



Farm expenses price index – classification

Here is a selection of the goods and services that contribute to measuring price movement in the expenditure categories of the farm expenses price index (FEPI), published with [Producers Price Index – information releases](#).

This is not a complete list – it contains goods and services with significant weights in the indexes, and ones that could be thought to be coded elsewhere. Note also, some goods and services listed here may be included in the indexes for some farm types, but not for others.

Administration

- Accounting, auditing, and taxation services
- Consultancy fees
- Legal fees
- Postal and courier services
- Telecommunication

Animal health

- Animal pharmaceuticals
- Dips and drenches
- Veterinary fees

Breeding

- Animal breeding equipment
- Ear tags
- Husbandry services
- Mating crayon and paints

Dairy shed expenses

- Cleaners and disinfectants
- Dairy equipment (eg hose pipes, cow cover)
- Lubricants
- Milking machine components
- Teat spray

Electricity

- Electricity (including electricity costs of milking and irrigation)

Grazing, cultivation, harvest, and purchase of animal feed

- Calf food
- Chicken feed
- Contract hay and silage making
- Contract planting, pruning, picking, and thinning
- Contract ploughing and tilling
- Dog food
- Grazing costs
- Hay and barley
- Labour cost associated with cultivation and harvesting
- Maize
- Palm kernels
- Pig feed

Fertiliser

- Ammonium sulphate
- Diammonium phosphate
- Fertiliser spreading and transport services
- Superphosphate
- Urea

Lime

- Lime
- Lime spreading and transport services

Seeds

- Flower seeds and bulbs
- Grass seeds (including ryegrass and clovers)
- Seed processing services
- Vegetable seeds

Freight

- Air freight transport services
- Livestock transport services
- Road freight transport services
- Water transport services

Fuel

- Coal
- Diesel
- Gas
- Oil
- Petrol

Insurance

- Farm property insurance
- Liability insurance
- Livestock insurance
- Machinery breakdown insurance
- Vehicle insurance

Rent and hire

- Land and building lease
- Rent and hire of farming machinery and equipment
- Run-off lease

Repairs, maintenance, and motor vehicle repairs

- Building maintenance materials
- Contract fencing
- Fencing materials
- Land maintenance
- Vehicle servicing and repairs

Packaging

- Contract packaging services
- Packaging

Shearing

- Contract shearing services
- Shearing equipment

Weed and pest control

- Insecticides
- Herbicides and plant growth regulators
- Pesticide spraying (ground and aerial)

Livestock purchases

- Beef cattle
- Dairy cattle
- Deer
- Goats
- Horses
- Pigs
- Poultry
- Sheep

Local and central government rates

- Farm dog registration fees
- Farm property rates
- Motor vehicle licensing
- Water rates

Interest rates

- Fixed and floating interest rates

Miscellaneous

- Expenses not typical of farms in primary farm type (eg animal feed costs in horticulture and fruit growing farms)
- Miscellaneous costs (eg clothing)

Salaries and wages

- ACC
- Wages and salaries (including overtime)

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