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Farm Production Expenditures  
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## 2007 Farm Production Expenditures

Farm production expenditures for the Plains Region totaled \$64.3 billion in 2007, up 15.9 percent from 2006, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The Plains Region includes Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas. Nationally, farm production expenditures increased 9.3 percent from the revised 2006 total. Livestock, poultry and related expenses, which was the largest expenditure in the Plains, increased 14.3 percent. Decreases in expenditures were reported in miscellaneous capital expenditures, down 25.0 percent. All other expense categories for Plains operations showed an increase from 2006. The largest increase in expenditures for the Plains operations was for tractors and self-propelled farm machinery, up 38.7 percent from 2006.

Livestock, poultry and related expenses accounted for 22.3 percent of the Plains total production expenses, while feed, farm services, and rent accounted for 13.4, 11.2, and 7.3 percent, respectively. The farm services category includes items such as crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general and miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities.

The average total expenditures per farm in the Plains for 2007 was \$132,810, up from \$114,048 in 2006. The national average was \$125,648, compared to \$114,186 in 2006. In the Plains region, the livestock, poultry and related expenses was the leading 2007 expenditure per farm at \$29,587, 2.3 times the national average. The Plains average per farm for labor, at \$6,426, is slightly more than half the national average of \$12,564.

This report is based on results from the Agricultural Resources Management Study (ARMS) conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were contacted in February through April 2008 to collect farm and ranch production and expense data.

### Farm Production Expenditures: Plains and United States, 2006-2007

Expenditure-Farm Share	Plains (KS, NE, ND, OK, SD AND TX)					United States <sup>1</sup>				
	Average Per Farm <sup>2</sup>		Total Expenditures			Average Per Farm <sup>2</sup>		Total Expenditures		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007 % of Total	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007 % of Total
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Total Farm Production Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	114,048	132,810	55,450	64,280	100.0	114,186	125,648	237,810	260,010	100.0
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses	25,771	29,587	12,530	14,320	22.3	12,532	12,903	26,100	26,700	10.3
Feed	14,233	17,831	6,920	8,630	13.4	15,077	18,412	31,400	38,100	14.7
Farm Services	12,505	14,855	6,080	7,190	11.2	15,365	16,575	32,000	34,300	13.2
Rent	9,214	9,690	4,480	4,690	7.3	8,787	8,988	18,300	18,600	7.2
Agricultural Chemicals	3,517	4,174	1,710	2,020	3.1	4,321	4,832	9,000	10,000	3.8
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners	6,232	8,099	3,030	3,920	6.1	6,386	8,070	13,300	16,700	6.4
Interest	4,792	5,517	2,330	2,670	4.2	5,138	5,557	10,700	11,500	4.4
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	4,587	4,855	2,230	2,350	3.7	4,321	4,736	9,000	9,800	3.8
Labor	5,553	6,426	2,700	3,110	4.8	11,764	12,564	24,500	26,000	10.0
Fuels	5,718	6,384	2,780	3,090	4.8	5,330	6,137	11,100	12,700	4.9
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5,204	5,888	2,530	2,850	4.4	6,434	6,910	13,400	14,300	5.5
Farm Improvements & Construction	5,306	5,372	2,580	2,600	4.0	6,098	6,330	12,700	13,100	5.0
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	3,188	4,442	1,550	2,150	3.3	3,505	3,914	7,300	8,100	3.1
Other Farm Machinery	1,954	2,107	950	1,020	1.6	1,873	1,933	3,900	4,000	1.5
Seeds & Plants	4,072	4,897	1,980	2,370	3.7	5,282	5,751	11,000	11,900	4.6
Trucks & Autos	2,118	2,624	1,030	1,270	2.0	1,873	1,933	3,900	4,000	1.5
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses	82	62	40	30	---	101	101	210	210	0.1

<sup>1</sup> Excludes AK and HI. <sup>2</sup> Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. <sup>3</sup> Total includes miscellaneous production expenses not allocated to any of the 16 expense categories published. Therefore, the sum of individual expenditure items will not add to totals.

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