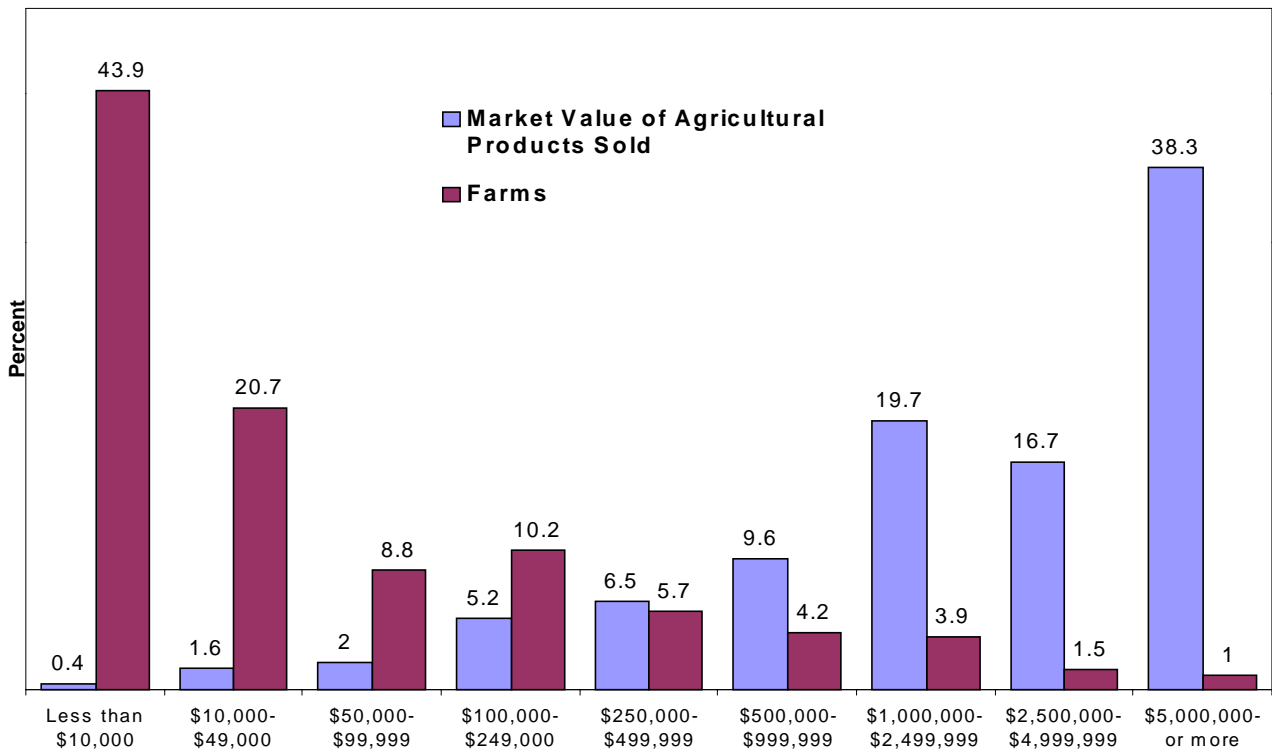


I.4 Size Distribution by Total Sales

By sales value, California agriculture is comprised of a large number of small farms, while a small number of farms represent most of the sales. The 16% of California farms with sales of more than \$250,000 in 1997 also represented over 90% of total sales value.

FIGURE 10

Share of California Farms and Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, by Total Sales Category, 1997



Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1997 Census of Agriculture.

■ In 1997, almost 44% of California farms sold less than \$10,000 of agricultural products. Most of these farms are operated by retired or part-time farmers. See I.6 for more information on retired and part-time farmers.