

Table 45. Farms by Concentration of Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold: 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Characteristics	All farms	Fewest number of farms accounting for—			
		10 percent of sales	25 percent of sales	50 percent of sales	75 percent of sales
Farms	61 593	9	36	487	5 452
number..					
percent..	100.0	(Z)	.1	8	8.9
Land in farms	46 089 268	10 201	50 647	2 293 047	16 155 484
acres..					
Average size of farm	748	1 133	1 407	4 709	2 963
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹	61 591	9	36	487	5 288
farms..					
\$1,000..	26 516 960	44 988	95 802	1 505 667	9 158 184
Average per farm	430 533	4 998 617	2 661 159	3 091 718	1 731 881
dollars..					
Average per acre	577	4 410	1 892	657	574
dollars..					
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	4 560 051	21 533	50 263	302 636	1 558 364
\$1,000..					
percent..	100.0	.5	1.1	6.6	34.2
Land in farms according to use:					
Total cropland	30 020 580	2 682	12 747	1 124 458	10 614 059
acres..					
Harvested cropland	19 839 087	1 241	8 877	848 337	8 029 329
acres..					
Pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	17 496 632	4 499	25 948	1 196 873	5 679 016
acres..					
Market value of agricultural products sold	9 207 130	975 814	2 326 344	4 604 691	6 905 495
\$1,000..					
Average per farm	149 483	108 423 831	64 620 658	9 455 219	1 266 598
dollars..					
Grains	36 838	1	9	299	4 896
farms..					
\$1,000..	2 952 786	(D)	1 134	180 779	1 526 627
Cotton and cottonseed	45	—	—	2	22
farms..					
\$1,000..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)
Tobacco	12	—	—	—	1
farms..					
\$1,000..	(D)	—	—	—	(D)
Hay, silage, and field seeds	14 030	3	8	142	1 747
farms..					
\$1,000..	209 777	(D)	1 343	32 342	113 769
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	398	—	—	1	31
farms..					
\$1,000..	3 454	—	—	(D)	265
Fruits, nuts, and berries	205	—	—	—	5
farms..					
\$1,000..	1 621	—	—	—	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse crops	528	—	—	4	44
farms..					
\$1,000..	49 302	—	—	22 600	37 527
Other crops	72	—	—	3	5
farms..					
\$1,000..	2 187	—	—	(D)	(D)
Poultry and poultry products	901	—	1	13	79
farms..					
\$1,000..	47 976	—	(D)	24 352	45 703
Dairy products	1 073	—	—	13	234
farms..					
\$1,000..	158 909	—	—	44 582	99 443
Cattle and calves	36 207	9	36	414	3 713
farms..					
\$1,000..	5 456 072	975 690	2 323 525	4 150 306	4 828 489
Hogs and pigs	2 873	—	—	52	505
farms..					
\$1,000..	299 836	—	—	147 747	243 913
Sheep, lambs, and wool	1 505	—	—	1	78
farms..					
\$1,000..	9 971	—	—	(D)	3 642
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	2 288	1	2	20	140
farms..					
\$1,000..	12 599	(D)	(D)	290	2 220
Total farm production expenses ¹	61 591	9	36	487	5 288
farms..					
\$1,000..	7 290 703	923 650	2 119 630	3 988 231	5 551 872
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :					
Livestock and poultry purchased	19 518	9	36	431	3 134
farms..					
\$1,000..	2 687 621	596 411	1 338 352	2 231 069	2 527 458
Feed for livestock and poultry	32 955	9	36	437	3 641
farms..					
\$1,000..	1 506 407	269 849	642 015	1 185 190	1 359 748
Commercial fertilizer	42 255	5	16	341	4 937
farms..					
\$1,000..	373 353	42	250	23 581	178 989
Agricultural chemicals	35 165	3	16	324	4 152
farms..					
\$1,000..	224 156	35	250	15 794	110 780
Petroleum products	56 929	9	34	481	5 260
farms..					
\$1,000..	294 353	3 531	7 333	37 027	139 815
Electricity	40 578	9	35	460	4 895
farms..					
\$1,000..	60 077	2 421	4 963	16 770	34 222
Hired farm labor	20 660	9	33	454	4 424
farms..					
\$1,000..	306 410	19 646	41 662	139 402	244 037
Interest	32 648	7	32	463	4 811
farms..					
\$1,000..	351 690	6 787	20 026	73 527	182 998
Payments from government programs	39 735	2	13	336	4 796
farms..					
\$1,000..	343 771	(D)	3 859	18 008	118 588
Inventory of selected livestock:					
Cattle and calves	36 244	9	36	405	3 591
number..					
Milk cows	6 506 089	516 080	1 281 219	2 746 590	4 058 069
farms..					
number..	1 466	—	—	14	249
Hogs and pigs	82 080	—	—	19 143	45 848
farms..					
number..	2 831	—	—	51	491
farms..					
number..	1 585 224	—	—	839 408	1 275 730

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

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