

PROFILES IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
Loon Organics

Table 9. Farm expenses, 2005-2009

Expense	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Advertising		\$40	\$23	\$25	\$244
Car and truck	\$1,173	\$4,608	\$2,215	\$3,402	\$5,500
Continuing education		\$150	\$603	\$1,221	\$846
Depreciation	\$205	\$5,010	\$8,859	\$8,859	\$13,397
Employee wages					\$9,565
Fees (marketing, certification, etc.)	\$933	\$1,442	\$1,897	\$1,899	\$2,067
Fertilizers, lime, and chemicals		\$53	\$466	\$701	\$2,754
Gas, fuel, oil (tractors, etc.)		\$119	\$152	\$212	\$814
Greenhouse ¹			\$379	\$1,518	\$4,170
Insurance (other than health) ²	\$282	\$493	\$558	\$77	\$1,721
Internet/telephone					\$1,012
Mortgage interest				\$1,860	\$12,747
Product purchase for re-sale		\$5,866	\$10,131	\$11,826	
Rental, equipment	\$46	\$100	\$92	\$321	
Rental, land	\$800	\$1,025	\$400	\$950	
Repairs and maintenance		\$1,167	\$3,627	\$2,465	\$2,056
Seeds and plants	\$2,853	\$2,525	\$1,904	\$3,350	\$5,442
Supplies (building materials) ³					\$1,343
Supplies (farmers market) ³					\$382
Supplies (misc. farm supplies)	\$3,440	\$3,659	\$2,436	\$2,034	\$841
Supplies (office)	\$18	\$156	\$233	\$551	\$419
Supplies (row covers)				\$223	\$955
Supplies (T-tape, plastic mulch)			\$403	\$565	\$295
Supplies (tools, boxes, signs)		\$35		\$703	\$1,406
Taxes ⁴		\$120	\$125	\$130	\$1,673
Utilities	\$41	\$1,497	\$1,178	\$1,260	\$1,915
Total⁵	\$9,791	\$28,065	\$35,681	\$44,152	\$71,565

¹Greenhouse expenses increased significantly in 2009 when Laura and Adam went from renting greenhouse space from Gardens of Eagan to equipping and running their own.

²Cost of insurance was low in 2008 because much of the premium was paid in 2007. Cost increased in 2009 because of farm ownership.

³New categories in 2009.

⁴Included accountant fees from 2006-2008. Included taxes on paid labor in 2009.

⁵Totals may not equal amounts presented in Table 8; some minor or occasional expenses were not included here.