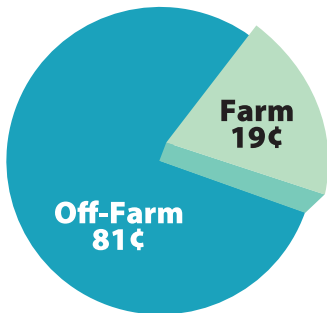


Farm Expenses Up: Share of Food Dollar Unchanged

RETAIL FOOD DOLLAR



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Farm Production Expenses, 2008 forecast

FARM EXPENSES

USDA's Economic Research Service forecasts that 2008 farm level production expenses are **8.6 percent higher** than preliminary figures for 2007 and **33 percent higher** than final figures from 2004.



This is how those expenses break down:

Purchased Feed	16.1 percent
Seed, Fertilizer, & Crop-Protecting Chemicals	15.1 percent
Capital Upkeep and Replacement	10.1 percent
Farm Labor	9.8 percent
Interest and Property Taxes	9.2 percent
Fuel and Electricity	6.5 percent
Purchased Livestock	6.4 percent
Farm Services	5.4 percent
Repairs and Maintenance	5.3 percent
Rent	4.3 percent
Miscellaneous	11.8 percent