

Total and per farm expenditures up

U.S. Farm Production Expenditures, 2020

Top States in Farm Expenditures (\$ billion)

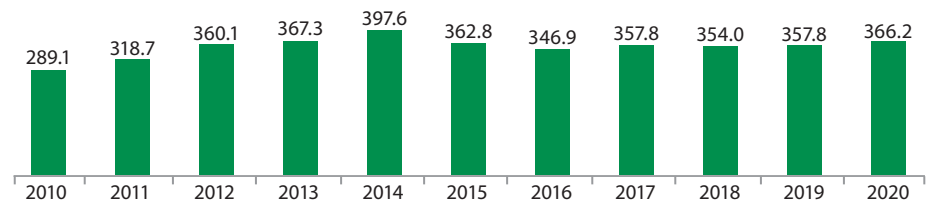
California	41.9
Iowa	28.5
Texas	22.8
Nebraska	20.3
Minnesota	17.9

Total and average per farm production expenditures in the United States increased again in 2020. Expenditures were mixed in regions, economic classes, and type of farms.

Total Farm Expenditures

Total expenditures by U.S. farms (not including Alaska and Hawaii) were \$366.2 billion in 2020, up 2.3% from \$357.8 billion in 2019. (Fig. 1) As Table 1 shows, five expenditure categories (feed, farm services, livestock/poultry/related expenses, labor, and rent) accounted for 56.7% of 2020 farm expenditures.

Fig. 1. U.S. Total Farm Expenditures, 2010 – 2020 (\$ billion)



Source: USDA NASS.

About this Survey

Data presented here are based on the survey of farm production expenditures the National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts annually in the 48 contiguous states as part of the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

ARMS provides annual data on the financial health of the farm sector and farm household finances. For more on the information ARMS provides, go to www.nass.usda.gov/go/arms.

Access all farm expenditure data through the Quick Stats database (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov>).

Table 1. Farm Expenditures, by Category, 2020 (\$ billion and percent)

	\$ billion	percent ^a
Feed	56.8	15.5
Farm services	44.7	12.2
Livestock, poultry, and related expenses	39.6	10.8
Labor	36.7	10.0
Rent	30.1	8.2
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners	24.4	6.7
Seeds and plants	23.0	6.3
Farm supplies and repairs	19.4	5.3
Agricultural chemicals	16.5	4.5
Farm improvements and construction	14.4	3.9
Taxes	14.1	3.9
Tractors and self-propelled machinery	13.7	3.7
Fuel	11.1	3.0
Other expenses	21.7	5.9
Total	366.2	100

Feed, at \$56.8 billion, was the largest expense item, accounting for 15.5% of farm expenditures.

^aMay not add to 100% due to rounding.

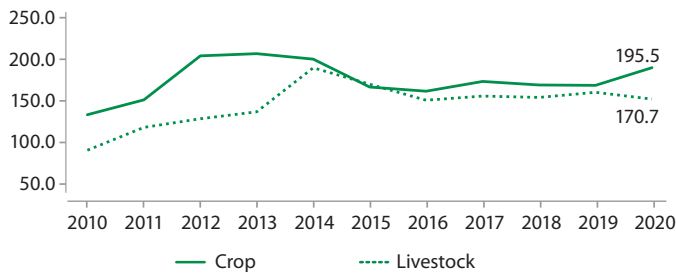
Source: USDA NASS.

Thirteen categories accounted for 94.1% of the total. "Farm services" includes expenses associated with medical supplies, veterinary services, electricity, purchased water for irrigation, other utilities, insurance for the farm, renting or leasing of tractors/equipment, vehicle registration and licensing, custom hauling, other custom work, professional or farm management services, general business expenses, marketing and storage, and office equipment. "Other expenses" includes interest, other machinery, trucks/autos, and miscellaneous capital expenses.

Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners (up \$2.1 billion) as well as labor and farm services (both up \$1.9 billion) were the three categories with the largest increases from 2019 to 2020.

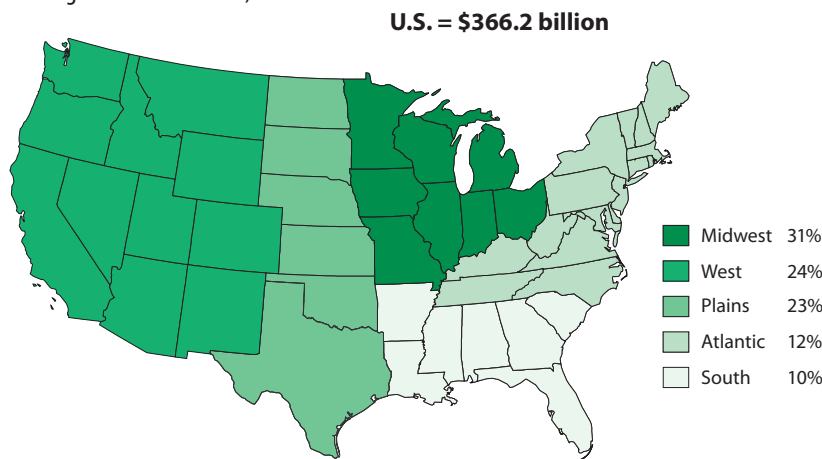
Between 2019 and 2020, expenditures by crop farms increased by 7.6% and expenditures by livestock farms decreased 3.1%. In 2020, crop farm expenditures (\$195.5 billion) exceeded livestock farm expenditures (\$170.7 billion). (Fig. 2)

Fig. 2. Total Farm Expenditures, Crop and Livestock Farms, 2010 – 2020 (\$ billion)



Source: USDA NASS.

Regional Shares of U.S. Farm Production Expenditures, 2020 (not including Alaska and Hawaii)

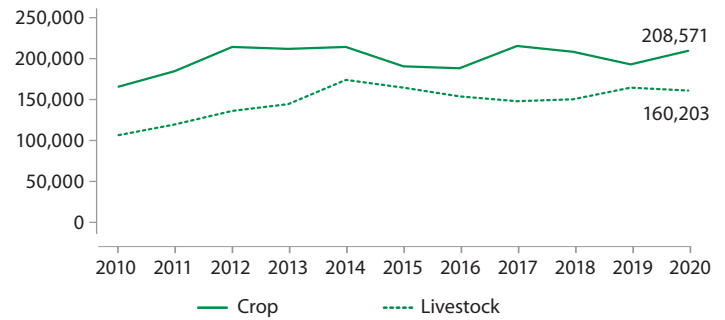


Source: USDA NASS.

Per Farm Average Expenditures

Per farm average expenditures in 2020 were \$182,130, up from 2019. Expenditures were higher for crop farms (\$207,404) than for livestock farms (\$159,829). (Fig. 3)

Fig. 3. Per Farm Average Expenditures, Crop and Livestock Farms, 2010 – 2020 (\$ per farm)



Source: USDA NASS.

Of 15 large agricultural states, California had the highest per farm expenditures and Texas had the lowest.

Per Farm Average Expenditures, Selected States, 2020 (\$ per farm)

California	602,155
Nebraska	445,714
Iowa	335,706
Kansas	296,741
Washington	272,958
Minnesota	265,407
North Carolina	250,435
Illinois	248,242
Arkansas	192,180
Indiana	188,468
Georgia	172,947
Wisconsin	167,935
Florida	163,158
Missouri	110,158
Texas	92,186

Source: USDA NASS.

In 2020, the Midwest region accounted for 31% of U.S. total production expenditures, with expenses of \$112.8 billion, up 1.2% from 2019. In the West region, 2020 expenses were \$86.1 billion, up 7.6%. In the Plains region, 2020 expenses were \$85.3 billion, down 2.9%. The Atlantic and South regions had expenses of \$44.2 billion and \$37.8 billion, which were increases of 4.7% and 2.7%, respectively.