

# *U.S. FARMS*



**Harrowing land and planting corn, Jasper County, Iowa, May 1940**

## Historical Overview of the Number of Farms and Farm Size in the United States

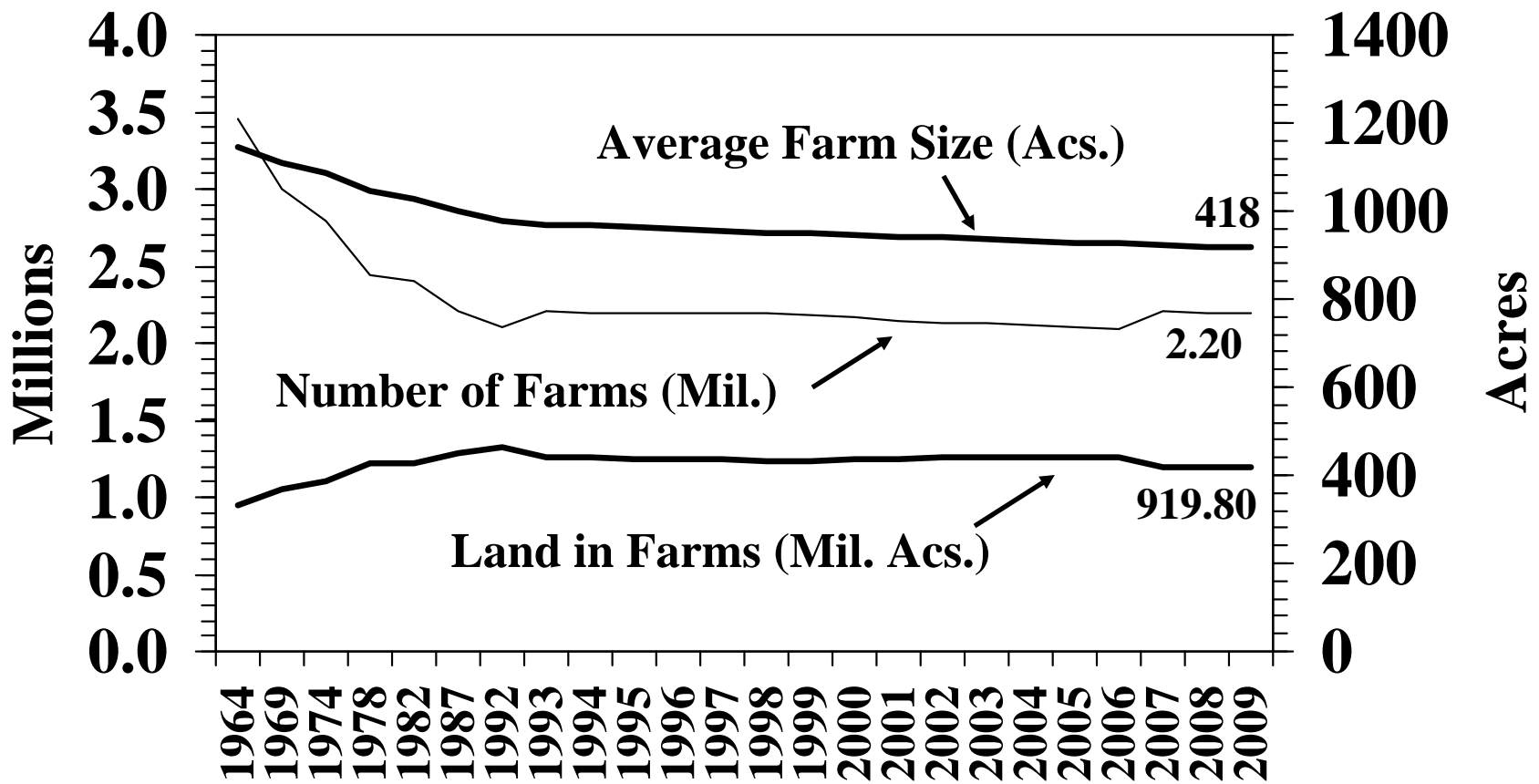
Variable	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Number of farms	2,200,010	2,200,100	2,204,950	2,088,790	2,098,690	2,112,970	2,126,860	2,135,360	2,148,630	2,166,780	2,187,280
Land in farms (000 acres)	919,800	919,910	921,460	925,790	927,940	932,260	936,750	940,300	942,070	945,080	948,460
Average farm size (acs)	418	418	418	443	442	441	440	440	438	436	434
<b>Number of Farms by Size in Acres:</b>											
1-49	--	--	853,132	--	--	--	--	743,118	--	--	--
50-179	--	--	660,530	--	--	--	--	658,705	--	--	--
180-499	--	--	368,368	--	--	--	--	388,617	--	--	--
500-999	--	--	149,713	--	--	--	--	161,552	--	--	--
1,000 or more	--	--	173,049	--	--	--	--	176,990	--	--	--

Variable	1998	1997	1996	1995	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Number of farms	2,192,330	2,190,510	2,190,500	2,196,400	2,107,840	2,213,000	2,407,000	2,436,000	2,795,000	3,000,000	3,457,000
Land in farms (000 acres)	952,080	956,010	958,675	962,515	978,503	998,923	1,027,795	1,044,790	1,084,433	1,107,811	1,146,106
Average farm size (acs)	434	436	438	438	464	451	427	429	388	369	332
<b>Number of Farms by Size in Acres:</b>											
1-49	--	736,292	--	--	554,207	595,694	636,917	542,787	507,797	635,576	820,015
50-179	--	694,489	--	--	584,146	644,849	711,652	759,047	827,884	1,001,706	1,175,370
180-499	--	428,215	--	--	427,648	478,294	526,510	581,631	616,098	726,363	806,743
500-999	--	179,447	--	--	186,387	200,058	203,925	213,209	207,297	215,659	210,437
1,000 or more	--	177,433	--	--	172,912	168,864	161,972	161,101	154,937	150,946	145,292

Source: Don E. Albrecht. "The Changing Texas Agriculture: An Overview of the 1987 Census of Agriculture", Departmental Technical Report No. 90-2, Department of Rural Sociology, TAES, The Texas A&M University System, College Station, Texas, 1990. Number of Farms and Land in Farms, USDA publication, February 2010.

"2007 Census of Agriculture" Highlights of Agriculture for United States. NOTE: Number of Farms by Size in Acres Data Not Available for 1995-1996, 1998-2001, 2003-2006, 2008-2009. 2009 numbers preliminary.

# Historical Overview of the Number of Farms and Average Farm Size in the United States 1964 - 2009



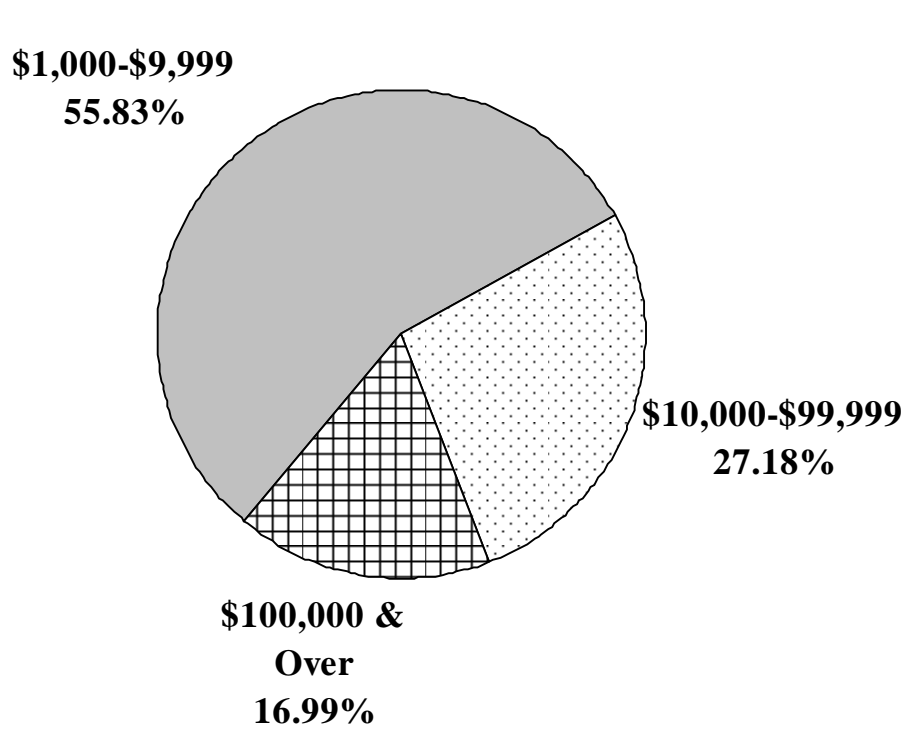
**U.S.: Number of Farms and Land in Farms  
by Economic Sales Class**

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms	Percent of Total Farms	Land in Farms	Percent of Total Land
	Number	%	(000 acres)	%
2009				
\$1,000-\$9,999 .....	1,228,200	55.83	105,480	11.47
\$10,000-\$99,999 .....	597,980	27.18	226,900	24.67
\$100,000-\$249,000 ....	149,490	6.79	148,000	16.09
\$250,000-\$499,999 ....	99,620	4.53	149,435	16.25
\$500,000 & Over .....	124,720	5.67	289,985	31.53
Total	2,200,010	100.00	919,800	100.00
2008				
\$1,000-\$9,999 .....	1,222,100	55.55	106,700	11.60
\$10,000-\$99,999 .....	604,500	27.48	225,310	24.49
\$100,000-\$249,000 ....	149,000	6.77	151,300	16.45
\$250,000-\$499,999 ....	98,500	4.48	143,545	15.60
\$500,000 & Over .....	126,000	5.73	293,055	31.86
Total	2,200,100	100.00	919,910	100.00
2007				
\$1,000-\$9,999 .....	1,228,560	55.72	107,870	11.71
\$10,000-\$99,999 .....	608,670	27.60	228,220	24.77
\$100,000-\$249,000 ....	150,300	6.82	153,407	16.65
\$250,000-\$499,999 ....	97,230	4.41	145,725	15.81
\$500,000 & Over .....	120,190	5.45	286,238	31.06
Total	2,204,950	100.00	921,460	100.00

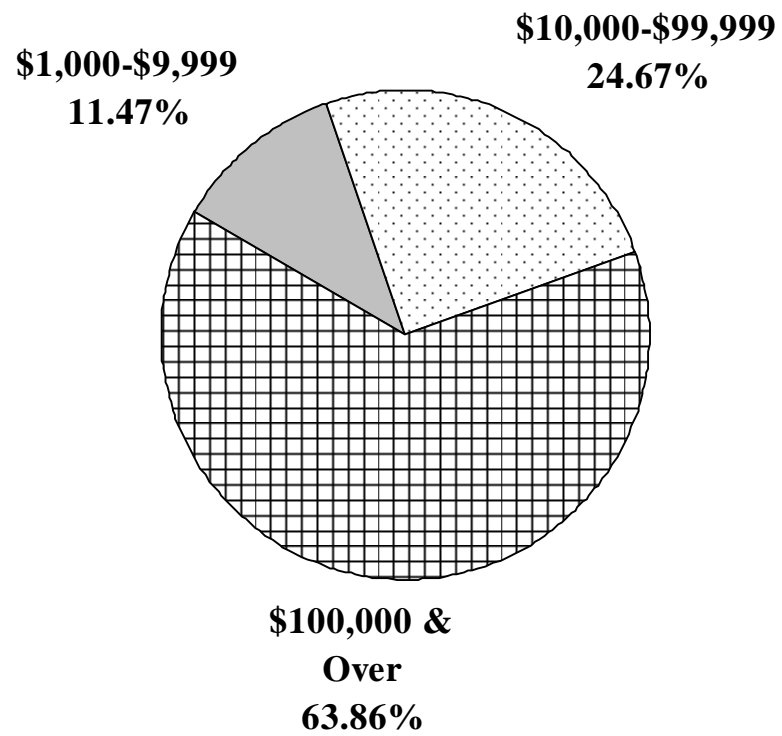
Source: USDA, "Farm Numbers and Land in Farms, February 2010.  
Numbers may not add due to rounding.

# Number of Farms and Land in Farms by Farm Sales Categories in the U.S., 2009

## (% Distribution)



**Number of Farms (%)**



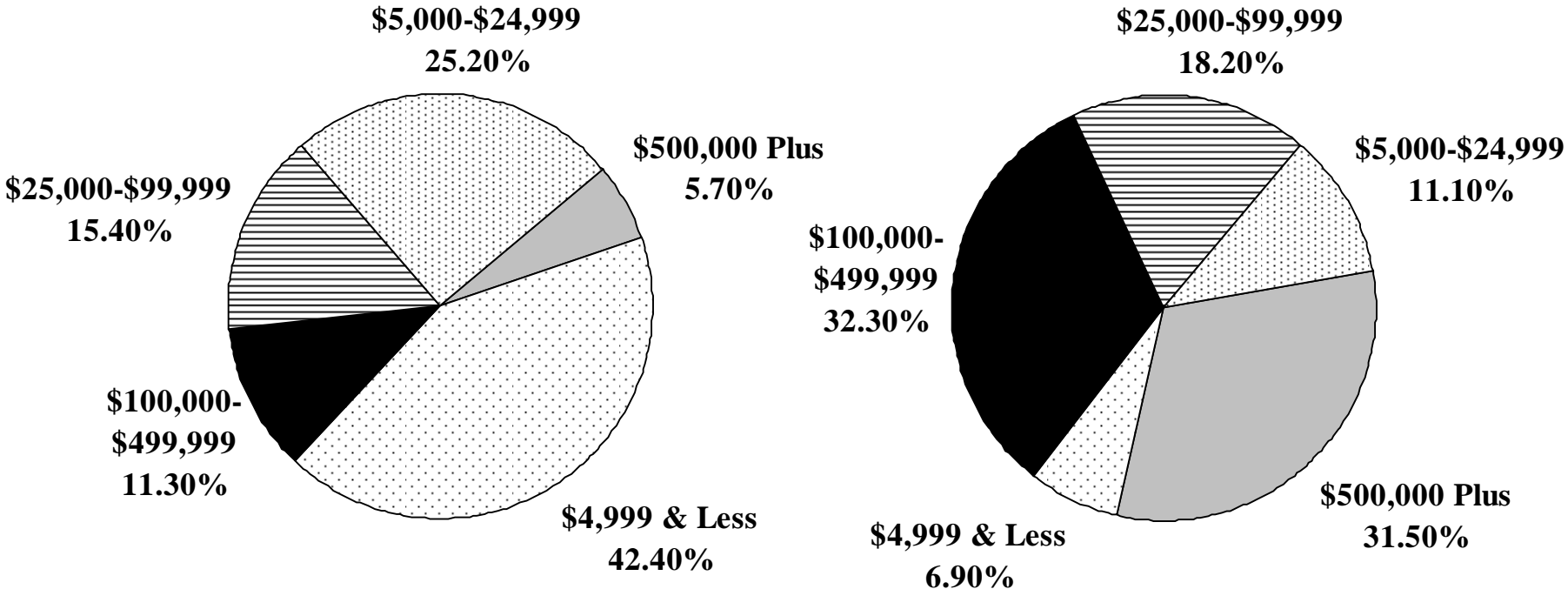
**Land in Farms (%)**

**Percent of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Size Farm: By Economic Sales Class,  
United States. 2007 - 2009**

Economic Sales Class	Percent of Total		Average Size Farm (Acres)
	Farms	Land in Farms	
	2009		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	28.0	3.7	55
\$2,500 - \$4,999	14.4	3.2	93
\$5,000 - \$9,999	13.4	4.6	143
\$10,000 - \$24,999	11.8	6.5	230
\$25,000 - \$49,999	8.0	7.8	408
\$50,000 - \$99,999	7.4	10.4	588
\$100,000 - \$249,999	6.8	16.1	991
\$250,000 - \$499,999	4.5	16.2	1,506
\$500,000 - \$999,999	3.4	15.4	1,895
\$1,000,000 +	2.3	16.1	2,936
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	418
	2008		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	27.8	4.0	60
\$2,500 - \$4,999	14.4	3.3	96
\$5,000 - \$9,999	13.3	4.3	135
\$10,000 - \$24,999	12.1	6.8	235
\$25,000 - \$49,999	8.0	7.4	387
\$50,000 - \$99,999	7.4	10.3	582
\$100,000 - \$249,999	6.8	16.4	1,010
\$250,000 - \$499,999	4.5	15.6	1,452
\$500,000 - \$999,999	3.4	15.4	1,897
\$1,000,000 +	2.3	16.5	3,004
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	418
	2007		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	26.8	3.5	55
\$2,500 - \$4,999	15.4	3.2	87
\$5,000 - \$9,999	13.5	5.0	155
\$10,000 - \$19,999	12.5	6.9	230
\$20,000 - \$39,999	8.1	7.0	361
\$40,000 - \$99,999	7.0	10.9	650
\$100,000 - \$249,999	6.8	16.6	1,022
\$250,000 - \$499,999	4.4	15.8	1,503
\$500,000 - \$999,999	3.3	15.0	1,903
\$1,000,000 +	2.2	16.1	3,064
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	418

SOURCE: "Farms and Land in Farms", USDA/NASS, February 2010.  
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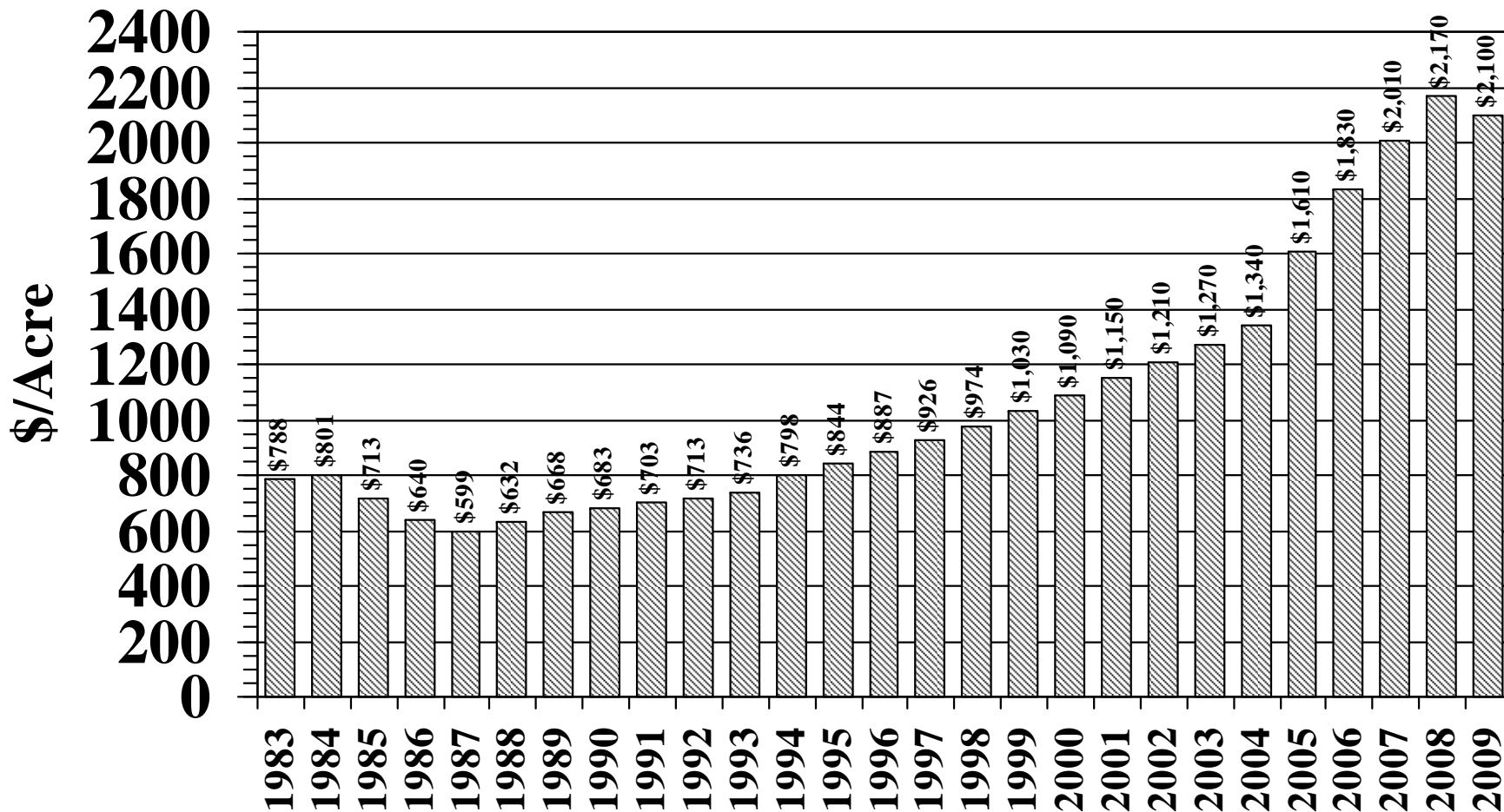
# Percent of Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, United States, 2009



**Number of Farms (%)**

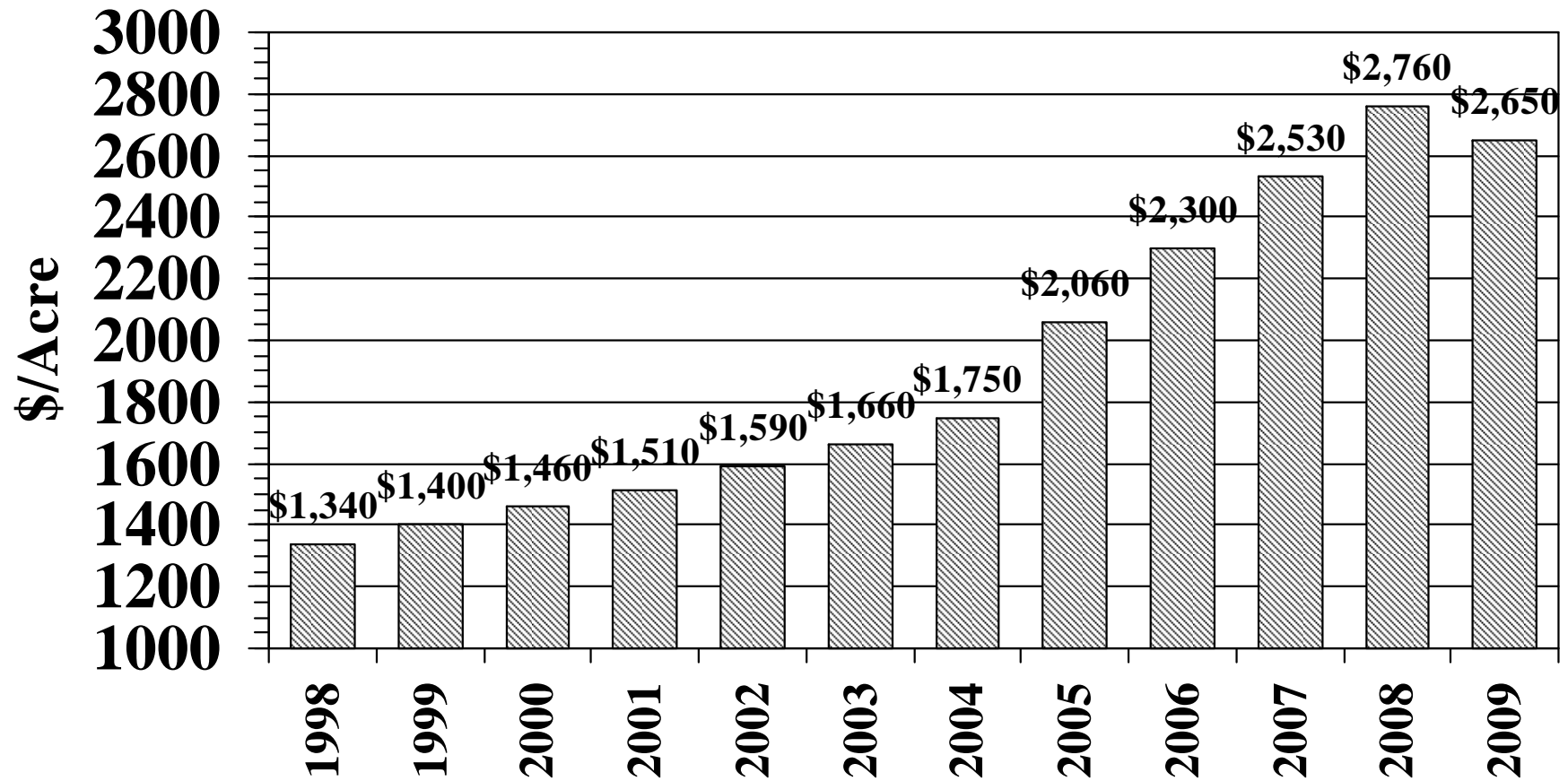
**Land in Farms (%)**

# U.S. Average Farm Real Estate Value Dollars Per Acre, 1983 - 2009

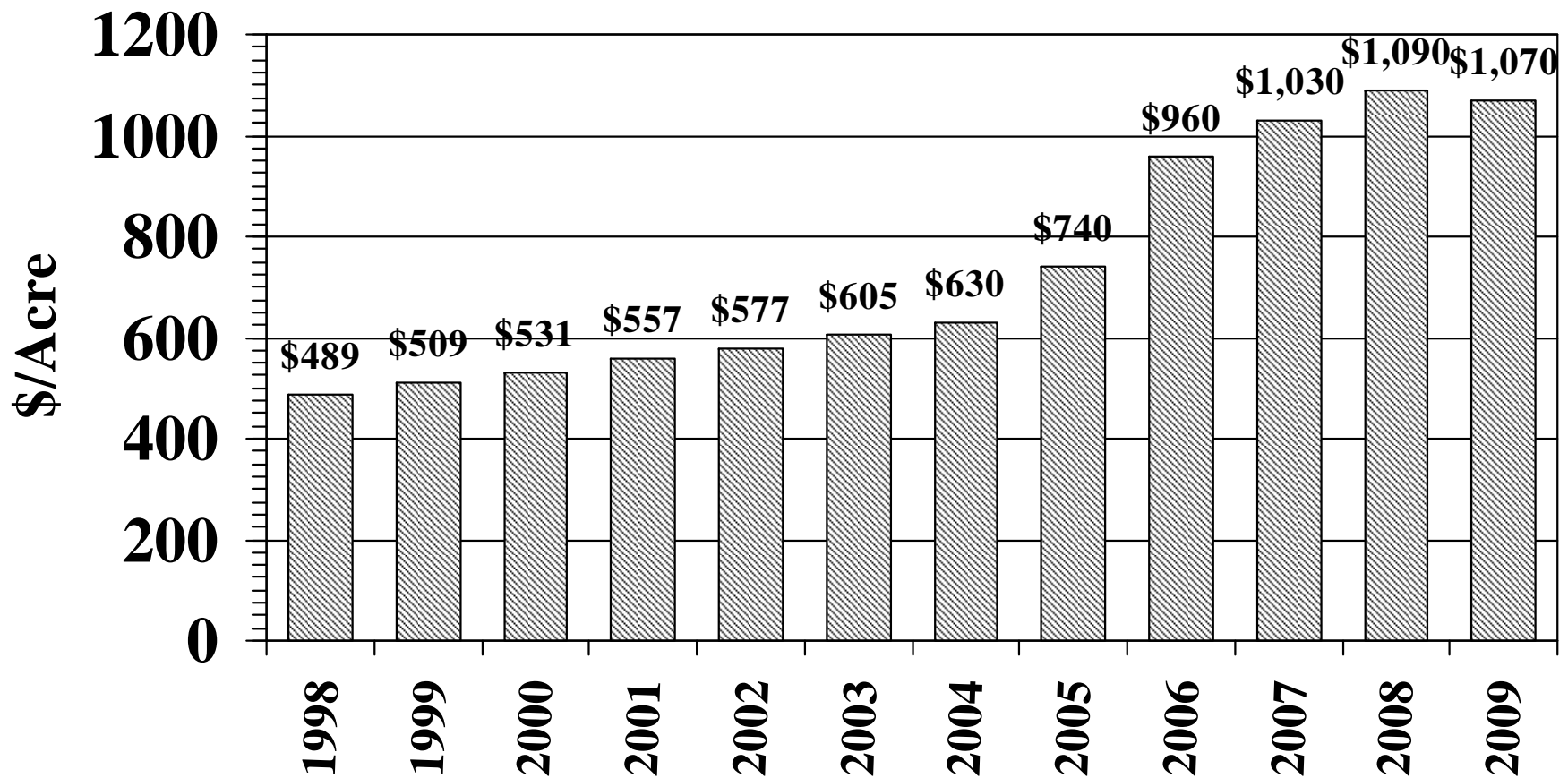




# U.S. Average Cropland Value Dollars Per Acre, 1998 - 2009

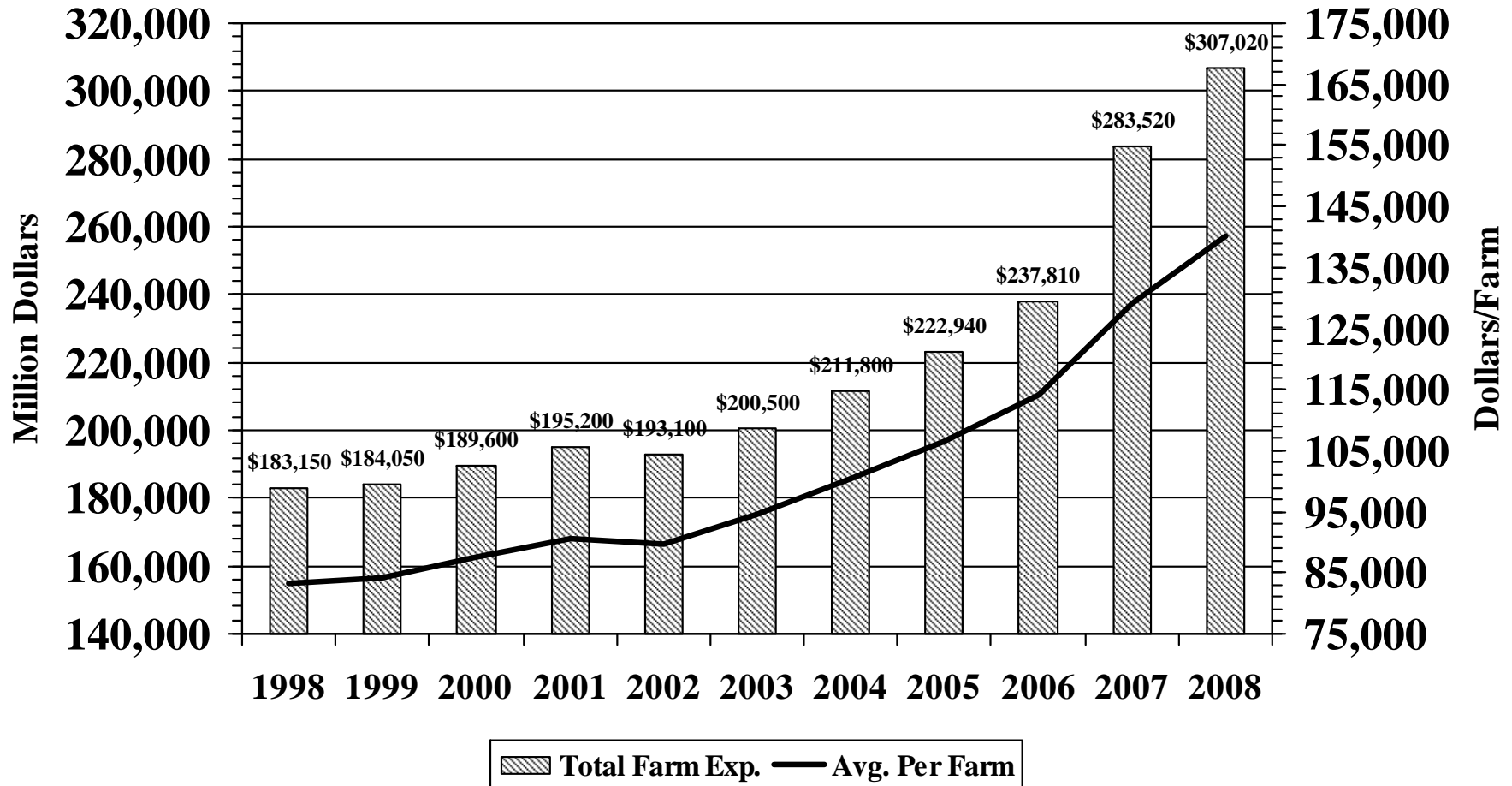


# U.S. Average Pasture Value Dollars Per Acre, 1998 - 2009



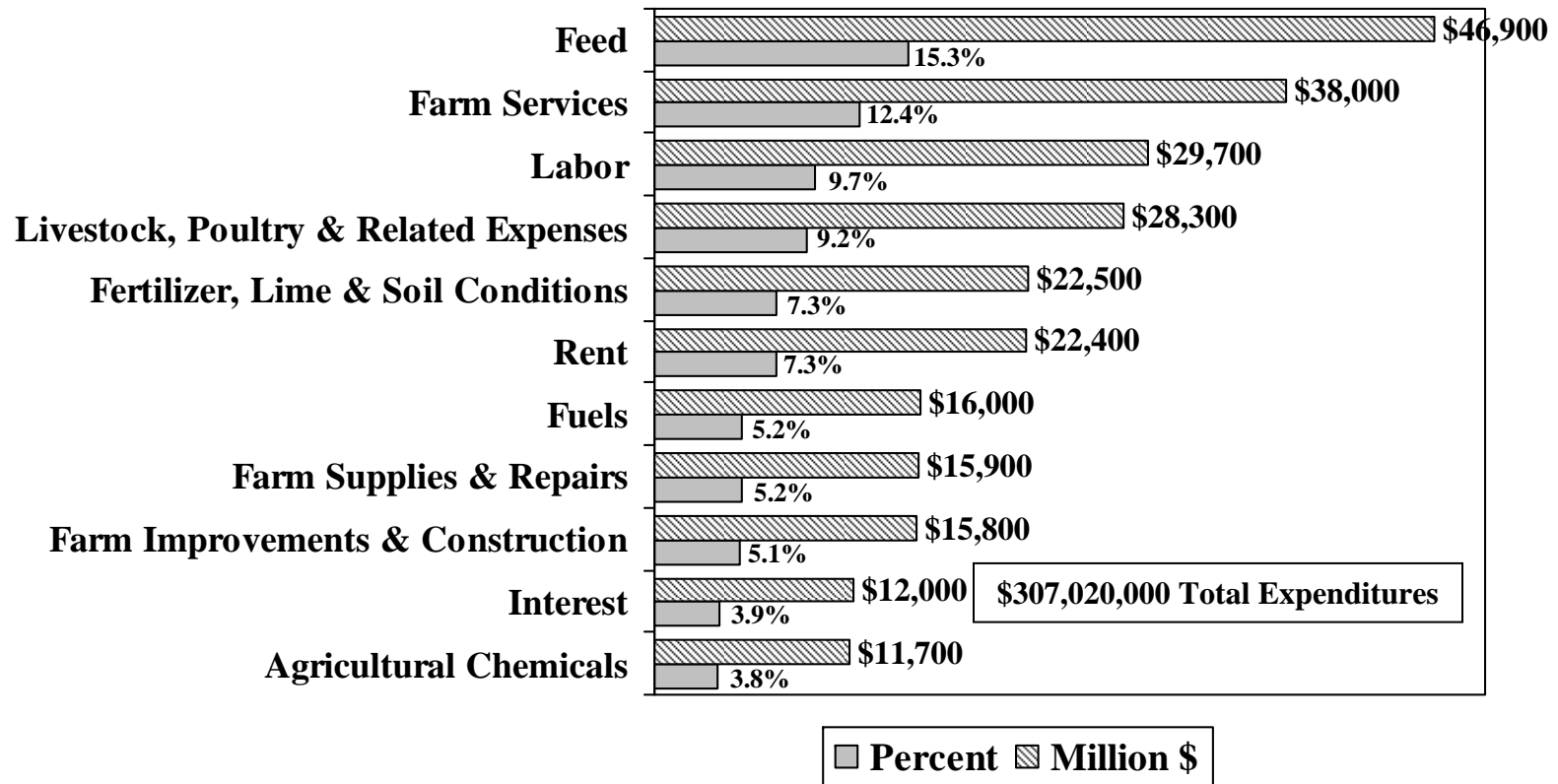
# U.S. Farm Production Expenditures

## Total and Average Per Farm, 1998 - 2008



Source: "Farm Production Expenditures 2008 Summary"  
 USDA/NASS, August 2009  
 Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses.

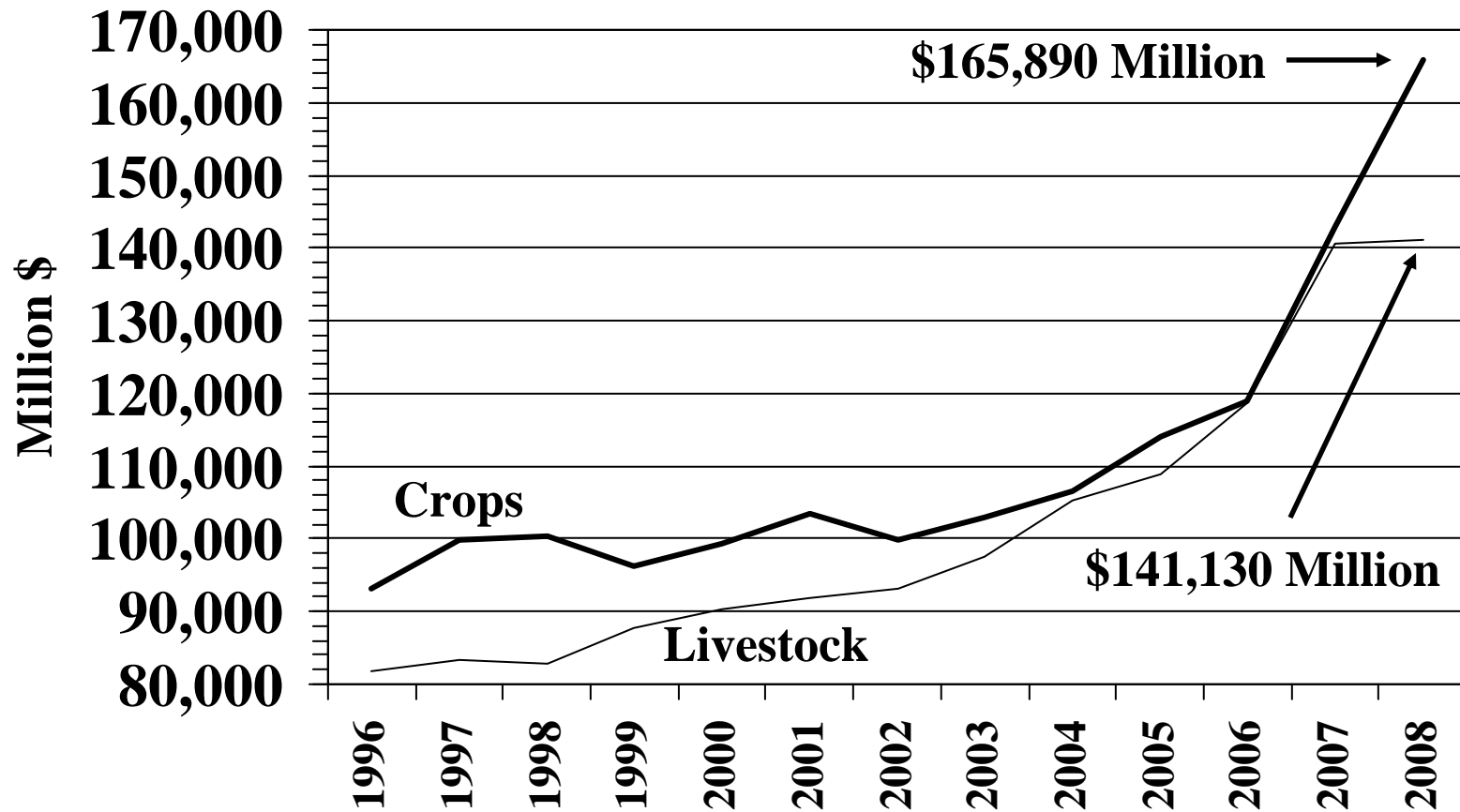
# U.S. Farm Production Expenditures By Input Items, Expense, Percent of Total United States, 2008



Source: "Farm Production Expenditures 2008 Summary",  
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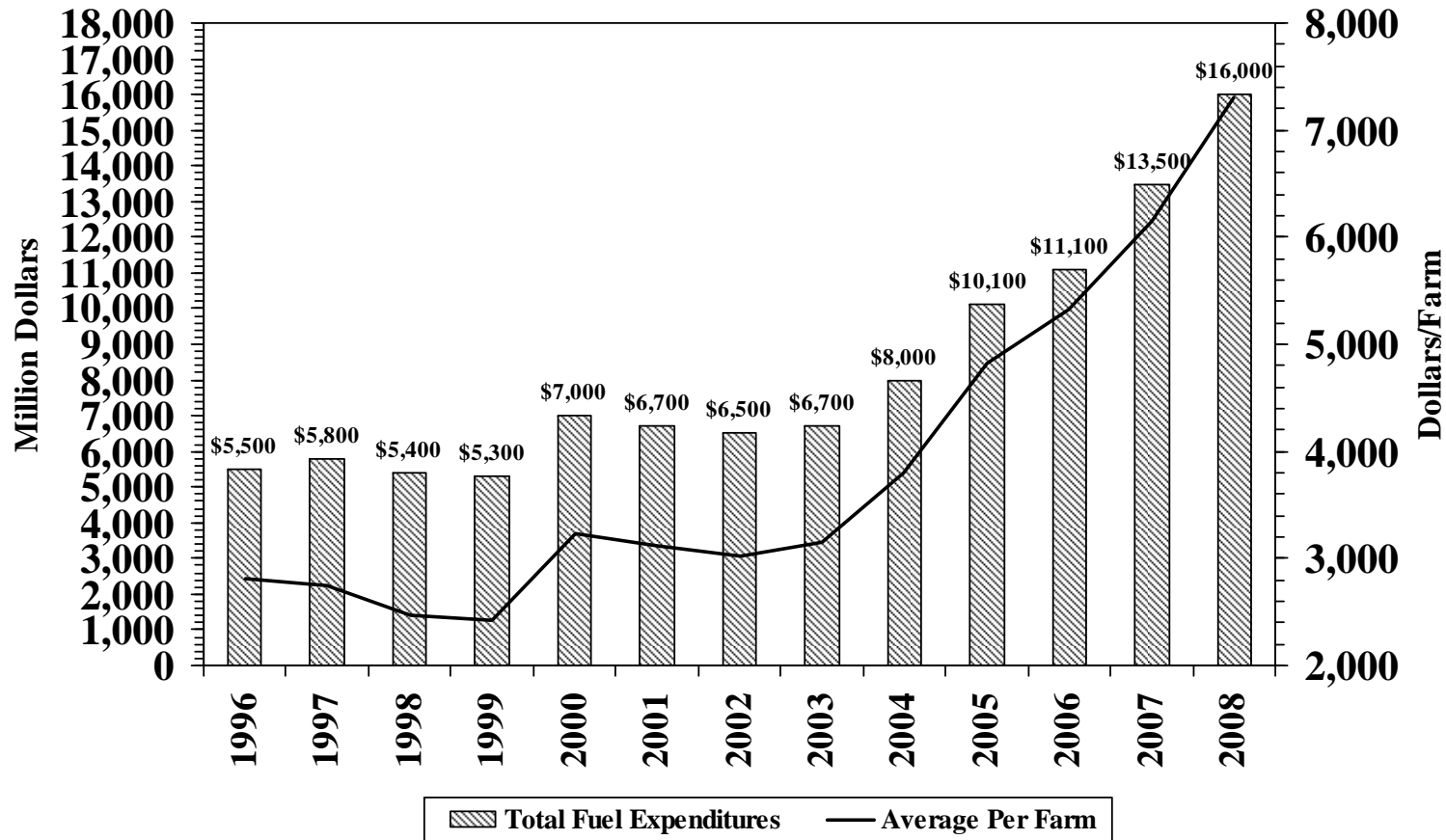
# U.S. Farm Production Expenditures

## By Type of Farm, 1996 - 2008



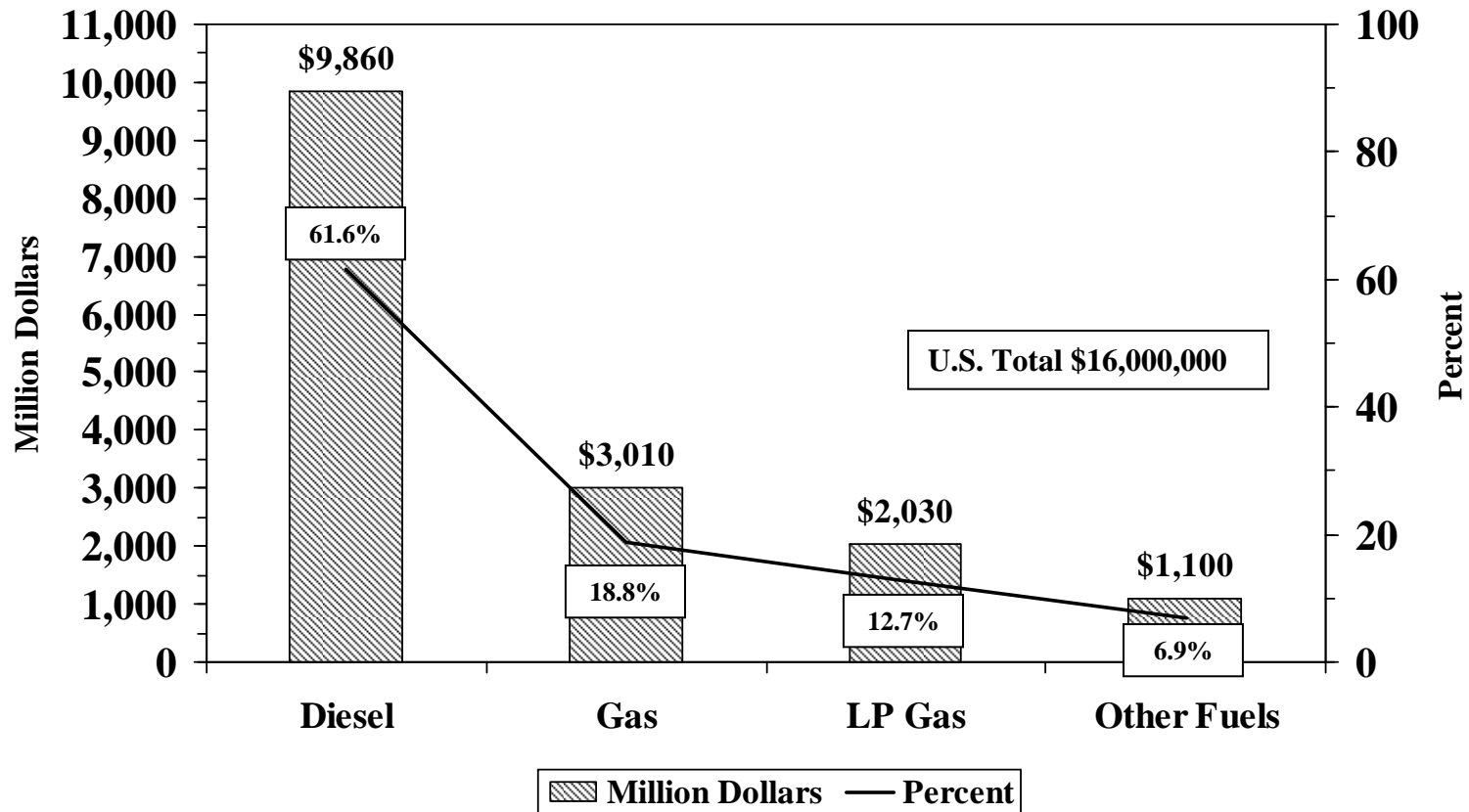
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# U.S. Fuel Production Expenditures Total and Average Per Farm, 1996 - 2008



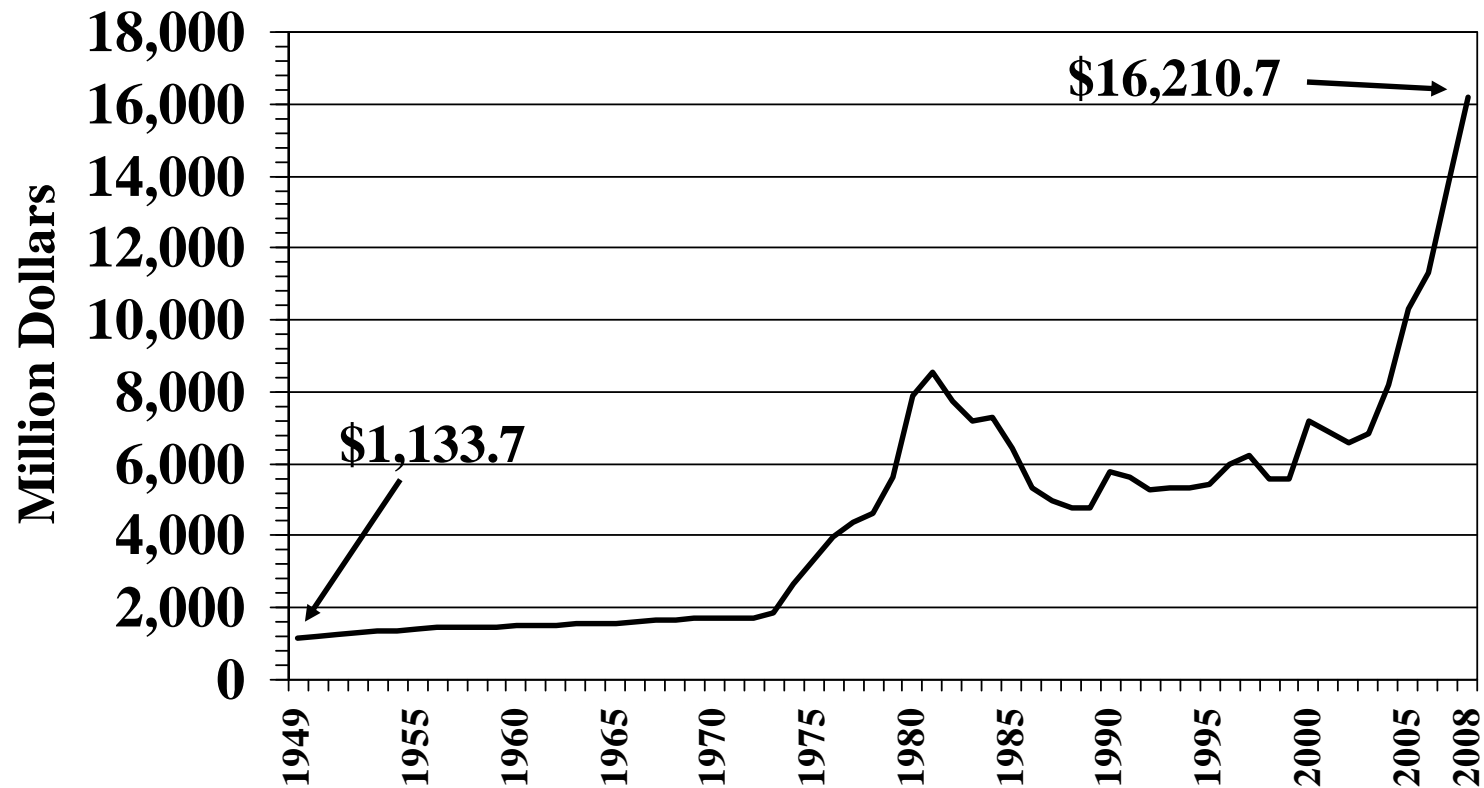
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# U.S. Fuel Production Expenditures By Sub-Components, Expense, Total and Percent of Total United States, 2008



Source: "Farm Production Expenditures 2008 Summary",  
USDA/NASS, August 2009

# U.S. Total Fuel and Oil Farm Expenditures



Source: ERS Briefing Room, Farm Income Data Files

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USDA/NASS, August 2009