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By examining the fluctuations of the agriculture sector over the last 50 years, *Economic Trends in US Agriculture and Food Systems Since World War II* is able to give its readers a better glimpse at the future of farming. Author Milton C. Hallberg details the past and potential changes in the number of farms and farm size; farm income and expenses and wealth of farm families; and prices received, prices paid, and variability of prices. Through countless graphics and tables, Hallberg clearly presents his case for continued innovations and beneficial policies. This book is intend
