

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	30 504	174	905	3 303	7 981
number..					
percent..	100.0	.6	3.0	10.8	26.2
Land in farms	39 359 346	898 588	4 022 803	10 862 050	20 844 293
acres..					
Average size of farm	1 290	5 164	4 445	3 289	2 612
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹	30 494	174	905	3 213	7 856
farms..					
\$1,000..	15 635 319	653 652	2 352 867	5 388 644	9 203 141
Average per farm	512 734	3 756 619	2 599 853	1 677 138	1 171 479
dollars..					
Average per acre	401	727	585	512	455
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..
percent..	3 415 776	124 786	434 885	1 115 049	1 970 969
100.0		3.7	12.7	32.6	57.7
Land in farms according to use:					
Total cropland	27 024 895	724 962	3 117 710	8 693 494	15 806 779
acres..					
Harvested cropland	20 438 149	669 567	2 846 542	7 698 094	13 460 604
acres..					
Pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	11 808 701	148 284	798 042	1 892 611	4 608 815
acres..					
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..
Average per farm	2 869 322	287 474	717 734	1 434 668	2 152 061
dollars..	94 064	1 652 147	793 077	434 353	269 648
Grains	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	20 606	152	852	3 159	7 521
Cotton and cottonseed	1 848 448	86 619	362 574	903 452	1 425 475
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	5 051	20	126	512	1 354
\$1,000..	42 364	750	4 466	10 198	18 883
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	123	2	3	9	25
Fruits, nuts, and berries	1 291	(D)	(D)	389	562
\$1,000..	36	—	1	2	6
Nursery and greenhouse crops	86	—	(D)	(D)	15
\$1,000..	123	2	6	9	26
Other crops	8 673	(D)	4 843	(D)	6 860
\$1,000..	1 261	100	377	742	988
\$1,000..	292 811	119 692	207 363	263 475	284 338
Poultry and poultry products	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	310	10	15	23	49
Dairy products	27 356	22 864	25 736	26 512	26 733
\$1,000..	1 051	9	31	142	473
Cattle and calves	80 588	6 340	12 342	30 763	59 562
\$1,000..	14 426	45	256	1 191	3 521
Hogs and pigs	497 884	36 916	77 668	157 934	281 059
\$1,000..	814	8	37	115	255
\$1,000..	34 271	9 119	14 761	22 517	28 242
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	1 133	1	10	59	187
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	9 544	(D)	612	1 749	3 671
\$1,000..	1 273	4	18	77	210
\$1,000..	26 007	2 590	7 183	12 541	16 662
Total farm production expenses ¹	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	30 494	174	905	3 213	7 856
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..	\$1,000..
Livestock and poultry purchased	2 453 342	223 827	563 304	1 114 785	1 737 068
farms..	8 030	49	248	918	2 490
\$1,000..	106 412	15 755	31 955	50 238	73 795
Feed for livestock and poultry	12 996	54	282	1 147	3 315
\$1,000..	125 867	32 309	45 622	63 896	87 859
Commercial fertilizer	19 438	159	870	3 117	7 463
\$1,000..	306 933	16 138	58 108	136 790	226 156
Agricultural chemicals	18 376	147	723	2 666	6 455
\$1,000..	217 605	18 759	52 031	108 758	165 115
Petroleum products	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	28 177	174	902	3 206	7 844
Electricity	186 278	9 886	29 003	65 752	114 227
\$1,000..	23 774	172	890	3 090	7 428
Hired farm labor	37 336	3 549	7 251	13 612	22 142
\$1,000..	11 758	165	858	2 774	5 888
Interest	122 283	22 296	48 262	78 907	104 151
\$1,000..	20 104	169	879	3 011	7 144
\$1,000..	234 100	16 974	47 025	97 050	157 484
Payments from government programs	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
\$1,000..	24 185	153	807	2 948	7 146
\$1,000..	265 533	7 245	27 026	73 429	135 551
Inventory of selected livestock:					
Cattle and calves	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
number..	14 232	42	247	1 169	3 466
\$1,000..	1 810 409	42 947	144 571	382 380	848 510
Milk cows	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..	farms..
number..	1 170	9	32	139	473
Hogs and pigs	54 024	3 267	6 336	16 004	35 528
\$1,000..	797	8	36	110	243
\$1,000..	197 372	60 363	87 426	127 034	159 197

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.