Mink

Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for mink pelt production and females bred. The State's pelt production in 2014 totaled 1,268,760 pelts. Utah was the second largest producing state with 958,760 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2014 totaled 3,763,250 pelts, up 6 percent from 2013. Wisconsin accounted for 34 percent of the nation's total pelt production for 2014.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2014 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 63 percent, Blue Iris at 11 percent, Mahogany at 9 percent, and White at 9 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8 percent.

Females bred in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2015 totaled 268,690. Utah came in second with 211,810 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2015 totaled 853,140. Wisconsin accounted for 31 percent of the U.S. total females bred.

The U.S. value of pelts produced during the 2014 crop year was \$217 million, up 9 percent from the previous year. The average U.S. price per pelt for the 2014 crop year was \$57.70.

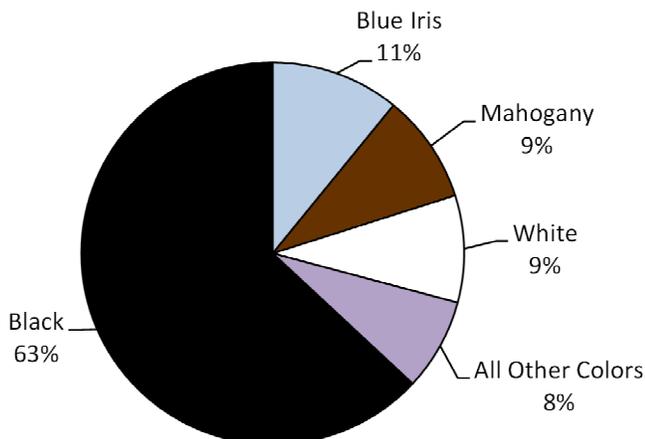
**MINK: Females Bred, Pelts Produced and Value, Wisconsin, 2011-2015**

Year	Females bred	Pelts produced	Average price 1/	Value of pelts
	Number		Dollars	Million dollars
2011	221,260	1,050,580	94.30	99.1
2012	242,390	2/	2/	2/
2013	2/	1,129,960	56.30	63.6
2014	276,990	1,268,760	57.70	73.2
<b>2015</b>	<b>268,690</b>	<b>3/</b>	<b>3/</b>	<b>3/</b>

1/Average market price, U.S. 2/ Data not collected due to sequestration.

3/ Data available in July 2016.

## Pelts Produced by Color, Wisconsin, 2014



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Mink Report  
 Prices Received Report  
 Monthly Dairy Products  
 Agricultural Resource Management Survey

### Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	June 2014	May 2015	June 2015	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
<b>CHEESE</b>				
American Cheddar	369,657	401,209	383,050	+3.6
California	30,681	30,375	32,246	+5.1
Idaho	38,366	40,296	41,471	+8.1
Minnesota	43,812	47,371	42,521	-2.9
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>46,173</b>	<b>52,761</b>	<b>48,900</b>	<b>+5.9</b>
United States	269,542	291,158	281,031	+4.3
Blue & Gorgonzola	7,818	8,017	7,940	+1.6
Brick & Muenster	13,951	16,386	13,526	-3.0
Cream & Neufchatel	69,552	61,565	67,713	-2.6
Feta	9,743	10,676	9,983	+2.5
Gouda	6,221	4,300	2,526	-59.4
Hispanic	20,738	21,157	20,487	-1.2
Mozzarella				
California	116,544	124,957	115,922	-0.5
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>82,534</b>	<b>84,858</b>	<b>88,300</b>	<b>+7.0</b>
United States	328,664	340,007	325,474	-1.0
Parmesan	25,717	28,106	28,949	+12.6
Provolone	29,499	31,606	30,953	+4.9
Ricotta	16,571	15,102	17,681	+6.7
Romano	3,889	4,325	5,073	+30.4
Other Italian types	5,983	6,623	6,419	+7.3
Total Italian				
California	126,381	136,094	128,510	+1.7
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>119,797</b>	<b>124,250</b>	<b>127,500</b>	<b>+6.4</b>
United States	410,323	425,769	414,549	+1.0
Swiss	25,091	27,470	25,741	+2.6
All other cheese	11,962	12,687	13,499	+12.8
Total cheese				
California	199,090	212,155	200,234	+0.6
Idaho	76,869	76,584	79,793	+3.8
New Mexico	62,553	68,808	62,647	+0.2
New York	65,495	58,997	63,136	-3.6
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>237,947</b>	<b>249,560</b>	<b>250,905</b>	<b>+5.4</b>
United States	945,056	989,236	959,014	+1.5

## Farm Production Expenditures

### Overview

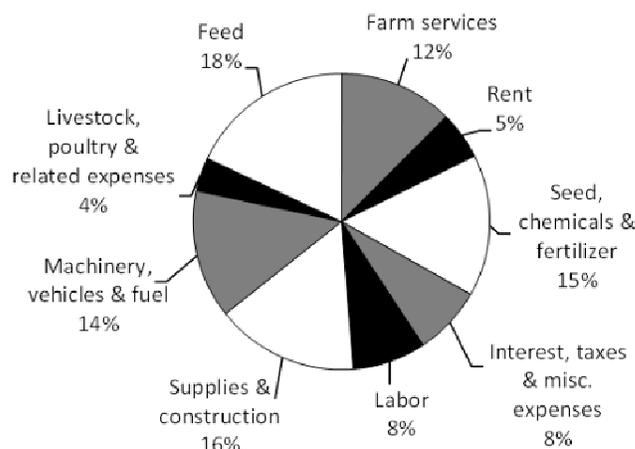
The data contained in this publication was gathered from the 2014 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). In addition to this publication by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the survey data will be used by the Economic Research Service to publish reports on the impacts of changing expenses, production decisions, and government policies on the agricultural economy.

The ARMS covers the population of farms defined as “establishments which sold or normally would have sold at least \$1,000 of agricultural production during the previous year.” These establishments include traditional agricultural operations, such as crop and livestock farms, and specialty operations, such as orchards, nurseries, and aquaculture facilities.

### Wisconsin

Wisconsin farm production expenditures totaled \$13.0 billion in 2014. This is 13 percent above the 2013 total expenditures. Feed expense, which rose 14 percent to \$2.35 billion, represented the largest single production expense for Wisconsin farmers in 2014, accounting for 18 percent of the total. Farm services were the second largest expense, totaling \$1.62 billion and 12 percent of the total. This is up 15 percent from 2013. The largest percentage increases were for Miscellaneous Capital expenses (up 250 percent) and Farm improvements (up 40 percent).

**FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES  
Wisconsin, 2014**



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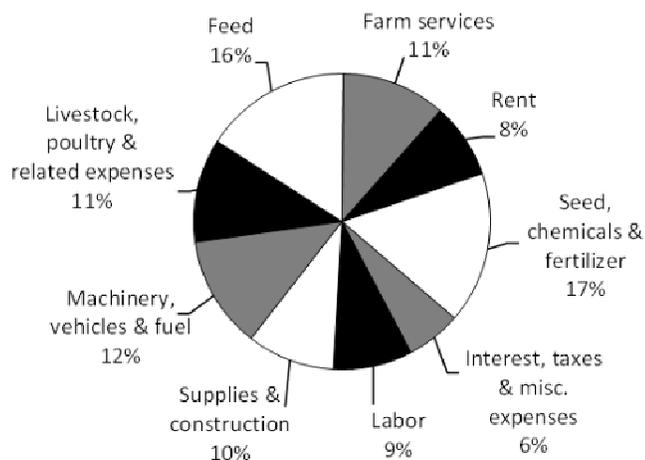
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**FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: Wisconsin and United States, 2013-2014**

Expenditure - farm share	Wisconsin				United States 1/			
	Average per farm 2/		Total expenditure		Average per farm 2/		Total expenditure	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Dollars		Million dollars		Dollars		Million dollars	
<b>Total farm production expenditures 3/</b>	<b>164,900</b>	<b>188,913</b>	<b>11,510</b>	<b>13,035</b>	<b>175,270</b>	<b>191,500</b>	<b>367,270</b>	<b>397,600</b>
Livestock, poultry & related expenses 4/	5,014	6,957	350	480	16,321	21,722	34,200	45,100
Feed	29,513	34,058	2,060	2,350	29,779	30,680	62,400	63,700
Farm services 5/	20,201	23,478	1,410	1,620	18,612	21,818	39,000	45,300
Rent 6/	8,596	9,855	600	680	14,985	15,701	31,400	32,600
Agricultural chemicals 7/	5,014	4,928	350	340	6,967	7,610	14,600	15,800
Fertilizer, lime & soil conditioners 7/	12,607	12,899	880	890	13,505	13,486	28,300	28,000
Interest	6,304	6,377	440	440	4,152	4,672	8,700	9,700
Taxes (real estate & property)	5,731	7,391	400	510	5,584	6,550	11,700	13,600
Labor	13,467	15,072	940	1,040	15,271	16,472	32,000	34,200
Fuels	7,593	8,261	530	570	7,826	8,043	16,400	16,700
Farm supplies & repairs 8/	11,605	12,319	810	850	8,924	9,585	18,700	19,900
Farm improvements & construction 9/	12,034	17,101	840	1,180	7,922	8,766	16,600	18,200
Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery	8,309	9,565	580	660	8,161	8,140	17,100	16,900
Other farm machinery	6,447	6,812	450	470	4,200	4,335	8,800	9,000
Seeds & plants 10/	10,602	11,449	740	790	10,451	10,644	21,900	22,100
Trucks & autos	1,719	1,884	120	130	2,381	2,986	4,990	6,200
Misc capital expenses 11/	143	507	10	35	229	289	480	600

1/Excludes Alaska and Hawaii. 2/Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. Items may not sum to total due to rounding. 3/Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. 4/Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. 5/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. 6/Includes public and private grazing fees. 7/Includes material and application costs. 8/Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, purchases of miscellaneous equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. 9/Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of the land. 10/Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment. 11/Includes any capital expense not recorded in specific items on the questionnaires.

### FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES United States, 2014



#### United States

Farm Production Expenditures in the United States are estimated at \$397.6 billion for 2014, up from \$367.3 billion in 2013. The 2014 Total farm production expenditures are up 8.3 percent compared with 2013 Total farm production expenditures. Nearly all expenditure items increased from the previous year.

The four largest expenditures at the United States level total \$188.3 billion and account for 47.3 percent of Total expenditures in 2014. These include Feed, 16.0 percent, Farm services, 11.4 percent, Livestock, poultry and related expenses, 11.3 percent, and Labor, 8.6 percent.

In 2014, the United States Total farm expenditure average per farm is \$191,500 compared with \$175,270 in 2013, up 9.3 percent. On average, United States farm operations spent \$30,680 on Feed, \$21,818 on Farm services, \$21,722 on Livestock, poultry and related expenses, and \$16,472 on Labor. For 2013, United States farms spent an average of \$29,779 on Feed, \$18,612 on Farm services, \$16,321 on Livestock, poultry and related expenses, and \$15,271 on Labor.

Total Fuel expense is \$16.7 billion. Diesel, the largest sub-component, is \$10.6 billion, accounting for 63.5 percent. Diesel expenditures are down 2.8 percent from the previous year. Gasoline is \$3.1 billion, up 3.3 percent. LP gas is \$2.1 billion, up 16.5 percent. Other fuel is \$950 million, up 28.4 percent.

The complete Farm Production Expenditures report is available online at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

Economic Research Service reports related to previous ARMS data are available online at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/arms-farm-financial-and-crop-production-practices.aspx>

### Land Values

Wisconsin’s farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$4,700 per acre. This is up \$300 per acre, or 7 percent higher, than last year’s level.

Cropland value increased 6 percent from last year to \$4,600 per acre. Pastureland, at \$2,500 per acre, increased 16 percent from a year ago.

#### Land Values, Wisconsin, 2010-2014

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cropland, Average Value (dollars per acre)	3,780	4,000	4,010	4,350	<b>4,600</b>
Pasture, Average Value (dollars per acre)	2,000	2,010	2,000	2,150	<b>2,500</b>
Farm Real Estate, Average Value (dollars per acre)	3,880	4,110	4,100	4,400	<b>4,700</b>
Value of Farmland & Buildings 1/ (million dollars)	56,648	60,006	59,860	63,800	<b>(NA)</b>

(NA) Not available. 1/ Total value of land and buildings is derived by multiplying average value per acre of farm real estate by the land in farms.

### Cash Rents

Cropland cash rent paid to Wisconsin landlords in 2015 averaged \$134.00 per acre. Non-irrigated cropland rent averaged \$130.00 per acre, unchanged from a year earlier. Irrigated cropland rent averaged \$225.00 per acre, a decrease of \$15.00 from last year. Pasture land rented for cash averaged \$34.00 per acre, unchanged from the previous year.

County level cash rent averages will not be published in 2015.

#### Cash Rent, Wisconsin, 2011-2015

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cropland, cash rent expense (dollars per acre)	99.00	115.00	124.00	135.00	<b>134.00</b>
Irrigated, cash rent expense (dollars per acre)	185.00	195.00	220.00	240.00	<b>225.00</b>
Non-irrigated, cash rent expense (dollars per acre)	96.00	112.00	120.00	130.00	<b>130.00</b>
Pasture, cash rent expense (dollars per acre)	32.00	34.00	35.00	34.00	<b>34.00</b>

### June Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.90 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in June 2015. This was 20 cents higher than the price received in May, but \$5.30 lower than last June.

The U.S. milk price for June was \$16.90 per cwt, \$1.00 lower than Wisconsin's price but 20 cents higher than the May U.S. price. Fifteen of the 23 major milk producing states had an increase in price from May to June, 3 had a price decrease, and 5 had no change in price. California and Virginia had the largest price increases, up 60 cents from May. New Mexico, on the other hand, had the greatest price decrease, down 40 cents to \$15.60 per cwt.

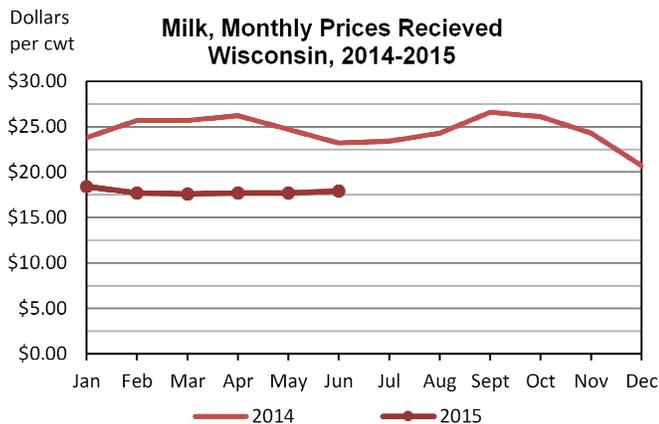
The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.7450 per pound on July 30, while barrels were \$1.7100 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.9500 per pound.

For the week ending July 25, 2015, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.6727 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.6648 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.8930 per pound.

#### Milk Prices<sup>1</sup>

Selected states	June 2014		May 2015		June 2015	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
CA	21.91	3.59	15.12	3.63	15.72	3.62
ID	22.50	3.58	16.60	3.72	16.70	3.69
MI	23.50	3.56	16.00	3.60	16.00	3.55
MN	23.40	3.75	17.80	3.81	17.90	3.74
NM	20.90	3.40	16.00	3.47	15.60	3.44
NY	25.10	3.65	17.60	3.70	17.70	3.65
PA	25.30	3.61	17.80	3.62	18.10	3.57
TX	23.30	3.69	17.10	3.79	17.20	3.75
<b>WI</b>	<b>23.20</b>	<b>3.65</b>	<b>17.70</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>17.90</b>	<b>3.64</b>
US	23.20	3.61	16.70	3.67	16.90	3.63

1/ Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



### Prices Received by Farmers

The June 2015 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Wisconsin was \$3.48 per bushel. This was up \$0.01 from the May price but \$1.08 less than June 2014.

The June **soybean** price, at \$9.44 per bushel, was up \$0.04 from May but down \$4.96 from the previous June.

The June **oat** price was \$2.82 per bushel, down \$0.11 from the May price and \$1.70 below June 2014.

**All hay** prices in Wisconsin averaged \$100.00 per ton in June, down \$24.00 from May and \$76.00 less than June 2014. The **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$105.00 per ton in June, \$31.00 below May and down \$80.00 from the previous June. The **other hay** price averaged \$69.00, \$17.00 below May and a decrease of \$59.00 from last year.

Prices for **replacement milk cows** averaged \$2,090 as of July 1, 2015.

#### Prices Received by Farmers

WISCONSIN		June 2014	May 2015	June 2015
Dollars				
Corn	bu	4.56	3.47	3.48
Hay, all baled	ton	176.00	124.00	100.00
Alfalfa	ton	185.00	136.00	105.00
Other	ton	128.00	86.00	69.00
Oats	bu	4.52	2.93	2.82
Potatoes, all <sup>1</sup>	cwt	11.60	10.40	9.90
Fresh <sup>2</sup>	cwt	10.70	10.70	10.70
Processing	cwt	12.00	9.65	9.65
Soybeans	bu	14.40	9.40	9.44
Milk, all	cwt	23.20	17.70	17.90
Milk cows <sup>3</sup>	head	2,100.00	(NA)	2,090.00
UNITED STATES		June 2014	May 2015	June 2015
Dollars				
Corn	bu	4.50	3.62	3.58
Hay, all baled	ton	197.00	175.00	162.00
Alfalfa	ton	222.00	192.00	178.00
Other	ton	139.00	134.00	127.00
Oats	bu	3.73	2.90	2.83
Potatoes, all <sup>1</sup>	cwt	10.28	9.40	9.63
Fresh <sup>2</sup>	cwt	12.98	10.42	11.57
Processing	cwt	9.48	8.70	8.78
Soybeans	bu	14.30	9.60	9.58
Milk, all	cwt	23.20	16.70	16.90
Milk cows <sup>3</sup>	head	1,970.00	(NA)	2,030.00
Calves	cwt	249.00	288.00	292.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	147.00	160.00	155.00
Cows <sup>4</sup>	cwt	106.00	114.00	113.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	148.00	161.00	156.00
Hogs, all	cwt	84.80	58.90	59.90
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	85.00	60.00	60.80
Sows	cwt	80.40	31.40	36.80
Eggs (market)	doz	0.874	1.61	1.93

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. 1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 2/ Fresh market prices only. Includes table stock prices. 3/ Prices are for July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015. Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

