

FARMERS' EXPENDITURES

TABLE 1.—FAMILY LIVING EXPENDITURES OF FARM-OPERATOR FAMILIES—TOTAL EXPENDITURES WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION AND AVERAGE EXPENDITURES PER FAMILY, BY GROUPS OF EXPENDITURES, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955 ¹

Group	Aggregate expenditures				Average expenditures per family				Percent of total			
	All families	Economic class of farm			All families	Economic class of farm			All families	Economic class of farm		
		I and II	III to V	VI to VIII		I and II	III to V	VI to VIII		I and II	III to V	VI to VIII
Number of farm-operator families..	Dollars 4,760,050	Dollars 656,267	Dollars 2,159,426	Dollars 1,944,357	Dollars xxx	Dollars xxx	Dollars xxx	Dollars xxx	Percent xxx	Percent xxx	Percent xxx	Percent xxx
Total expenditures for family living ²	15,749,105,194	3,327,392,185	6,936,169,715	5,485,542,965	3,308.60	5,070.18	3,212.04	2,821.26	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food.....	3,903,518,816	709,424,517	1,734,204,659	1,519,889,640	832.66	1,081.00	803.09	781.69	25.2	21.4	25.0	27.7
Food and nonalcoholic beverages at home.....	3,405,005,730	601,679,081	1,495,270,268	1,308,056,381	715.33	916.82	692.44	672.74	21.7	18.2	21.6	23.8
Food away from home.....	558,513,086	107,745,436	238,934,391	211,833,259	117.33	164.18	110.65	108.95	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.9
Housing.....	4,133,183,583	975,178,807	1,811,441,649	1,346,563,020	868.31	1,485.95	838.85	692.55	26.3	29.4	26.2	24.5
Shelter.....	1,672,109,086	431,826,653	708,808,914	531,473,519	351.28	658.00	328.24	273.34	10.7	13.0	10.3	9.7
Housefurnishings and equipment.....	1,020,923,688	232,048,671	441,270,079	347,604,843	214.48	353.59	204.35	178.78	6.5	7.0	6.4	6.3
Household operations.....	1,440,150,809	311,303,483	661,362,656	467,484,658	302.55	474.35	306.27	240.43	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.5
Clothing.....	2,034,501,937	415,520,903	939,449,773	670,531,053	427.41	633.16	435.05	349.49	13.0	12.5	13.5	12.4
Women and girls, ages 16 and over.....	677,360,604	140,452,390	311,340,021	225,568,144	142.30	214.02	144.18	116.01	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.1
Girls, ages 2-15.....	204,128,443	44,921,789	90,107,645	69,099,057	42.88	68.45	41.73	35.54	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
Men and boys, ages 16 and over.....	686,890,639	135,979,697	318,817,320	232,093,574	144.30	207.20	147.64	119.37	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.2
Boys, ages 2-15.....	200,737,345	38,911,969	94,620,145	67,305,190	42.17	59.29	43.77	34.62	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.2
Infants and children under 2 years.....	32,916,563	7,749,792	15,500,640	9,666,131	6.92	11.81	7.18	4.97	.2	.2	.2	.2
Material and services.....	232,468,343	47,505,266	109,104,102	75,798,957	48.84	72.39	50.55	38.08	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.4
Transportation.....	1,798,156,703	356,513,730	717,142,530	724,500,443	377.76	543.24	332.10	372.62	11.4	10.7	10.3	13.2
Auto and truck purchase.....	794,671,742	177,142,694	291,633,697	325,895,351	166.95	269.92	135.05	167.61	5.0	5.3	4.2	5.9
Auto and truck upkeep and running expenses.....	922,478,274	157,729,190	397,049,929	367,699,155	193.80	240.34	183.87	189.11	5.9	4.7	5.7	6.7
Other travel and transportation.....	81,006,687	21,641,846	28,458,904	30,905,937	17.02	32.98	13.18	15.00	.5	.7	.4	.6
Medical care.....	1,144,007,641	214,099,307	520,869,866	409,038,468	240.34	326.24	241.21	210.37	7.3	6.4	7.5	7.5
Personal care.....	332,375,470	67,670,142	152,232,548	112,472,762	69.83	103.11	70.50	57.85	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1
Tobacco and alcoholic beverages.....	322,600,056	56,752,349	146,801,257	119,046,450	67.77	86.48	67.98	61.23	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.2
Recreation.....	590,599,734	137,960,193	269,777,535	182,862,006	124.07	210.22	124.93	94.05	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.3
Reading and education.....	207,281,366	50,410,782	94,417,791	62,452,793	43.55	76.81	43.72	32.12	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.1
Miscellaneous.....	289,983,735	60,362,515	134,906,794	94,714,430	60.92	91.98	62.47	48.71	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7
Personal insurance.....	409,467,868	144,464,788	172,569,024	92,434,056	86.02	220.13	79.91	47.54	2.6	4.3	2.5	1.7
Cash gifts and contributions.....	523,428,285	139,034,152	242,356,289	142,037,844	109.96	211.86	112.23	73.05	3.3	4.2	3.5	2.6

¹ For items included in each group see table 2.
² Family living expenditures include all money expenditures or obligations incurred in 1955 for family living purposes, except income taxes, and cash rent for on-farm rental dwellings. Total on-farm cash rental expenditures are included under production expenses.