

Table 3. Farm Production Expenses: 2002 and 1997

[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, 2002	2,391	722	356	1,313
	1997	2,670	832	355	1,483
	\$1,000, 2002	471,674	100,412	28,838	342,424
	1997	686,028	142,633	31,395	512,000
Average per farm	dollars, 2002	197,271	139,074	81,007	260,795
	1997	256,939	171,433	88,436	345,246
Fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners purchased ¹	farms, 2002	1,424	455	227	742
	1997	1,480	520	194	766
	\$1,000, 2002	23,780	8,743	3,243	11,794
	1997	20,606	7,580	3,268	9,757
Chemicals purchased	farms, 2002	1,423	410	173	840
	1997	1,484	527	172	785
	\$1,000, 2002	15,174	4,212	1,842	9,120
	1997	16,447	5,889	2,162	8,395
Seeds, plants, vines, and trees	farms, 2002	1,196	339	174	683
	1997	1,498	514	211	773
	\$1,000, 2002	18,135	5,371	3,008	9,757
	1997	11,591	3,921	1,942	5,729
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 2002	1,039	223	67	749
	1997	1,226	304	32	890
	\$1,000, 2002	55,182	13,172	253	41,757
	1997	70,407	11,043	1,294	58,070
Breeding livestock purchased (see text)	farms, 2002	158	73	13	72
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	\$1,000, 2002	444	196	35	214
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other livestock and poultry purchased	farms, 2002	928	155	61	712
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	\$1,000, 2002	54,738	12,976	219	41,543
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed purchased	farms, 2002	1,540	420	166	954
	1997	1,553	415	133	1,005
	\$1,000, 2002	207,528	33,008	1,678	172,842
	1997	415,739	66,114	5,439	344,186
Gasoline, fuels, and oils	farms, 2002	2,339	685	342	1,312
	1997	2,325	749	328	1,248
	\$1,000, 2002	21,131	3,123	1,228	16,780
	1997	12,974	4,104	1,344	7,526
Utilities (see text)	farms, 2002	1,690	440	182	1,068
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	\$1,000, 2002	11,822	2,080	713	9,029
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Supplies, repairs, and maintenance	farms, 2002	2,195	613	294	1,288
	1997	2,267	669	290	1,308
	\$1,000, 2002	25,183	5,072	3,053	17,057
	1997	20,070	6,367	2,297	11,407
Hired farm labor	farms, 2002	891	181	104	606
	1997	1,004	299	105	600
	\$1,000, 2002	31,579	7,042	5,089	19,448
	1997	30,819	11,561	3,862	15,396
Contract labor	farms, 2002	190	35	12	143
	1997	307	116	52	139
	\$1,000, 2002	2,818	431	590	1,797
	1997	4,151	1,322	726	2,103
Customwork and custom hauling	farms, 2002	485	99	75	311
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	\$1,000, 2002	2,839	456	222	2,161
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cash rent for land, buildings, and grazing fees ²	farms, 2002	737	202	115	420
	1997	718	215	106	397
	\$1,000, 2002	16,584	5,590	3,103	7,891
	1997	13,281	4,770	2,376	6,134
Rent and lease expenses for machinery, equipment, and farm share of vehicles	farms, 2002	222	80	26	116
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	\$1,000, 2002	3,537	1,410	546	1,581
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Interest expense	farms, 2002	1,024	300	75	649
	1997	1,376	409	121	846
	\$1,000, 2002	14,025	3,877	1,200	8,948
	1997	19,115	5,849	1,973	11,294
Secured by real estate	farms, 2002	843	205	54	584
	1997	1,100	324	61	715
	\$1,000, 2002	10,769	2,381	993	7,396
	1997	15,884	4,709	1,553	9,622
Not secured by real estate	farms, 2002	435	148	38	249
	1997	581	205	83	293
	\$1,000, 2002	3,255	1,496	207	1,552
	1997	3,231	1,140	420	1,671
Property taxes paid	farms, 2002	2,194	666	293	1,235
	1997	2,489	771	314	1,404
	\$1,000, 2002	4,556	1,411	746	2,399
	1997	4,575	1,501	689	2,385
All other production expenses (see text)	farms, 2002	1,677	475	189	1,013
	1997	2,445	766	275	1,404
	\$1,000, 2002	17,803	5,416	2,324	10,063
	1997	35,134	9,780	3,038	22,316
Depreciation expenses claimed (see text)	farms, 2002	1,061	253	144	664
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	\$1,000, 2002	28,682	6,865	2,559	19,257
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data for 1997 do not include lime and manure.

² Data for 1997 do not include grazing fees.