

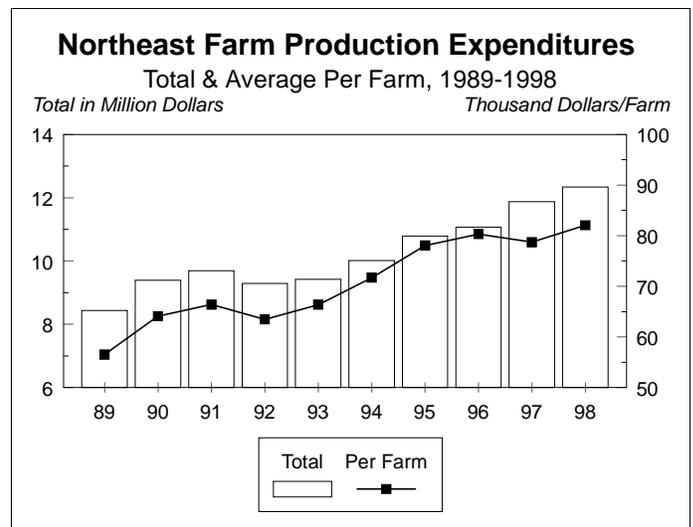
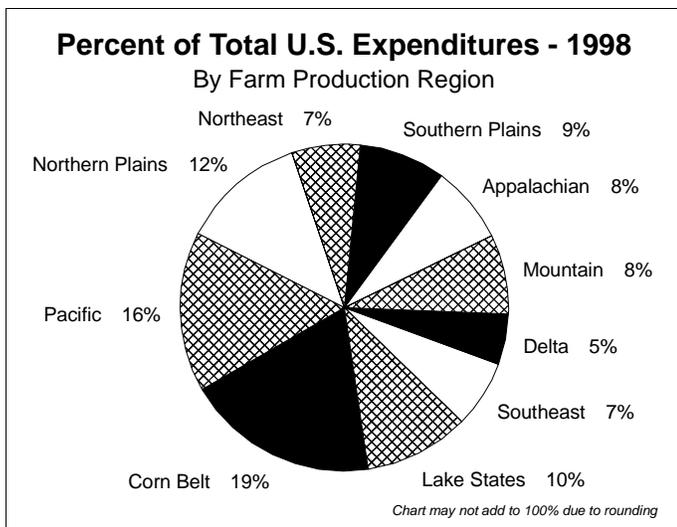
### FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES

United States farm production expenditures totaled \$183.6 billion in 1998, up 0.2 percent from the revised 1997 total of \$183.2 billion. The largest contributors to the increase were; trucks and autos, up 15.8 percent; tractors and self propelled farm machinery, up 11.1 percent; seeds and plants, up 7.5 percent; and farm improvements and construction, up 5.7 percent. These increases were partially offset by decreases in; fuels, down 10.0 percent; rent, down 6.3 percent; and feed, down 4.9 percent. The largest two expenditure categories were feed and farm services; each accounted for 13.6 percent of U.S. total production expenses. The farm services category includes expense items such as custom work, utilities, marketing charges, veterinary services, transportation costs, and miscellaneous business expenses.

Average expenditures per U.S. farm in 1998 were \$83,987 compared to \$83,856, as revised for 1997. On the average,

U.S. farm operations in 1998 spent \$11,439 on feed; \$11,439 on farm services; \$7,916 on rent; \$8,694 on labor; and \$6,498 on livestock and poultry purchases. Revised estimates for 1997 indicated that U.S. farms spent an average of \$12,040 on feed; \$11,307 on farm services; \$8,455 on rent; \$8,377 on labor; and \$6,500 for livestock and poultry purchases.

The Northeast Farm Production Region (*New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware*) contributed \$12.3 billion or 6.7 percent of the 1998 U.S. total for farm production expenditures. The regions with the highest total expenditures were: the Corn Belt (IL, IN, IA, MO, OH) at \$34.8 billion; Pacific Region (CA, OR, WA) at \$29.1 billion; Northern Plains (KS, NE, ND, SD) at \$22.6 billion; Lake States (MI, MN, WI) at \$19.1 billion; and the Southern Plains (OK, TX) at \$15.6 billion.



- Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
- Lake States: MI, MN, WI
- Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH
- Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD
- Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV
- Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC
- Delta States: AR, LA, MS
- Southern Plains: OK, TX
- Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY
- Pacific: CA, OR, WA

**FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: Major Input Items, Average per Farm and Total,  
Northeast<sup>13/</sup> and United States<sup>1/</sup>, 1997 - 1998**

Expenditure - Farm Share	Farms Reporting <sup>11/</sup>		Average per Farm <sup>12/</sup>		Total Expenditure	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars	
<b>NORTHEAST<sup>13/</sup></b>						
<b>Total Farm Production Expenditures<sup>2/ 3/</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>78,727</b>	<b>82,075</b>	<b>11,876</b>	<b>12,340</b>
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses <sup>4/</sup>	30.4	34.5	3,911	4,157	590	625
Feed	62.5	65.8	16,440	16,295	2,480	2,450
Farm Services <sup>5/</sup>	96.2	91.6	11,601	11,506	1,750	1,730
Rent <sup>6/</sup>	30.4	30.5	2,055	2,128	310	320
Agricultural Chemicals <sup>7/</sup>	53.9	53.2	2,055	2,195	310	330
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners <sup>7/</sup>	58.7	68.8	2,983	2,793	450	420
Interest	44.5	41.5	3,845	3,991	580	600
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	98.7	99.9	3,745	4,223	565	635
Labor	38.4	34.5	10,461	11,107	1,578	1,670
Fuels	93.7	90.4	2,552	2,241	385	337
Farm Supplies & Repairs <sup>8/</sup>	96.6	90.6	6,530	6,984	985	1,050
Farm Improvements & Construction <sup>9/</sup>	57.9	58.2	4,011	4,656	605	700
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	10.9	14.8	1,783	2,255	269	339
Other Farm Machinery	21.6	29.3	1,757	2,062	265	310
Seeds & Plants <sup>10/</sup>	56.7	63.3	3,089	3,359	466	505
Trucks & Autos	17.0	15.0	1,657	1,929	250	290
<b>UNITED STATES<sup>1/</sup></b>						
<b>Total Farm Production Expenditures<sup>2/ 3/</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>83,856</b>	<b>83,987</b>	<b>183,180</b>	<b>183,550</b>
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses <sup>4/</sup>	27.8	29.8	6,500	6,498	14,200	14,200
Feed	65.1	66.6	12,040	11,439	26,300	25,000
Farm Services <sup>5/</sup>	96.9	96.2	11,307	11,439	24,700	25,000
Rent <sup>6/</sup>	38.0	36.4	8,455	7,916	18,470	17,300
Agricultural Chemicals <sup>7/</sup>	55.0	57.3	4,120	4,164	9,000	9,100
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners <sup>7/</sup>	65.2	64.9	4,990	4,850	10,900	10,600
Interest	47.0	48.2	4,807	4,942	10,500	10,800
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	97.7	99.2	3,044	3,203	6,650	7,000
Labor	39.0	40.5	8,377	8,694	18,300	19,000
Fuels	89.2	86.3	2,747	2,471	6,000	5,400
Farm Supplies & Repairs <sup>8/</sup>	90.3	88.5	5,631	5,582	12,300	12,200
Farm Improvements & Construction <sup>9/</sup>	51.5	51.9	2,792	2,951	6,100	6,450
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	13.3	14.5	2,472	2,745	5,400	6,000
Other Farm Machinery	19.6	23.0	1,561	1,624	3,410	3,550
Seeds & Plants <sup>10/</sup>	53.1	54.5	3,067	3,295	6,700	7,200
Trucks & Autos	16.1	17.7	1,740	2,013	3,800	4,400

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes Alaska and Hawaii. <sup>2/</sup> Total includes production costs not allocated to any of the 16 expense categories published.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. <sup>4/</sup> Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. <sup>5/</sup> Includes all crop custom work, veterinary services, custom feeding, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. <sup>6/</sup> Includes public and private grazing fees. <sup>7/</sup> Includes material and application costs. <sup>8/</sup> Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. <sup>9/</sup> Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings and fences and any improvements to physical structures or land. <sup>10/</sup> Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment. <sup>11/</sup> Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms. <sup>12/</sup> Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. <sup>13/</sup> Consists of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

SOURCE: *Farm Production Expenditures - 1998 Summary*, 3:00 pm, July 20, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.