that a large proportion of the disease- control chemicals are applied to fruit and nut trees and to a lesser extent to Irish potatoes and sugar beets.

Defoliation, growth control of crops, or thinning of fruit—The 5.1 million acres treated with chemicals for defoliation or for growth control of crops or thinning of fruit was about 1.7 percent of the harvested cropland. The cost of the chemicals was $6.65 per acre. Most of the acres treated were on cotton and cash grain farms.

Chemicals for the control of insects on livestock and poultry—The 132,000 farms reporting the use of these chemicals equalled 11 percent of the farms reporting value of livestock and poultry.

These farms reported a total of $19 million in expenditures for the control of insects on livestock and poultry, or $142 per farm. The $19 million in expenditures for the control of insects on livestock and poultry is less than 1 percent of the value of livestock and poultry sold. About three-fourths of the expenditures were on dairy, livestock, and poultry farms.