

FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES, 1971
(A PRELIMINARY REPORT)



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Farm production expenditures in 1971 totaled \$54.5 billion, or an average of \$18,741 per farm, according to a preliminary summary issued by the Statistical Reporting Service. By Region, average production expenditures per farm were: North, \$22,114; South, \$12,391; and West, \$31,713.

Purchases of livestock and poultry, feed and other related expenditures, including those for livestock and poultry equipment aggregated to about 35 percent of the total farm production expenditure. Expenditures for seed, fertilizer and lime amounted to about 8 percent of the total. Interest on operating and real estate loans, insurance, and taxes totaled 12 percent of expenditures. Other major farm production expenditures include farm labor, at 8.0 percent; tractor and machinery purchases, 6.6 percent; petroleum products, 5.4 percent; and marketing of farm products, 3.8 percent.

Table 1 Expenditures for Selected Types by Geographic Region 1/
and U.S. 2/

Region	Expenditure	Average	Region	Expenditure	Average
	: Thou. dollars	: Dollars		: Thou. dollars	: Dollars
	: per farm	: per farm		: per farm	: per farm
	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>			<u>LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PURCHASES</u>	
North	30,155,424	22,114	North	5,966,622	4,376
South	15,801,732	12,391	South	2,155,541	1,690
West	8,552,969	31,713	West	969,220	3,594
U.S.	54,509,920	18,741	U.S.	9,091,371	3,126
	<u>FEED</u>			<u>FERTILIZER & LIME</u>	
North	4,470,233	3,278	North	1,798,504	1,319
South	3,069,543	2,407	South	1,157,998	908
West	989,254	3,668	West	273,943	1,016
U.S.	8,529,022	2,932	U.S.	3,230,431	1,111
	<u>SEED</u>			<u>TAXES & INTEREST</u>	
North	757,125	555	North	3,075,467	2,255
South	425,212	333	South	1,157,482	907
West	135,911	504	West	1,010,642	3,747
U.S.	1,318,242	453	U.S.	5,243,567	1,803

1/ The States included in each region are as follows: North - Maine, N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn., N.Y., N.J., Pa., Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis., Minn., Iowa, Mo., N.D., S. D., Nebr., Kans. South - Del., Md., Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla., Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss., Ark., La., Okla., Tex. West - Mont., Idaho, Wyo., Colo., N.Mex., Ariz., Utah, Nev., Wash., Oreg., Calif., Hawaii.

2/ The U.S. totals may not add due to rounding of individual items.

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Table 2 U. S. Farm Production Expenditures: by selected groups, for 1971

Type of Expenditure	Total Expenditures	Average Per Farm	Percent of Total Expenditures
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Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Purchases (Feeding and Breeding)	9,091,371	3,126	16.7
Feed Purchases - Mixed, Condentrates, Grains, Hay	8,529,022	2,932	15.6
Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Equipment (New and Used)	598,313	206	1.1
Seeds, Plants, and Trees	1,318,242	453	2.4
Fertilizer and Lime Materials and Custom Application	3,230,431	1,111	5.9
Expenditures for Marketing of Farm Products	2,059,200	708	3.8
Petroleum Products Purchases	2,962,436	1,018	5.4
Purchase of Tractors (New and Used)	1,217,456	419	2.2
Purchases of Machinery (New and Used)	2,389,390	821	4.4
Machine Hire	901,958	310	1.7
Farm Labor	4,365,903	1,501	8.0
Interest, Insurance and Property Taxes	6,542,725	2,307	12.0
Construction, Maintenance, Farm Improvements, and Fencing	2,599,406	894	4.8
All Other Expenditures	8,704,067	2,992	16.0

TECHNICAL NOTES

This report is based on a nationwide survey of 8,600 farm and ranch operators and their landlords obtaining information on production expenditures during 1971. The survey was conducted by personal interview of a scientifically selected sample during February-April of 1972. Data from this survey should not be compared directly with the farm expense series published by Economic Research Service, USDA. For this survey, the definition of a farm is the same as that usually used by the Department of Agriculture and as used for the Census of Agriculture. The number of farms in 1971 in the 49 States surveyed was estimated at 2,908,640.

A complete report will be released at a later date.