

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 number..	82 273	45	409	2 394	9 831
..... percent..	100.0	.1	.5	2.9	11.9
Land in farms acres..	13 334 234	85 131	690 319	2 553 933	5 370 945
Average size of farm acres..	162	1 892	1 688	1 067	546
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ farms..	82 264	45	409	2 394	9 444
..... \$1,000..	18 943 221	194 899	1 224 450	4 016 082	7 662 042
Average per farm dollars..	230 274	4 331 098	2 993 766	1 677 562	811 313
Average per acre dollars..	1 450	2 289	1 774	1 573	1 473
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ \$1,000..	2 741 593	27 369	136 116	501 098	1 024 253
..... percent..	100.0	1.0	5.0	18.3	37.4
Land in farms according to use:					
Total cropland acres..	8 549 027	52 881	564 220	2 092 476	4 143 271
Harvested cropland acres..	4 678 622	36 800	487 774	1 748 209	2 980 259
Pastureland, excluding woodland pastured..... acres..	4 229 226	36 689	133 536	490 277	1 437 817
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	3 064 460	307 766	766 236	1 532 403	2 298 373
Average per farm dollars..	37 247	6 839 241	1 873 437	640 101	233 788
Grains farms..	10 575	6	206	1 469	4 448
..... \$1,000..	624 432	8 894	138 462	423 232	572 178
Cotton and cottonseed farms..	1	—	—	1	1
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)
Tobacco..... farms..	44 915	10	146	1 323	6 971
..... \$1,000..	828 038	2 361	24 633	158 711	445 334
Hay, silage, and field seeds farms..	16 005	3	45	359	1 842
..... \$1,000..	58 578	(D)	486	4 852	16 989
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons farms..	1 007	—	5	51	190
..... \$1,000..	7 984	—	(D)	2 241	4 518
Fruits, nuts, and berries farms..	450	—	2	14	56
..... \$1,000..	2 450	—	(D)	441	1 159
Nursery and greenhouse crops farms..	1 103	1	15	118	357
..... \$1,000..	56 018	(D)	13 625	35 368	48 863
Other crops farms..	320	—	1	5	33
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Poultry and poultry products farms..	903	8	92	231	323
..... \$1,000..	240 744	85 874	173 689	233 135	239 945
Dairy products farms..	2 600	1	25	444	1 906
..... \$1,000..	237 849	(D)	13 401	106 834	223 685
Cattle and calves farms..	47 355	17	188	1 417	7 022
..... \$1,000..	553 436	30 692	78 177	167 204	310 704
Hogs and pigs farms..	1 523	5	58	260	636
..... \$1,000..	114 322	15 122	55 661	92 369	109 504
Sheep, lambs, and wool farms..	654	—	1	18	92
..... \$1,000..	1 245	—	(D)	161	416
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) farms..	3 689	26	105	246	574
..... \$1,000..	338 004	163 660	267 754	307 741	324 685
Total farm production expenses ¹ farms..	82 263	44	408	2 393	9 443
..... \$1,000..	2 033 070	173 587	496 899	1 019 318	1 442 037
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :					
Livestock and poultry purchased farms..	19 647	39	292	1 337	4 150
..... \$1,000..	236 935	62 385	109 261	162 376	196 516
Feed for livestock and poultry farms..	39 926	41	335	1 739	6 702
..... \$1,000..	341 123	33 797	129 973	231 555	290 076
Commercial fertilizer farms..	63 592	26	303	2 120	8 842
..... \$1,000..	183 802	2 089	20 821	75 961	121 448
Agricultural chemicals farms..	42 350	20	258	1 774	7 718
..... \$1,000..	84 326	1 120	15 404	47 911	68 531
Petroleum products farms..	77 810	44	402	2 379	9 338
..... \$1,000..	105 514	2 826	11 495	34 123	59 057
Electricity farms..	47 619	44	397	2 309	8 337
..... \$1,000..	29 183	1 964	5 151	11 751	18 391
Hired farm labor farms..	33 464	41	370	2 088	7 217
..... \$1,000..	209 578	28 113	65 437	123 348	170 057
Interest farms..	31 739	36	381	2 086	6 905
..... \$1,000..	179 810	4 838	23 014	59 067	99 706
Payments from government programs..... farms..	20 965	9	209	1 444	5 083
..... \$1,000..	54 741	544	5 085	18 304	30 429
Inventory of selected livestock:					
Cattle and calves farms..	48 898	16	180	1 409	6 935
..... number..	2 428 891	27 755	108 470	390 821	1 038 226
Milk cows..... farms..	3 393	1	25	432	1 904
..... number..	145 557	(D)	6 267	54 615	129 753
Hogs and pigs farms..	1 881	5	58	252	620
..... number..	563 797	62 547	246 460	433 150	527 861

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

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