

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	41 095	32	254	1 055	3 007
number ..	100.0	.1	.6	2.6	7.3
Land in farms	8 228 226	42 033	272 879	839 114	2 214 130
acres ..	200	1 314	1 074	795	736
Average size of farm					
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹	41 075	32	254	1 055	2 848
farms ..	15 813 008	200 882	683 030	1 854 911	4 047 726
\$1,000 ..	384 979	6 277 559	2 689 094	1 758 209	1 421 252
Average per farm	1 920	4 779	2 503	2 211	1 872
dollars ..					
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..
percent ..	100.0	1.1	4.4	12.5	29.3
Land in farms according to use:					
Total cropland	4 322 425	17 030	178 715	525 359	1 353 762
Harvested cropland	2 520 961	13 356	156 184	438 955	1 087 460
Pastureland, excluding woodland pastured	2 594 065	12 782	51 749	189 242	509 935
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..	\$1,000 ..
Average per farm	2 343 518	235 917	585 982	1 172 223	1 757 648
dollars ..	57 027	7 372 421	2 307 018	1 111 112	584 519
Grains	farms ..	4	75	360	1 236
\$1,000 ..	5 202	829	26 071	60 861	141 112
Cotton and cottonseed	farms ..	—	9	64	248
\$1,000 ..	204 389	—	2 254	16 674	36 965
Tobacco	farms ..	—	7	64	380
\$1,000 ..	42 342	—	5 485	28 964	93 965
Hay, silage, and field seeds	farms ..	7	45	191	500
\$1,000 ..	5 866	480	1 109	2 808	7 353
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	farms ..	2	15	54	163
\$1,000 ..	1 008	(D)	15 557	24 881	35 162
Fruits, nuts, and berries	farms ..	—	5	27	89
\$1,000 ..	45 704	—	6 997	17 631	25 480
Nursery and greenhouse crops	farms ..	7	33	75	200
\$1,000 ..	34 606	48 850	86 360	110 750	139 815
Other crops	farms ..	—	15	85	318
\$1,000 ..	166 411	—	7 696	23 702	50 518
Poultry and poultry products	farms ..	18	149	604	988
\$1,000 ..	1 775	125 102	303 633	623 750	742 829
Dairy products	farms ..	—	28	184	732
\$1,000 ..	760 221	—	23 362	100 987	236 015
Cattle and calves	farms ..	9	123	605	1 804
\$1,000 ..	271 855	8 671	29 811	64 045	132 368
Hogs and pigs	farms ..	4	23	74	153
\$1,000 ..	26 350	36 564	52 499	64 713	72 832
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms ..	2	11	42	90
\$1,000 ..	1 391	(D)	160	376	667
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms ..	2	13	39	133
\$1,000 ..	4 655	(D)	24 987	32 081	42 567
Total farm production expenses ¹	farms ..	32	254	1 055	2 848
\$1,000 ..	41 075	188 013	475 634	972 743	1 405 774
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :					
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms ..	24	190	785	1 641
\$1,000 ..	12 700	35 326	68 609	116 973	150 226
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms ..	20	196	862	2 097
\$1,000 ..	23 331	61 195	202 054	464 575	590 702
Commercial fertilizer	farms ..	10	142	646	2 149
\$1,000 ..	26 695	784	9 109	25 138	57 863
Agricultural chemicals	farms ..	11	149	662	2 137
\$1,000 ..	16 382	2 356	9 524	22 852	47 678
Petroleum products	farms ..	32	252	1 050	2 828
\$1,000 ..	38 656	2 652	9 235	21 564	41 096
Electricity	farms ..	32	249	1 031	2 753
\$1,000 ..	79 765	2 929	5 907	11 523	18 131
Hired farm labor	farms ..	30	218	868	2 345
\$1,000 ..	27 444	32 009	62 655	105 112	157 832
Interest	farms ..	28	238	989	2 380
\$1,000 ..	14 921	3 678	12 897	28 654	48 427
\$1,000 ..	192 798				
Payments from government programs	farms ..	10	83	417	1 382
\$1,000 ..	7 972	97	1 273	4 728	11 949
Inventory of selected livestock:					
Cattle and calves	farms ..	7	120	605	1 799
number ..	26 547	6 780	51 366	174 388	440 885
Milk cows	farms ..	—	28	187	733
number ..	1 671	—	9 273	40 277	98 850
Hogs and pigs	farms ..	4	23	64	167
number ..	121 823	193 864	246 239	296 130	338 241
number ..	1 170				
number ..	385 755				

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.