

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	3,603,812	2,250,486	394,094	327,011	321,370	221,798	23,535	33,874	10,963	20,685

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

[Each operation was classified into a kind of business. This classification was based on the commodity that accounted for 50 percent or more of the operation's total sales. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

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	
	Opera- tions	Expenses (\$1,000)	Opera- tions	Expenses (\$1,000)	Opera- tions	Expenses (\$1,000)	Opera- tions	Expenses (\$1,000)	Opera- tions	Payroll (\$1,000)
Total.....	19,916	1,614,098	21,262	266,106	20,141	211,738	23,281	508,865	19,876	3,603,812
Annual bedding/garden plants.....	5,984	346,273	5,783	26,073	5,169	23,570	6,240	122,536	5,273	613,375
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	212,889
Foliage plants.....	766	94,080	869	12,680	812	9,515	916	17,625	818	157,138
Cut flowers.....	895	67,591	1,100	15,773	1,015	16,475	1,127	33,108	953	188,701
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	1,172,894
Unfinished plants and propagation materials.....	475	49,227	561	6,942	523	6,337	593	16,343	521	141,090
Turfgrass sod, sprigs, or plugs.....	722	210,267	1,070	42,800	981	31,095	1,087	33,465	1,026	222,756
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	59,769
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	69,389
Other.....	1,394	136,642	1,405	12,852	1,281	9,981	1,471	38,354	1,319	209,644