

Table 3. Farm Production Expenses: 1997 and 1992

[Data are based on a sample of farms. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
Total farm production expenses farms, 1997..	2 458	766	326	1 366
1992..	2 627	780	335	1 512
\$1,000, 1997..	620 297	133 779	29 852	456 666
1992..	448 199	94 528	35 642	318 030
Average per farm dollars, 1997..	252 358	174 646	91 569	334 309
1992..	170 613	121 189	106 394	210 337
Livestock and poultry purchased farms, 1997..	1 122	282	32	808
1992..	1 192	291	33	868
\$1,000, 1997..	63 980	10 221	1 146	52 613
1992..	64 080	7 858	1 470	54 753
Feed for livestock and poultry farms, 1997..	1 405	383	114	908
1992..	1 367	366	88	913
\$1,000, 1997..	363 258	59 201	4 578	299 479
1992..	189 867	27 452	3 206	159 210
Commercially mixed formula feeds farms, 1997..	1 201	312	77	812
1992..	1 161	261	60	840
\$1,000, 1997..	359 239	57 317	4 331	297 591
1992..	180 811	25 450	2 948	152 413
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees farms, 1997..	1 444	493	207	744
1992..	1 745	588	224	933
\$1,000, 1997..	11 554	3 913	1 947	5 693
1992..	10 470	3 570	2 799	4 101
Commercial fertilizer farms, 1997..	1 424	493	201	730
1992..	1 666	573	263	830
\$1,000, 1997..	20 537	7 578	3 268	9 691
1992..	19 838	7 439	3 642	8 757
Agricultural chemicals farms, 1997..	1 426	498	171	757
1992..	1 834	567	234	1 033
\$1,000, 1997..	16 274	5 892	2 035	8 346
1992..	15 272	5 817	1 720	7 735
Petroleum products farms, 1997..	2 170	703	313	1 154
1992..	2 380	732	307	1 341
\$1,000, 1997..	12 659	4 037	1 347	7 274
1992..	10 367	3 520	1 713	5 134
Gasoline and gasohol farms, 1997..	1 900	601	264	1 035
1992..	2 144	662	289	1 193
\$1,000, 1997..	3 572	1 295	369	1 909
1992..	3 146	(D)	(D)	1 742
Diesel fuel farms, 1997..	1 578	572	220	786
1992..	1 616	549	195	872
\$1,000, 1997..	5 460	1 757	656	3 046
1992..	4 712	1 807	655	2 250
Natural gas farms, 1997..	44	9	3	32
1992..	83	13	13	57
\$1,000, 1997..	151	63	29	59
1992..	377	(D)	(D)	97
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. farms, 1997..	1 685	564	206	915
1992..	1 878	573	231	1 074
\$1,000, 1997..	3 475	922	293	2 261
1992..	2 132	612	476	1 045
Electricity farms, 1997..	1 825	538	176	1 111
1992..	1 980	560	222	1 198
\$1,000, 1997..	7 080	1 684	550	4 846
1992..	6 082	1 396	777	3 909
Hired farm labor farms, 1997..	938	284	99	555
1992..	946	234	123	589
\$1,000, 1997..	30 207	11 434	3 794	14 979
1992..	23 911	7 301	5 872	10 738
Contract labor farms, 1997..	277	106	42	129
1992..	314	84	43	187
\$1,000, 1997..	4 083	1 275	721	2 087
1992..	3 674	1 368	1 286	1 020
Repair and maintenance farms, 1997..	2 135	635	283	1 217
1992..	2 280	703	291	1 286
\$1,000, 1997..	19 338	6 250	2 223	10 865
1992..	16 222	5 076	2 774	8 371
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment. farms, 1997..	980	356	75	549
1992..	1 134	366	118	650
\$1,000, 1997..	3 395	1 068	408	1 919
1992..	2 849	871	550	1 428
Interest farms, 1997..	1 273	383	125	765
1992..	1 270	359	122	789
\$1,000, 1997..	17 866	5 632	1 963	10 271
1992..	16 664	5 483	1 656	9 525
Interest paid on debt:				
Secured by real estate farms, 1997..	1 011	305	65	641
1992..	978	258	84	636
\$1,000, 1997..	14 787	4 558	1 546	8 683
1992..	13 084	4 502	1 223	7 359
Not secured by real estate farms, 1997..	547	191	82	274
1992..	622	213	65	344
\$1,000, 1997..	3 079	1 074	416	1 588
1992..	3 580	981	433	2 166
Cash rent farms, 1997..	692	204	104	384
1992..	785	261	71	453
\$1,000, 1997..	12 959	4 731	2 253	5 975
1992..	13 804	5 854	2 359	5 592
Property taxes paid farms, 1997..	2 291	713	285	1 293
1992..	2 491	732	308	1 451
\$1,000, 1997..	4 272	1 446	623	2 203
1992..	3 176	1 025	489	1 662
All other farm production expenses farms, 1997..	2 277	712	267	1 298
1992..	2 409	750	282	1 367
\$1,000, 1997..	32 835	9 416	2 994	20 425
1992..	51 925	10 499	5 332	36 094