

Table 4. **Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.**

|                                                               | All forms |        |        | Farms operated by Black and other races <sup>1</sup> |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
|                                                               | 1978      | 1974   | 1969   | 1978                                                 | 1974 | 1969 |
| <b>Operators by age group:<sup>1</sup></b>                    |           |        |        |                                                      |      |      |
| Under 25 years.....                                           | 1 399     | 977    | 1 300  | 3                                                    | 2    | —    |
| 25 to 34 years.....                                           | 7 794     | 6 142  | 6 623  | 16                                                   | 7    | 3    |
| 35 to 44 years.....                                           | 12 500    | 10 336 | 13 389 | 34                                                   | 24   | 16   |
| 45 to 54 years.....                                           | 15 261    | 14 425 | 17 129 | 39                                                   | 33   | 24   |
| 55 to 64 years.....                                           | 13 900    | 12 202 | 14 382 | 32                                                   | 27   | 11   |
| 65 years and over.....                                        | 9 088     | 8 372  | 10 001 | 20                                                   | 12   | 14   |
| Average age.....                                              | 49.8      | 50.6   | 50.5   | 50.0                                                 | 50.7 | 53.2 |
| <b>Operators by place of residence:<sup>1</sup></b>           |           |        |        |                                                      |      |      |
| On farm operated.....                                         | 49 198    | 41 083 | 51 965 | 101                                                  | 76   | 54   |
| Not on farm operated.....                                     | 5 911     | 4 402  | 5 824  | 21                                                   | 11   | 5    |
| Not reported.....                                             | 4 833     | 7 686  | 5 035  | 22                                                   | 18   | 9    |
| <b>Operators reporting days of work off farm:<sup>1</sup></b> |           |        |        |                                                      |      |      |
| None.....                                                     | 23 286    | 18 390 | (NA)   | 34                                                   | 34   | (NA) |
| Any.....                                                      | 33 958    | 25 718 | 35 451 | 94                                                   | 51   | 43   |
| 1 to 49 days.....                                             | 4 311     | 2 955  | 5 580  | 15                                                   | 4    | 3    |
| 50 to 99 days.....                                            | 1 708     | 1 441  | 2 240  | 2                                                    | 2    | 1    |
| 100 to 149 days.....                                          | 1 829     | 1 539  | 4 763  | 7                                                    | 2    | 13   |
| 150 to 199 days.....                                          | 3 362     | 2 577  | 22 868 | 12                                                   | 8    | 26   |
| 200 days or more.....                                         | 22 748    | 17 206 | (NA)   | 58                                                   | 35   | (NA) |
| Not reporting.....                                            | 2 698     | 8 346  | (NA)   | 16                                                   | 20   | (NA) |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:<sup>1</sup></b>         |           |        |        |                                                      |      |      |
| Farming.....                                                  | 31 489    | 31 555 | (NA)   | 63                                                   | 61   | (NA) |
| Other.....                                                    | 28 453    | 20 899 | (NA)   | 81                                                   | 44   | (NA) |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                                      |           |        |        |                                                      |      |      |
| Male.....                                                     | 57 064    | (NA)   | (NA)   | 127                                                  | (NA) | (NA) |
| Female.....                                                   | 8 431 330 | (NA)   | (NA)   | 14 995                                               | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.....                                                    | 2 878     | (NA)   | (NA)   | 17                                                   | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.....                                                    | 315 949   | (NA)   | (NA)   | 1 430                                                | (NA) | (NA) |
| <b>Operators of Spanish origin.....</b>                       |           |        |        |                                                      |      |      |
| forms.....                                                    | 142       | (NA)   | (NA)   | 2                                                    | (NA) | (NA) |
| acres.....                                                    | 14 549    | (NA)   | (NA)   | (D)                                                  | (NA) | (NA) |

<sup>1</sup>1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks; 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

Table 5. **Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969**

|                                                                     | 1978      |                                                                  | 1974      |                                                                  | 1969      |                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                     | Farms     | Farms operated by Black and other races, <sup>1</sup> (see text) | Farms     | Farms operated by Black and other races, <sup>1</sup> (see text) | Farms     | Farms operated by Black and other races, <sup>1</sup> (see text) |
| <b>Individual or family.....</b>                                    |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |
| forms.....                                                          | 39 063    | 84                                                               | 34 580    | 70                                                               | 33 588    | 24                                                               |
| acres.....                                                          | 6 210 401 | 11 487                                                           | 5 920 662 | 14 117                                                           | 5 656 298 | 4 007                                                            |
| <b>Partnership.....</b>                                             |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |
| forms.....                                                          | 4 056     | 9                                                                | 2 406     | 5                                                                | 3 949     | 3                                                                |
| acres.....                                                          | 1 045 322 | 1 859                                                            | 661 405   | 556                                                              | 861 452   | 86                                                               |
| <b>Corporations.....</b>                                            |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |
| forms.....                                                          | 882       | 3                                                                | 577       | (NA)                                                             | 389       | —                                                                |
| acres.....                                                          | 292 943   | (D)                                                              | 224 828   | (NA)                                                             | 173 075   | —                                                                |
| <b>Family held:</b>                                                 |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |
| More than 10 stockholders.....                                      | 22        | —                                                                | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| 10 or less stockholders.....                                        | 28 582    | —                                                                | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| acres.....                                                          | 743       | 2                                                                | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| acres.....                                                          | 226 652   | (D)                                                              | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| <b>Other than family held:</b>                                      |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |
| More than 10 stockholders.....                                      | 20        | —                                                                | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| 10 or less stockholders.....                                        | 12 299    | —                                                                | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| forms.....                                                          | 97        | 1                                                                | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| acres.....                                                          | 25 410    | (D)                                                              | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             | (NA)      | (NA)                                                             |
| <b>Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....</b> |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |           |                                                                  |
| forms.....                                                          | 117       | 1                                                                | 70        | (NA)                                                             | 145       | —                                                                |
| acres.....                                                          | 35 573    | (D)                                                              | 27 331    | (NA)                                                             | 37 897    | —                                                                |

<sup>1</sup>1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.