



PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS SOLD

The following table lists the farm products, each with a value of sales of \$100 million or more in 1959, in order of their importance as measured by the value of sales for the 50 States. These 27 farm products accounted for about 91 percent of the value of all farm products sold in 1959.

VALUE OF SALES OF 27 PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1959

Farm product	Rank	Value (\$1,000,000)
Total, all farm products sold.....	xxx	30,493
Total, 27 farm products sold.....	xxx	27,722
Cattle (excluding calves) sold alive.....	1	5,952
Whole milk and cream.....	2	4,022
Hogs and pigs sold alive.....	3	2,435
Cotton.....	4	2,343
Calves sold alive.....	5	1,880
Corn for grain.....	6	1,780
Wheat.....	7	1,736
Chicken eggs.....	8	1,061
Soybeans for beans.....	9	981
Tobacco.....	10	948
Broilers.....	11	750
Irish potatoes.....	12	415
Oranges (all).....	13	395
Turkeys, ducks, geese, and their eggs sold.....	14	340
Sheep and lambs sold alive.....	15	338
Sorghums for grain.....	16	333
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay.....	17	278
Rice.....	18	245
Barley.....	19	241
Apples.....	20	205
Sugar beets for sugar.....	21	187
Oats for grain.....	22	179
Grapes.....	23	165
Dry field and seed beans.....	24	136
Peanuts for nuts.....	25	131
Peaches.....	26	126
Sugarcane for sugar.....	27	121

PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS SOLD FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES

All Crops.—The total value of all crops sold—field crops, vegetables, fruits, nuts, forest products, and horticultural specialties—amounted to \$13,313 million for the 48 conterminous States for 1959. This total was 7.8 percent above the corresponding figure for 1954. The total value of all crops sold represented 43.9 percent of the total value of all agricultural products sold in 1959 compared to 50.1 percent for 1954.

Cotton.—Cotton was the most important crop sold on the basis of the value of sales. The value of sales for 1959 was \$2,343 million and represented 7.7 percent of the total value of all agricultural products sold and 17.6 percent of the total value of all crops sold. All cotton lint and seed were treated as sold in computing total value of sales. The total value of cotton including the value of both lint and seed sold in 1959 was 6.8 percent below that reported for 1954. This change was the result of the reduction in the average price.

Corn.—Corn was the second most important single crop item from the standpoint of total value of sales. The 1959 value of the portion sold as grain was \$1,780 million and represented 5.9 percent of the total value of sales of all farm products. The 1959 value of sales comprised 13.4 percent of the total value of the sales of all crops. The value of corn sold as grain in 1959 was 22.8 percent above the \$1,449 million for 1954. The change in the value of corn sold resulted from the increase in the quantity sold as the percentage of the crop sold was 46.0 in 1959 compared with 38.6 in 1954. The average value per bushel sold decreased from \$1.44 in 1954, to \$1.05 in 1959.