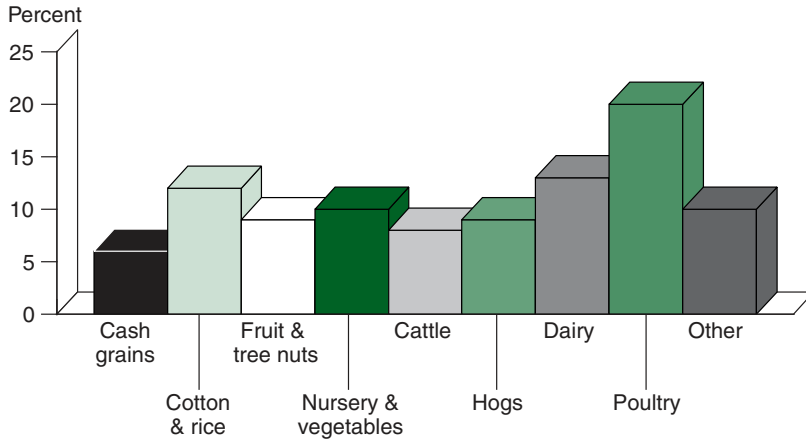


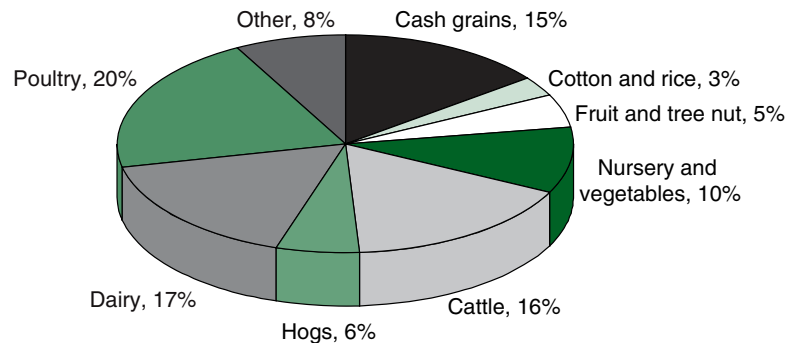
Beginning Farmers and Ranchers



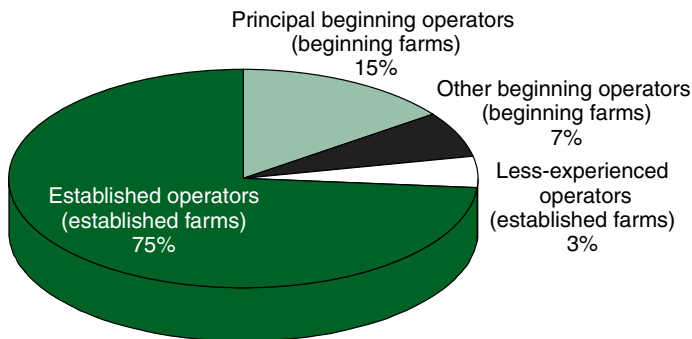
Beginning farms' shares of U.S. production, 2007



Distribution of commodity production by beginning farms, 2007



Beginning operators made up about a quarter of operators in 2007



Note: Beginning farms are those where all operators have 10 years or less farming experience.

Source: ERS/Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, 2009