

FARMERS' EXPENDITURES

TABLE 3.—FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES—TOTAL EXPENDITURES WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION AND AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER FARM, FOR MAJOR GROUPS OF EXPENDITURES, BY ECONOMIC CLASS OF FARM, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1955

Expenditure category	Expenditures all farms			Expenditures by economic class of farm								
	Total (000 dollars)	Average per farm (dollars)	Percent of total (percent)	Class I and II			Classes III to V			Class VI, part-time, and residential farms		
				Total (000 dollars)	Average per farm (dollars)	Percent of total (percent)	Total (000 dollars)	Average per farm (dollars)	Percent of total (percent)	Total (000 dollars)	Average per farm (dollars)	Percent of total (percent)
Total.....	23,814,950	5,093.30	100.0	11,912,889	18,248.16	100.0	9,490,962	4,473.85	100.0	2,411,099	1,268.00	100.0
Cash wages for hired farm labor.....	2,561,623	547.85	10.8	1,710,912	2,620.78	14.4	714,256	336.69	7.5	136,455	71.76	5.7
Machine hire and custom work.....	591,932	126.60	2.5	196,052	300.31	1.6	308,663	145.50	3.3	87,217	45.87	3.6
Livestock and poultry purchased.....	2,593,783	554.73	10.9	1,637,653	2,508.56	13.7	775,412	365.51	8.2	180,718	95.04	7.5
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	4,240,863	906.98	17.8	2,174,672	3,331.17	18.3	1,600,964	754.67	16.9	465,227	244.67	19.3
Seeds, plants, and trees.....	848,576	181.48	3.6	372,591	570.73	3.1	381,838	179.99	4.0	94,147	49.51	3.9
Commercial fertilizer and liming materials.....	1,363,086	291.52	5.7	628,101	962.13	5.3	563,889	285.80	5.9	171,096	89.98	7.1
Petroleum products, farm business share.....	1,767,940	378.11	7.4	666,765	1,021.35	5.6	885,083	417.21	9.3	216,092	113.64	9.0
Repair and other operating costs for motor vehicles and farm machinery.....	1,465,068	313.33	6.2	634,079	971.28	5.3	689,204	324.88	7.3	141,785	74.56	5.9
Marketing costs.....	1,113,555	238.16	4.7	622,635	963.75	5.2	412,589	194.49	4.3	78,331	41.19	3.2
Miscellaneous current operating expenses, not elsewhere included <sup>1</sup> .....	1,682,053	359.74	7.1	863,990	1,323.46	7.2	654,442	308.49	6.9	163,621	86.05	6.8
Cash rent.....	458,314	98.02	1.9	248,228	380.24	2.1	151,658	71.49	1.6	58,428	30.73	2.4
Property taxes, farm business share.....	638,041	136.46	2.7	267,346	409.52	2.2	299,069	140.97	3.2	71,626	37.66	3.0
Interest, farm business share.....	458,443	98.05	1.9	210,622	322.63	1.8	204,852	96.56	2.2	42,969	22.60	1.8
Construction and land improvement <sup>2</sup> .....	1,339,862	286.56	5.6	586,948	899.09	4.9	563,858	265.79	5.9	189,056	99.42	7.8
Purchase of motor vehicles and farm machinery and equipment.....	2,691,811	575.70	11.3	1,092,295	1,673.18	9.2	1,285,185	605.81	13.5	314,331	165.31	13.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes veterinarian services, medicines and disinfectants; grazing fees; livestock services; pesticides; hired trucking other than marketings; irrigation; farm business share of electricity, telephone service, and insurance; hand tools and miscellaneous supplies; miscellaneous farm business expenses.

<sup>2</sup> Includes fencing; farm building repair and remodeling; new building construction; other improvements.