

**Total and average per farm expenditures are up**

## U.S. Farm Production Expenditures, 2021

Total and average per farm production expenditures in the United States increased again in 2021. Both crop and livestock farms had increased expenditures in 2021 compared to 2020.

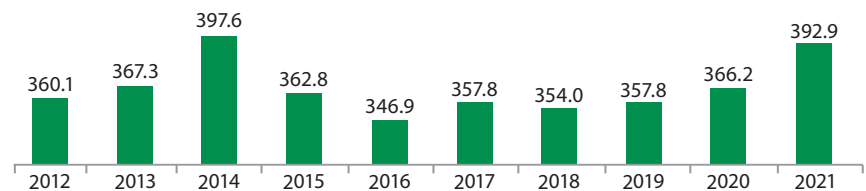
### Top States in Farm Expenditures (\$ billion)

California	42.2
Iowa	34.0
Texas	26.0
Nebraska	24.5
Kansas	22.6

### Total Farm Expenditures

Total expenditures by U.S. farms (not including Alaska and Hawaii) were \$392.9 billion in 2021, up 7.3% from \$366.2 billion in 2020. (Fig. 1) As Table 1 shows, five expenditure categories (feed, farm services, livestock/poultry/related expenses, labor, and rent) accounted for 56.4% of 2021 farm expenditures.

**Fig. 1. U.S. Total Farm Expenditures, 2012–2021 (\$ billion)**



### 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](http://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, 2021**  
(\$ billion and percent of total)

	\$ billion	percent <sup>a</sup>
Feed	65.2	16.6
Farm services	45.0	11.5
Livestock, poultry, and related expenses	42.4	10.8
Labor	36.8	9.4
Rent	32.0	8.1
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners	29.5	7.5
Seeds and plants	22.3	5.7
Farm supplies and repairs	20.2	5.1
Agricultural chemicals	17.8	4.5
Taxes	14.7	3.7
Farm improvements and construction	14.5	3.7
Tractors & Self Propelled Machinery	17.6	4.5
Other Expenses	34.9	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>392.9</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>a</sup>May not add to 100% due to rounding.

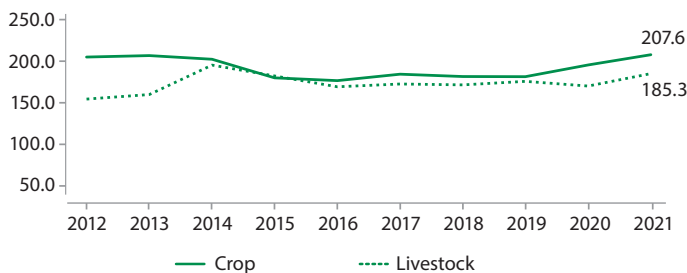
*Feed, at \$65.2 billion, was the largest expense item, accounting for 16.6% of farm expenditures.*

Twelve categories accounted for 91.1% of the total. "Other expenses" includes fuel, interest, miscellaneous capital expenses, other machinery, and trucks/autos.

Feed (up \$8.4 billion), fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners (up \$5.1 billion), as well as tractors and self-propelled farm machinery (up \$3.9 billion) were the three categories with the largest increases between 2020 and 2021.

Between 2020 and 2021, expenditures by crop farms increased by 6.2% and expenditures by livestock farms increased 8.5%. In 2021, crop farm expenditures (\$207.6 billion) exceeded livestock farm expenditures (\$185.3 billion). (Fig. 2)

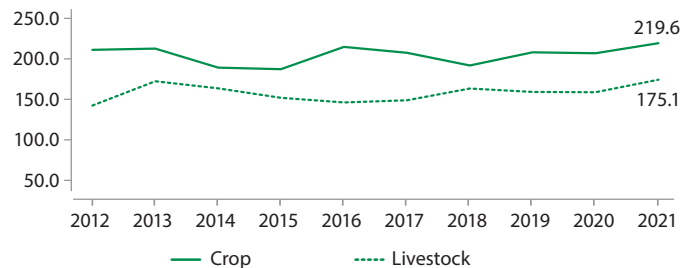
**Fig. 2. Total Farm Expenditures, Crop and Livestock Farms, 2012–2021** (\$ billion)



## Per Farm Average Expenditures

Per farm average expenditures in 2021 were \$196,087, up 7.7% from 2020. Expenditures were higher for crop farms (\$219,593) than for livestock farms (\$175,092). (Fig. 3)

**Fig. 3. Per Farm Average Expenditures, Crop and Livestock Farms, 2012–2021** (\$ thousands)



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

### Per Farm Average Expenditures, Selected States, 2021

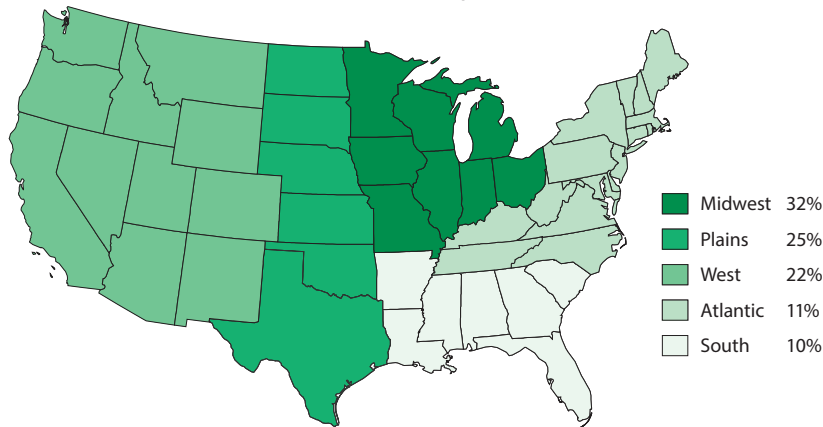
(\$ per farm)

California	611,087
Nebraska	547,321
Iowa	400,353
Kansas	384,812
Minnesota	299,258
North Carolina	257,317
Washington	256,799
Illinois	245,557
Arkansas	202,024
Indiana	200,454
Georgia	197,458
Wisconsin	181,591
Florida	166,316
Missouri	122,368
Texas	105,445

### Regional Shares of U.S. Farm Production Expenditures, 2021

(not including Alaska and Hawaii)

**U.S. = \$392.9 billion**



*In 2021, the Midwest region accounted for 32% of U.S. total production expenditures, with expenses of \$124.9 billion, up 10.8% from 2020. In the Plains region, 2021 expenses were \$99.2 billion, up 16.2% from 2020. In the West region, 2021 expenses were \$86.7 billion, up 0.7% from 2020. The Atlantic had expenses of \$42.9 billion, down 2.9% from 2020. The South had expenses of \$39.2 billion, up 3.8% from 2020.*