

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	2 829	4	12	56	219
number..					
percent..	100.0	.1	.4	2.0	7.7
Land in farms	6 409 288	(D)	167 317	1 886 646	3 838 144
acres..					
Average size of farm	2 266	(D)	13 943	33 690	17 526
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹	2 823	4	12	56	219
farms..					
\$1,000..	2 474 126	(D)	67 843	363 788	1 065 014
Average per farm	876 417	(D)	5 653 555	6 496 210	4 863 078
dollars..					
Average per acre	388	(D)	405	193	277
dollars..					
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	196 289	4 313	6 389	27 126	73 530
\$1,000..					
percent..	100.0	2.2	3.3	13.8	37.5
Land in farms according to use:					
Total cropland	846 752	(D)	38 580	157 139	414 124
acres..					
Harvested cropland	526 338	(D)	33 851	126 055	288 303
acres..					
Pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	5 492 784	(D)	(D)	1 732 547	3 342 189
acres..					
Market value of agricultural products sold	356 565	41 808	91 769	178 824	267 681
\$1,000..					
Average per farm	126 039	10 451 998	7 647 452	3 193 277	1 222 287
dollars..					
Grains	104	2	4	13	39
farms..					
\$1,000..	7 169	(D)	2 757	(D)	6 010
Cotton and cottonseed	—	—	—	—	—
farms..					
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	—	—	—	—	—
farms..					
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds	1 056	2	5	26	117
farms..					
\$1,000..	93 243	(D)	2 566	26 729	58 082
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	37	—	3	7	13
farms..					
\$1,000..	22 222	—	17 383	19 227	21 717
Fruits, nuts, and berries	19	—	—	—	—
farms..					
\$1,000..	440	—	—	—	—
Nursery and greenhouse crops	46	—	2	6	9
farms..					
\$1,000..	15 629	—	(D)	13 098	14 813
Other crops	13	1	2	5	8
farms..					
\$1,000..	13 014	(D)	(D)	11 472	12 922
Poultry and poultry products	96	—	—	—	3
farms..					
\$1,000..	162	—	—	—	(D)
Dairy products	46	2	4	13	29
farms..					
\$1,000..	55 432	(D)	27 861	44 460	53 758
Cattle and calves	1 587	3	8	38	150
farms..					
\$1,000..	135 539	(D)	26 138	53 683	90 652
Hogs and pigs	74	—	—	—	4
farms..					
\$1,000..	676	—	—	—	(D)
Sheep, lambs, and wool	259	—	2	7	24
farms..					
\$1,000..	10 037	—	(D)	5 495	8 836
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	441	—	—	1	18
farms..					
\$1,000..	3 002	—	—	(D)	412
Total farm production expenses ¹	2 823	4	12	56	219
farms..					
\$1,000..	276 040	35 000	66 563	128 384	196 474
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :					
Livestock and poultry purchased	1 015	2	7	30	120
farms..					
\$1,000..	26 424	(D)	9 717	14 329	19 886
Feed for livestock and poultry	1 690	3	7	34	138
farms..					
\$1,000..	48 969	10 992	16 054	29 562	39 546
Commercial fertilizer	909	2	8	37	151
farms..					
\$1,000..	11 610	(D)	2 139	5 742	8 864
Agricultural chemicals	849	2	6	31	121
farms..					
\$1,000..	5 292	(D)	(D)	2 450	4 030
Petroleum products	2 500	4	12	56	216
farms..					
\$1,000..	14 895	509	1 555	4 152	8 187
Electricity	1 723	4	12	56	207
farms..					
\$1,000..	12 286	910	2 102	4 493	7 570
Hired farm labor	1 098	4	12	56	218
farms..					
\$1,000..	44 391	5 565	13 093	24 376	35 938
Interest	1 121	4	12	49	189
farms..					
\$1,000..	21 724	1 950	3 772	7 143	13 596
Payments from government programs	254	1	1	9	50
farms..					
\$1,000..	1 314	(D)	(D)	241	704
Inventory of selected livestock:					
Cattle and calves	1 694	3	8	39	150
farms..					
number..	518 115	18 960	42 908	142 484	283 161
Milk cows	138	2	5	15	40
farms..					
number..	24 902	(D)	13 233	19 422	23 992
Hogs and pigs	113	—	—	1	6
farms..					
number..	7 419	—	—	(D)	(D)

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.