



Wisconsin Ag News – Farm Production Expenditures



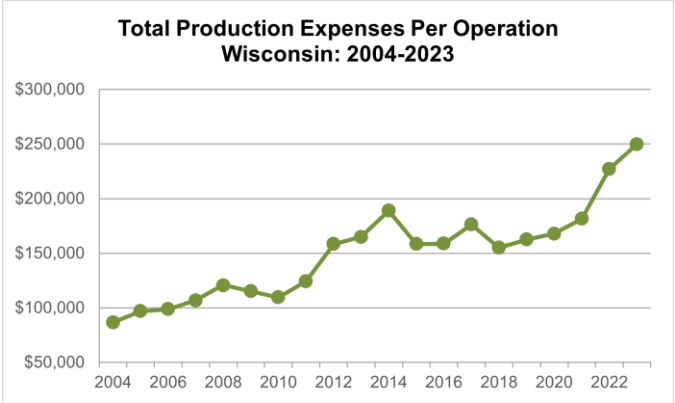
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Wisconsin farm production expenditures totaled \$14.6 billion in 2023, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Farm Production Expenditures 2023 Summary report. This was \$35 million above the 2022 total expenditures. Feed expense, down 10 percent to \$2.95 billion, represented the largest single production expense in Wisconsin in 2023, accounting for 20 percent of the total. Farm Services, up 20 percent to \$1.98 billion, was the second largest expense and accounted for 14 percent of total expenditures. The largest percentage increases from last year were for Livestock, Poultry and Related Expenses (up 68 percent), Trucks and Autos (up 42 percent), and Miscellaneous Capital Expenses (up 36 percent). The largest percentage decreases from last year were for Other Farm Machinery (down 36 percent) and Fertilizer, Lime and Soil Conditioners (down 13 percent).



Farm Production Expenditures – Wisconsin: 2022-2023

Expenditure - farm share	Farms reporting <sup>1</sup>		Average per farm <sup>2</sup>		Total expenditures	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(percent)	(percent)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(million dollars)	(million dollars)
Livestock, poultry and related expenses <sup>3</sup>	23.9	24.3	6,864	12,660	440	740
Feed	50.7	49.8	51,014	50,470	3,270	2,950
Farm services <sup>4</sup>	89.1	87.1	25,741	33,875	1,650	1,980
Rent <sup>5</sup>	31.5	31.0	10,608	11,805	680	690
Agricultural chemicals <sup>6</sup>	48.9	47.4	7,956	8,212	510	480
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners <sup>6</sup>	55.2	58.4	19,969	18,991	1,280	1,110
Interest	32.2	34.1	6,552	8,041	420	470
Taxes (real estate and property)	100.0	100.0	7,644	7,528	490	440
Labor	17.6	21.0	19,189	22,070	1,230	1,290
Fuels	87.7	82.6	8,268	8,554	530	500
Farm supplies and repairs <sup>7</sup>	84.1	88.2	15,133	16,766	970	980
Farm improvements and construction <sup>8</sup>	48.8	57.4	15,133	14,885	970	870
Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery	15.4	17.0	10,608	11,976	680	700
Other farm machinery	19.8	18.4	7,800	5,475	500	320
Seeds and plants <sup>9</sup>	55.4	55.4	12,012	14,200	770	830
Trucks and autos	11.4	15.5	2,028	3,165	130	185
Miscellaneous capital expenses	8.7	8.8	858	1,283	55	75
Total farm production expenditures <sup>10</sup>	100.0	100.0	227,379	249,957	14,575	14,610

<sup>1</sup> Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.  
<sup>2</sup> The average per farm is computed by dividing the line-item total expense by the total number of farms at that level. Totals may not add due to rounding.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. Intra-state and inter-state transfers of livestock are captured.  
<sup>4</sup> Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, utilities, general expenses, and miscellaneous business expenses.  
<sup>5</sup> Includes cash rent paid, share rent, plus public and private grazing fees.  
<sup>6</sup> Includes material and application costs.  
<sup>7</sup> Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm-shop equipment, oils and lubricants, temporary fencing, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of equipment not depreciated, and other small, non-capital equipment.  
<sup>8</sup> Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.  
<sup>9</sup> All purchases of seed, plants, or seed treatments for nursery and farming operation are included. Bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale are excluded.  
<sup>10</sup> Includes the operator, landlord, and contractor shares of farm production expenses. Totals may not add due to rounding.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).