

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	31 284	67	476	2 578	7 427
number..					
percent..	100.0	.2	1.5	8.2	23.7
Land in farms	44 354 880	839 466	3 307 336	10 623 917	21 720 656
acres..					
Average size of farm	1 418	12 529	6 948	4 121	2 925
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹	31 284	67	476	2 455	7 210
farms..					
\$1,000..	15 236 514	305 704	1 324 039	4 077 809	7 808 800
Average per farm	487 039	4 562 751	2 781 595	1 661 022	1 083 051
dollars..					
Average per acre	348	364	400	391	369
dollars..					
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	2 852 531	40 801	218 340	769 494	1 535 663
\$1,000..					
percent..	100.0	1.4	7.7	27.0	53.8
Land in farms according to use:					
Total cropland	19 355 256	359 147	1 734 799	5 840 036	11 049 984
acres..					
Harvested cropland	14 284 741	309 257	1 528 672	4 941 958	9 052 833
acres..					
Pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	25 891 214	458 269	1 542 463	4 801 833	10 878 635
acres..					
Market value of agricultural products sold	3 569 951	358 570	893 199	1 785 015	2 677 633
\$1,000..					
Average per farm	114 114	5 351 793	1 876 468	692 403	360 527
dollars..					
Grains	19 026	44	392	2 283	6 557
farms..					
\$1,000..	1 542 336	36 615	202 415	667 624	1 140 918
Cotton and cottonseed	—	—	—	—	—
farms..					
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	—	—	—	—	—
farms..					
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds	6 719	12	110	591	1 744
farms..					
\$1,000..	80 819	2 268	7 952	21 201	41 656
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	147	6	12	20	31
farms..					
\$1,000..	1 395	44	(D)	(D)	493
Fruits, nuts, and berries	30	1	2	3	4
farms..					
\$1,000..	195	(D)	(D)	(D)	41
Nursery and greenhouse crops	122	3	6	15	23
farms..					
\$1,000..	21 621	11 686	14 705	17 899	19 330
Other crops	75	3	13	26	37
farms..					
\$1,000..	7 678	(D)	4 889	7 241	7 403
Poultry and poultry products	461	22	48	60	92
farms..					
\$1,000..	73 637	49 609	70 237	71 518	72 515
Dairy products	1 511	20	68	290	792
farms..					
\$1,000..	166 467	13 052	35 445	84 616	136 603
Cattle and calves	20 782	52	353	1 945	5 652
farms..					
\$1,000..	1 332 772	200 099	416 594	694 184	972 415
Hogs and pigs	3 067	23	137	606	1 444
farms..					
\$1,000..	281 516	41 386	130 616	200 278	251 234
Sheep, lambs, and wool	2 533	3	18	113	441
farms..					
\$1,000..	37 134	(D)	6 809	11 878	21 135
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	1 604	4	19	105	277
farms..					
\$1,000..	24 380	13	3 446	8 296	13 890
Total farm production expenses ¹	31 284	67	476	2 455	7 210
farms..					
\$1,000..	2 733 387	284 076	699 549	1 316 545	1 946 599
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :					
Livestock and poultry purchased	12 882	60	380	1 758	4 395
farms..					
\$1,000..	452 194	116 371	225 425	321 725	381 901
Feed for livestock and poultry	19 837	60	403	1 974	5 619
farms..					
\$1,000..	369 705	86 557	169 224	238 619	298 951
Commercial fertilizer	18 287	53	417	2 231	6 403
farms..					
\$1,000..	185 850	5 326	26 992	79 057	134 251
Agricultural chemicals	19 619	44	359	1 910	5 896
farms..					
\$1,000..	175 778	3 949	24 089	67 790	121 826
Petroleum products	29 541	66	469	2 435	7 154
farms..					
\$1,000..	159 131	6 697	22 223	52 705	92 926
Electricity	25 727	67	467	2 375	6 945
farms..					
\$1,000..	46 851	3 127	8 882	17 750	27 930
Hired farm labor	11 987	48	396	2 027	4 815
farms..					
\$1,000..	109 897	9 512	34 355	68 672	91 695
Interest	20 557	63	459	2 295	6 433
farms..					
\$1,000..	226 685	10 946	34 127	86 221	147 198
Payments from government programs	22 037	50	405	2 321	6 689
farms..					
\$1,000..	180 817	2 213	12 527	48 266	95 808
Inventory of selected livestock:					
Cattle and calves	20 502	52	344	1 901	5 555
farms..					
number..	3 723 271	150 348	456 543	1 182 846	2 156 155
Milk cows	1 802	19	68	298	828
farms..					
number..	95 882	5 566	16 187	41 952	72 201
Hogs and pigs	2 899	23	134	578	1 360
farms..					
number..	1 396 326	207 121	612 801	933 968	1 207 012

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

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