

Table 7: Late Pleistocene megafauna extinction – (percentages and weights in kg)

All herbivores	1,000 (kg)
75% of herbivores	100–1,000 (kg)
41% of herbivores	5–100 (kg)
<2% of herbivores	< 5 (kg)

SOURCE: Adapted from Peter J. Bryant, "Extinction and Depletion from Over-Exploitation," *The Origin, Nature and Value of Biological Diversity, the Threats to Its Continued Existence, and Approaches to Preserving What Is Left* [A Hypertext Book] (Irvine, CA: School of Biological Sciences University of California, Irvine, 1997).

NOTE: The Late Pleistocene and Late Quaternary megafauna extinctions occurred at different times on different landmasses and oceanic islands. The timing of this recent mass extinction spasm coincides with arrival of the first anatomically modern humans.

Table 8: Onset dates of major extinction episodes

	Years before present
Africa and SE Asia	50,000
Australia	45,000
North Eurasia	13,000
North America	11,000
South America	10,000
West Indies	4,000
Aotearoa (NZ)	900
Madagascar	800

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TABLE 6.1 Changes in Number of U.S. Farms by Size, 1950–1992

Size of Farm (Acres)	1992	1969	1950	% Change
1–59	1,310,000	1,944,224	4,606,497	–172%
260–499	255,000	419,421	478,170	–47%
500–999	186,000	215,659	182,297	+0.08%
1,000+	173,000	150,946	121,473	+58%
Total	1,925,000	2,730,250	5,388,437	–166%

Adapted from Eric Ross, *Beyond the Myths of Culture: Essays in Cultural Materialism*. New York, Academic Press, 1980.