

Table 18. Selected Production Expenses and Hired Labor by Value of Sales for the United States: 1998

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	\$1,000,000 or more	\$500,000 to \$999,999	\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$100,000 to \$249,999	\$50,000 to \$99,999	\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$25,000 to \$39,999	\$20,000 to \$24,999	\$10,000 to \$19,999
Plants, seeds, bulbs, and florist and nursery stock:										
Operations.....number,	19,916,	1,745,	1,384,	2,072,	3,903,	3,434,	1,145,	2,465,	1,169,	2,599
Expenses.....\$1,000,	1,614,098,	843,729,	328,835,	162,349,	152,753,	68,466,	14,521,	22,590,	8,664,	12,191
Commercial fertilizer:										
Operations.....number,	21,262,	1,896,	1,505,	2,261,	4,234,	3,626,	1,220,	2,584,	1,243,	2,693
Expenses.....\$1,000,	266,106,	170,874,	28,077,	24,353,	24,322,	9,455,	2,298,	3,447,	1,183,	2,097
Other agricultural chemicals, excluding fertilizer:										
Operations.....number,	20,141,	1,823,	1,426,	2,109,	4,053,	3,418,	1,131,	2,428,	1,185,	2,568
Expenses.....\$1,000,	211,738,	136,969,	22,364,	18,782,	18,958,	7,628,	1,615,	2,728,	1,015,	1,679
Energy for the horticultural production operation:										
Operations.....number,	23,281,	1,987,	1,596,	2,391,	4,621,	4,014,	1,378,	2,998,	1,461,	2,835
Expenses.....\$1,000,	508,865,	284,965,	57,600,	54,396,	61,714,	26,305,	5,943,	9,915,	3,456,	4,572
Hired labor:										
Operations.....number,	19,876,	1,987,	1,596,	2,391,	4,621,	4,014,	994,	1,881,	815,	1,577
Payroll.....\$1,000,	3,603,328,	2,250,311,	394,087,	326,918,	321,246,	221,758,	23,529,	33,846,	10,960,	20,674

Table 19. Selected Production Expenses and Hired Labor by Kind of Business for the United States: 1998 - Con.

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Kind of business	Plants, seeds, bulbs, and florist and nursery stock	Commercial fertilizer	Other agricultural chemicals, excluding fertilizer	Energy for the horticultural production operation	Hired Labor
	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Payroll
	Operations, (\$1,000)	Operations, (\$1,000)	Operations, (\$1,000)	Operations, (\$1,000)	Operations, (\$1,000)
Total.....	19,916, 1,614,098,	21,262, 266,106,	20,141, 211,738,	23,281, 508,865,	19,876, 3,603,328
Annual bedding/garden plants.....	5,984, 346,273,	5,783, 26,073,	5,169, 23,570,	6,240, 122,536,	5,273, 613,252
Herbaceous perennial plants.....	973, 52,364,	965, 4,368,	854, 4,147,	1,031, 10,958,	888, 99,573
Potted flowering plants.....	833, 160,263,	881, 12,200,	811, 13,566,	929, 38,644,	807, 212,857
Foliage plants.....	766, 94,080,	869, 12,680,	812, 9,515,	916, 17,625,	818, 157,099
Cut flowers.....	895, 67,591,	1,100, 15,773,	1,015, 16,475,	1,127, 33,108,	953, 188,711
Cut cultivated greens.....	98, 6,395,	352, 4,473,	334, 6,376,	359, 3,846,	310, 48,015
Nursery plants.....	4,671, 392,871,	5,159, 71,201,	4,981, 59,092,	5,593, 94,470,	4,918, 1,172,682
Unfinished plants and propagation materials.....	475, 49,227,	561, 6,942,	523, 6,337,	593, 16,343,	521, 141,084
Turfgrass sod, sprigs, or plugs.....	722, 210,267,	1,070, 42,800,	981, 31,095,	1,087, 33,465,	1,026, 222,718
Dried bulbs, corms, rhizomes, or tubers.....	80, 2,387,	110, 1,267,	99, 2,056,	116, 1,766,	83, 17,630
Cultivated mushrooms.....	192, 35,784,	141, 35,226,	155, 5,970,	254, 54,861,	230, 312,178
Greenhouse produced food crops.....	528, 17,062,	469, 5,344,	368, 3,772,	556, 18,070,	435, 59,768
Transplants for commercial production...	95, 11,904,	109, 2,369,	101, 5,975,	116, 6,752,	109, 38,627
Vegetable seeds.....	298, 9,161,	367, 6,242,	354, 5,676,	380, 4,044,	308, 26,787
Flower seeds.....	47, 4,244,	45, 1,073,	48, 895,	56, 1,154,	45, 4,428
Aquatic plants.....	72, 2,503,	76, 219,	62, 138,	93, 580,	73, 8,929
Cut Christmas trees.....	1,793, 15,078,	1,800, 5,006,	2,193, 7,103,	2,364, 12,288,	1,760, 69,391
Other.....	1,394, 136,642,	1,405, 12,852,	1,281, 9,981,	1,471, 38,354,	1,319, 209,599