Figure 1. Profile of the Nation’s Agriculture: 1997

- Farms by size
  - 1 to 49 acres: 29.5%
  - 50 to 179 acres: 31.0%
  - 180 to 499 acres: 21.1%
  - 500 to 999 acres: 9.2%
  - 1,000 to 1,999 acres: 5.3%
  - 2,000 acres or more: 3.9%

- Farms by market value of agricultural products sold
  - Less than $2,500: 26.0%
  - $2,500 to $9,999: 24.4%
  - $10,000 to $49,999: 23.2%
  - $50,000 to $99,999: 8.3%
  - $100,000 to $249,999: 9.9%
  - $250,000 or more: 8.2%

- Farms by value of land and buildings
  - Less than $40,000: 9.4%
  - $40,000 to $99,999: 18.2%
  - $100,000 to $499,999: 50.8%
  - $500,000 to $999,999: 11.9%
  - $1,000,000 or more: 9.7%

- Farms by type of organization
  - Individual or family: 86.0%
  - Corporation: 4.4%
  - Partnership: 8.8%
  - Other: 0.8%

- Operators by tenure
  - Full owner: 60.0%
  - Part owner: 30.0%
  - Tenant: 10.0%
  - None: 39.5%

- Operators by days worked off farm
  - 1 to 99 days: 8.6%
  - 100 to 199 days: 8.8%
  - 200 days or more: 37.1%
  - Not reported: 6.0%

- Operators by principal occupation
  - Farming: 50.3%
  - Other: 49.7%
Figure 2. **Percent of Farms and of Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold: 1997**

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Figure 3. **Farms by Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold: 1969 to 1997**

(Millions of farms)
Figure 4. **Land Use: 1997**

- **Pastureland and rangeland**: 42.5%
- **Other land**: 3.5%
- **Woodland**: 7.7%
- **Total acres**: 931,795,255

- **Cropland**: 46.3%
  - **Cropland harvested**: 71.8%
  - **Cropland idle**: 4.4%
  - **Cropland pastured**: 15.0%
  - Other cropland—cover, crops failed, and summer fallow: 8.8%

Figure 5. **Selected Crops Harvested: 1997**

- **Total acres**: 931,795,255
- **Corn for grain**: 69.8
- **Soybeans for beans**: 66.1
- **Hay—all types**: 60.8
- **Wheat for grain**: 58.8
- **Cotton**: 13.2
- **Sorghum for grain**: 8.5
- **Barley for grain**: 5.9

(Millions of acres)
Figure 6. **Value of Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products Sold: 1997**

U.S. total = $98,808,993,000

- Dairy products: 19.2%
- Other cattle and calves: 20.4%
- Fattened cattle: 20.6%
- Poultry and poultry products: 22.5%
- Hogs and pigs: 14.0%
- All other: 3.3%

Figure 7. **Production Expenses: 1997**

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