

**Table 3. Farm Production Expenses: 1997 and 1992**

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Item	Vermont	Addison	Bennington	Caledonia	Chittenden	Essex	Franklin
Total farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	5 806	681	170	451	454	79	738
1992..	5 438	684	155	429	406	74	727
\$1,000, 1997..	371 207	90 470	6 282	21 627	19 668	5 593	78 892
1992..	340 482	76 433	6 009	19 317	18 377	5 221	74 338
Average per farm . . . . . dollars, 1997..	63 935	132 849	36 950	47 954	43 321	70 795	106 899
1992..	62 612	111 744	38 769	45 028	45 262	70 560	102 253
Livestock and poultry purchased . . . . . farms, 1997..	1 911	196	53	154	103	27	386
1992..	2 060	296	40	149	126	31	424
\$1,000, 1997..	24 005	6 908	324	1 483	721	196	6 512
1992..	21 278	4 427	220	1 105	622	271	6 839
Feed for livestock and poultry . . . . . farms, 1997..	3 498	442	95	257	239	41	555
1992..	3 937	532	88	303	241	50	608
\$1,000, 1997..	119 251	30 341	1 658	7 527	5 552	1 787	28 174
1992..	108 490	24 354	1 466	6 350	4 858	1 845	26 772
Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . . farms, 1997..	2 766	380	68	229	169	35	461
1992..	2 853	404	49	236	153	38	513
\$1,000, 1997..	91 019	23 149	776	6 410	4 337	1 531	22 043
1992..	78 825	15 526	841	4 324	3 540	1 270	21 592
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees . . . . . farms, 1997..	2 024	351	69	108	155	25	318
1992..	2 351	421	71	112	171	31	409
\$1,000, 1997..	5 205	1 378	143	258	450	86	851
1992..	4 100	1 076	129	113	376	117	746
Commercial fertilizer . . . . . farms, 1997..	2 708	359	85	209	145	43	418
1992..	3 127	444	81	217	215	52	511
\$1,000, 1997..	9 800	2 148	145	500	457	160	2 388
1992..	10 887	2 455	229	567	563	159	2 429
Agricultural chemicals . . . . . farms, 1997..	1 761	268	62	87	129	24	302
1992..	1 979	330	56	127	153	30	325
\$1,000, 1997..	4 131	1 159	126	135	262	82	776
1992..	3 402	966	160	125	229	54	599
Petroleum products . . . . . farms, 1997..	5 489	655	159	403	418	77	678
1992..	5 046	636	144	413	385	74	677
\$1,000, 1997..	13 005	2 958	262	858	703	226	2 163
1992..	12 369	2 591	244	833	793	185	2 191
Gasoline and gasohol . . . . . farms, 1997..	4 353	517	132	334	346	61	561
1992..	4 189	505	112	375	301	67	526
\$1,000, 1997..	4 151	792	106	352	216	70	618
1992..	4 073	734	85	276	289	64	609
Diesel fuel . . . . . farms, 1997..	4 128	552	107	322	255	58	503
1992..	3 773	527	70	295	314	59	547
\$1,000, 1997..	6 333	1 604	108	384	360	104	1 152
1992..	5 984	1 428	118	356	340	93	1 165
Natural gas . . . . . farms, 1997..	83	5	1	15	6	4	9
1992..	119	9	3	14	12	3	23
\$1,000, 1997..	83	10	(D)	10	(D)	2	9
1992..	86	11	1	7	6	1	13
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. . . . . farms, 1997..	4 048	553	112	299	281	66	559
1992..	4 034	532	99	347	318	65	594
\$1,000, 1997..	2 438	552	(D)	112	(D)	50	384
1992..	2 226	418	40	194	157	27	404
Electricity . . . . . farms, 1997..	4 242	528	108	333	314	58	603
1992..	4 411	577	110	330	333	58	700
\$1,000, 1997..	11 665	2 644	188	671	686	132	2 678
1992..	11 755	2 387	194	641	635	139	2 735
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	2 485	338	66	210	160	36	441
1992..	2 508	367	39	189	173	40	444
\$1,000, 1997..	43 304	10 268	1 055	2 033	3 173	557	7 885
1992..	38 323	8 974	893	1 929	2 896	564	6 981
Contract labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	667	96	17	44	41	7	84
1992..	556	74	10	21	35	7	68
\$1,000, 1997..	2 559	458	34	99	142	32	624
1992..	2 359	699	52	73	138	44	362
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms, 1997..	4 956	573	128	389	399	68	635
1992..	4 792	626	125	350	348	63	668
\$1,000, 1997..	25 929	5 823	678	1 620	1 358	474	4 918
1992..	24 027	5 246	485	1 259	1 549	319	4 289
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment. . . . . farms, 1997..	1 529	274	21	104	71	24	323
1992..	1 587	219	28	98	108	19	316
\$1,000, 1997..	6 505	2 058	24	176	226	69	1 822
1992..	4 913	1 120	25	173	430	36	1 143
Interest . . . . . farms, 1997..	2 363	396	48	215	135	36	397
1992..	2 691	390	40	203	172	35	499
\$1,000, 1997..	23 753	5 508	283	1 520	1 368	408	5 074
1992..	23 441	5 100	308	1 575	1 079	378	5 157
Interest paid on debt: Secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	1 785	305	27	170	112	32	327
1992..	2 039	301	28	139	118	28	398
\$1,000, 1997..	17 601	3 959	184	1 148	1 096	283	3 736
1992..	17 269	3 762	114	1 093	821	263	3 790
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	1 287	225	25	114	59	23	189
1992..	1 464	212	25	142	94	24	245
\$1,000, 1997..	6 152	1 549	99	372	272	125	1 338
1992..	6 172	1 338	194	482	252	115	1 367
Cash rent . . . . . farms, 1997..	1 566	294	25	124	77	21	213
1992..	1 630	270	30	124	109	22	245
\$1,000, 1997..	6 224	1 998	98	309	379	37	1 150
1992..	5 372	1 395	134	221	347	74	1 010
Property taxes paid . . . . . farms, 1997..	5 395	623	153	437	416	76	710
1992..	5 104	643	142	420	370	72	697
\$1,000, 1997..	19 328	3 005	430	1 291	1 717	243	2 721
1992..	16 432	2 891	399	1 096	1 333	168	2 205
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	5 184	636	141	397	387	71	685
1992..	5 054	650	137	389	378	71	685
\$1,000, 1997..	56 541	13 817	834	3 148	2 474	1 104	11 156
1992..	53 334	12 754	1 072	3 258	2 529	866	10 879

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Total farm production expenses ..... farms, 1997..	107	297	534	568	527	341	304	555
..... 1992..	108	228	482	550	493	329	270	503
..... \$1,000, 1997..	7 651	11 451	19 221	45 813	22 350	13 097	15 685	13 409
..... 1992..	7 934	11 330	20 003	43 324	22 802	10 845	11 662	12 888
Average per farm ..... dollars, 1997..	71 504	38 555	35 994	80 657	42 409	38 406	51 597	24 160
..... 1992..	73 463	49 692	41 501	78 771	46 251	32 963	43 191	25 623
Livestock and poultry purchased ..... farms, 1997..	43	102	193	210	166	59	82	137
..... 1992..	44	93	136	244	153	93	81	150
..... \$1,000, 1997..	283	671	882	3 176	1 419	302	585	543
..... 1992..	410	954	852	2 620	1 101	662	616	578
Feed for livestock and poultry ..... farms, 1997..	63	172	312	391	312	183	133	303
..... 1992..	72	174	342	459	350	208	141	369
..... \$1,000, 1997..	2 122	3 587	5 530	16 718	6 339	4 054	3 268	2 594
..... 1992..	2 162	3 573	6 424	15 951	6 560	2 884	2 457	2 835
Commercially mixed formula feeds ..... farms, 1997..	42	129	245	320	262	144	96	186
..... 1992..	55	123	244	392	228	136	72	210
..... \$1,000, 1997..	1 759	2 897	4 212	11 990	5 376	2 834	2 054	1 651
..... 1992..	1 542	2 577	5 035	11 874	5 362	2 359	1 110	1 873
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees ..... farms, 1997..	57	80	175	180	227	79	93	107
..... 1992..	46	100	151	222	241	121	99	156
..... \$1,000, 1997..	193	122	213	380	596	164	227	145
..... 1992..	95	167	282	204	308	131	156	201
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms, 1997..	49	114	245	281	267	115	144	234
..... 1992..	57	137	263	332	266	129	173	250
..... \$1,000, 1997..	139	326	499	1 165	673	286	587	327
..... 1992..	192	419	602	1 251	829	319	490	383
Agricultural chemicals ..... farms, 1997..	51	66	139	151	224	63	98	97
..... 1992..	48	80	132	104	219	127	129	119
..... \$1,000, 1997..	151	112	138	298	282	118	386	108
..... 1992..	124	79	142	164	313	81	263	104
Petroleum products ..... farms, 1997..	103	285	528	554	488	317	293	531
..... 1992..	97	201	450	516	447	291	246	469
..... \$1,000, 1997..	368	470	750	1 661	930	464	563	629
..... 1992..	300	491	783	1 447	975	373	447	716
Gasoline and gasohol ..... farms, 1997..	84	203	437	450	366	232	227	403
..... 1992..	83	183	379	447	346	258	188	419
..... \$1,000, 1997..	72	180	297	521	341	131	184	272
..... 1992..	79	177	314	467	314	139	185	338
Diesel fuel ..... farms, 1997..	80	206	381	448	369	239	214	394
..... 1992..	86	124	352	437	331	194	155	282
..... \$1,000, 1997..	128	209	283	851	408	243	277	220
..... 1992..	166	207	330	753	483	162	157	226
Natural gas ..... farms, 1997..	1	5	6	15	5	1	6	4
..... 1992..	3	2	2	20	7	1	10	10
..... \$1,000, 1997..	(D)	3	9	6	6	(D)	3	(Z)
..... 1992..	(D)	(D)	(D)	9	23	(D)	2	4
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. .... farms, 1997..	90	203	381	436	351	171	187	359
..... 1992..	84	161	341	464	331	196	182	320
..... \$1,000, 1997..	(D)	77	160	282	176	(D)	100	137
..... 1992..	(D)	(D)	(D)	217	155	(D)	103	147
Electricity ..... farms, 1997..	77	221	389	462	372	203	206	368
..... 1992..	90	159	380	480	407	221	210	356
..... \$1,000, 1997..	334	383	665	1 271	754	460	394	406
..... 1992..	269	419	733	1 550	847	348	375	483
Hired farm labor ..... farms, 1997..	60	112	182	253	184	122	107	214
..... 1992..	57	114	211	338	179	87	119	151
..... \$1,000, 1997..	1 203	1 171	2 053	4 352	2 477	1 576	3 297	2 205
..... 1992..	1 064	1 232	2 263	3 649	2 361	1 614	2 371	1 533
Contract labor ..... farms, 1997..	9	29	85	68	67	54	44	22
..... 1992..	15	19	40	84	66	52	30	35
..... \$1,000, 1997..	37	102	197	274	130	127	264	40
..... 1992..	67	40	99	274	128	85	161	137
Repair and maintenance ..... farms, 1997..	90	250	463	510	443	284	274	450
..... 1992..	89	192	419	520	460	266	245	421
..... \$1,000, 1997..	571	734	1 466	3 068	1 781	1 146	1 035	1 258
..... 1992..	614	831	1 615	3 057	1 822	902	898	1 139
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment. .... farms, 1997..	24	98	151	163	116	42	49	69
..... 1992..	26	58	150	256	114	82	56	57
..... \$1,000, 1997..	85	264	350	599	330	238	128	137
..... 1992..	93	142	326	838	219	149	75	146
Interest ..... farms, 1997..	42	107	202	307	172	117	73	116
..... 1992..	57	131	167	372	222	116	121	166
..... \$1,000, 1997..	480	699	1 201	3 679	1 333	744	732	725
..... 1992..	643	691	994	3 861	1 390	589	629	1 048
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate ..... farms, 1997..	33	80	142	235	129	73	54	66
..... 1992..	51	93	120	320	159	82	87	115
..... \$1,000, 1997..	344	569	930	2 741	932	573	518	590
..... 1992..	538	538	735	2 949	1 020	434	422	791
Not secured by real estate ..... farms, 1997..	22	48	116	159	100	91	45	71
..... 1992..	21	53	97	201	118	85	58	89
..... \$1,000, 1997..	136	130	271	938	401	171	214	135
..... 1992..	105	153	259	912	370	155	208	257
Cash rent ..... farms, 1997..	36	54	139	179	161	87	64	92
..... 1992..	50	84	133	218	141	54	41	109
..... \$1,000, 1997..	180	190	318	603	367	183	243	170
..... 1992..	215	173	266	640	459	92	169	177
Property taxes paid ..... farms, 1997..	106	282	489	527	460	326	273	517
..... 1992..	100	217	450	533	448	300	257	455
..... \$1,000, 1997..	355	931	1 383	1 707	1 806	1 109	977	1 654
..... 1992..	426	516	1 505	1 264	1 607	858	732	1 431
All other farm production expenses ..... farms, 1997..	99	268	481	504	420	295	290	510
..... 1992..	103	205	441	539	493	298	244	421
..... \$1,000, 1997..	1 151	1 690	3 576	6 865	3 133	2 128	2 999	2 467
..... 1992..	1 260	1 603	3 118	6 555	3 881	1 757	1 824	1 977