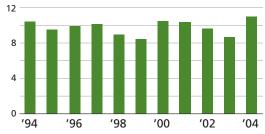
## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

## **Farming and the cost of petroleum**

Petroleum purchased by Dane County farmers accounted for 3.3 percent of total production expenses, not including petroleum-based chemicals and fertilizers. The cost of petroleum products purchased by Dane County farmers increased 27 percent between 2003 and 2004. As oil prices continue to rise, farmers face similar cost increases.

Cost of petroleum products purchased by Dane County farmers — adjusted for inflation

Price (in millions of dollars)



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