

**Expenditures for Hired Farm Labor, Excluding Contract Labor, by County: 1974**  
(All Farms—County Unit Basis)

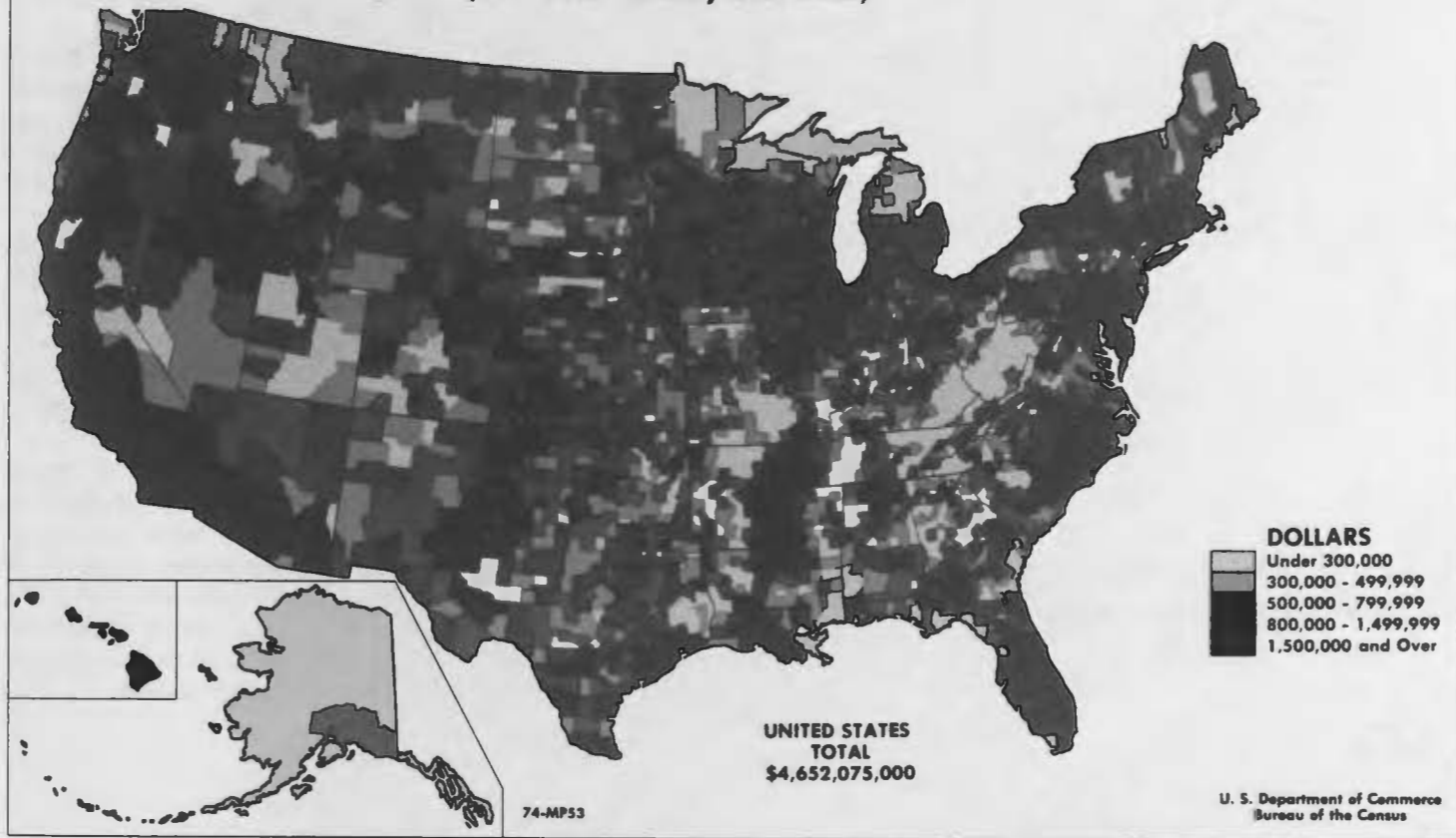


Table 11. Percent of Petroleum Products Expenditures by Value of Sales Group: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Expenditure by value of sales group					Expenditure by type of fuel used				
	Total	Gasoline	Diesel	LP gas, butane, and propane	Motor oil, grease, piped gas, kerosene, and fuel oil	Total	Gasoline	Diesel	LP gas, butane, and propane	Motor oil, grease, piped gas, kerosene, and fuel oil
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	51.7	27.1	9.6	11.6
Value of sales group:										
\$100,000 and over..	35.0	27.4	45.7	44.2	36.8	100.0	40.4	35.3	12.1	12.2
\$40,000 to \$99,999.	29.1	28.2	30.5	32.4	26.8	100.0	50.1	28.5	10.7	10.7
\$20,000 to \$39,999.	16.9	19.3	14.0	13.2	16.2	100.0	59.0	22.4	7.5	11.1
\$10,000 to \$19,999.	9.9	12.7	6.0	5.8	9.7	100.0	66.5	16.4	5.7	11.4
\$5,000 to \$9,999...	5.5	7.5	2.4	2.8	6.1	100.0	70.5	11.8	4.9	12.8
\$2,500 to \$4,999...	3.6	4.9	1.4	1.6	4.4	100.0	71.0	10.5	4.4	14.1

Table 12. Hired Farm Labor Expenditures by Value of Sales Group: 1974

Farms With Sales of \$2,500 and Over	Total value of sales.	Farms	Percent of farms with labor	Labor cost (\$1,000)	Percent of total
Total value of sales.	700,941	41.4	4,566,000	100.0	
\$500,000 and over..	10,934	95.8	1,704,561	37.3	
\$200,000 to \$499,999.....	34,450	86.1	860,200	18.8	
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	72,104	71.3	709,710	15.5	
\$40,000 to \$99,999.	179,247	55.3	756,487	16.6	
\$20,000 to \$39,999.	134,964	41.9	283,006	6.2	
\$10,000 to \$19,999.	105,419	34.0	133,107	2.9	
\$5,000 to \$9,999...	87,434	29.5	66,936	1.5	
\$2,500 to \$4,999...	76,389	26.3	51,992	1.1	

**Machine hire and customwork**—Nearly half of all farms with sales of \$2,500 and over reported machine hire and customwork expenditures. These same farms accounted for over 97 percent of all expenditures for machine hire and customwork. Average cost rose from \$831 in 1969 to \$1,572 in 1974. In 1969, only 5,672 farms reported expenditures of \$10,000 or more; however, in 1974, the number of farms almost tripled;

rising to 14,586. Even though these 14,586 farms represented less than 2 percent of farms reporting machine hire and customwork, they accounted for 31.6 percent of all machine hire and customwork expenditures.

**Agricultural chemicals excluding commercial fertilizer**—In 1969, data for chemicals did not include lime since it was a separate expenditure item in that

census. The 1974 census includes lime with other chemicals. Separate data for lime costs are available in chapter IV.

Although instructions in the chemical section of the data collection form stated that application costs should not be included, it is probable that some were included. In the case of custom application, often the cost of materials cannot be separated from the cost of application.