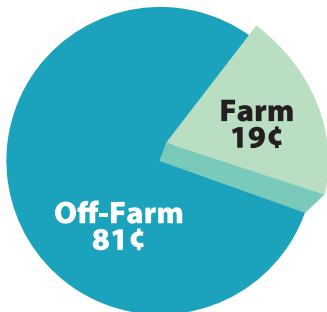


# Farm Expenses Up: Share of Food Dollar Unchanged

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