

Table 16. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization for All Farms and Farms Operated by Black and Other Races: 1987, 1982, and 1978

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Characteristics	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1987	1982	1978	1987	1982	1978
Tenure of operator:						
All operators ----- farms..	43 318	48 448	50 780	1 902	2 813	3 207
----- acres..	9 145 753	10 200 547	11 147 825	209 688	303 061	369 945
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	28 509	33 351	37 301	1 045	1 826	2 254
----- acres..	2 231 623	3 265 361	3 364 231	44 202	87 024	87 029
Full owners ----- farms..	29 313	32 791	32 654	1 249	1 803	1 954
----- acres..	4 466 137	4 878 253	4 933 932	109 677	158 138	194 351
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	17 166	20 006	21 352	603	1 040	1 224
----- acres..	603 220	830 830	756 868	11 966	18 746	22 495
Part owners ----- farms..	11 153	12 380	14 043	459	709	821
----- acres..	4 041 556	4 699 924	5 403 397	82 695	119 602	139 723
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	9 326	10 788	12 846	333	566	692
----- acres..	1 349 938	2 084 603	2 191 209	25 288	54 755	48 215
Tenants ----- farms..	2 852	3 277	4 083	194	301	432
----- acres..	638 060	622 370	810 496	17 316	25 321	35 871
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	2 017	2 557	3 303	109	220	338
----- acres..	278 465	349 928	416 154	6 948	13 523	16 319
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	6.6	6.8	8.0	10.2	10.7	13.5
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	30 191	32 376	33 562	1 099	1 604	1 808
Not on farm operated -----	8 653	9 053	9 536	495	630	716
Not reported -----	4 474	7 019	7 682	308	579	683
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	16 398	18 316	19 839	688	1 003	1 461
Other -----	26 920	30 132	30 941	1 214	1 810	1 746
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	14 206	14 774	16 649	751	949	1 102
Any -----	26 899	29 776	31 929	1 023	1 599	1 837
1 to 49 days -----	1 929	2 158	2 885	123	195	287
50 to 99 days -----	1 140	1 305	1 497	77	122	174
100 to 149 days -----	1 365	1 515	1 590	64	125	156
150 to 199 days -----	2 311	2 724	2 565	117	221	235
200 days or more -----	20 154	22 074	23 392	642	936	985
Not reported -----	2 213	3 898	2 202	128	265	268
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	2 440	2 547	(NA)	68	131	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 072	3 822	(NA)	95	169	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	5 860	7 185	(NA)	224	259	(NA)
10 years or more -----	21 659	21 085	(NA)	748	931	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.0	16.7	(NA)	20.0	18.8	(NA)
Not reported -----	10 287	13 809	(NA)	767	1 323	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	444	768	922	9	28	36
25 to 34 years -----	3 831	5 214	5 806	120	175	216
35 to 44 years -----	8 439	9 555	10 006	278	406	419
45 to 49 years -----	5 007	11 418	12 321	168	504	495
50 to 54 years -----	5 251	11 418	12 321	180	504	495
55 to 59 years -----	5 351	11 883	12 696	181	694	894
60 to 64 years -----	5 159	11 883	12 696	220	694	894
65 to 69 years -----	4 284	9 610	9 029	233	1 006	1 147
70 years and over -----	5 552	9 610	9 029	513	1 006	1 147
Average age -----	53.1	51.8	51.1	58.3	57.4	57.4
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	40 539	45 721	47 886	1 724	2 520	2 845
----- acres..	8 742 697	9 789 198	10 709 484	195 698	279 865	341 698
Female ----- farms..	2 779	2 727	2 894	178	293	362
----- acres..	403 056	411 349	438 341	13 990	23 196	28 247
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..						
----- acres..	83	79	165	8	7	10
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	11 382	13 437	21 727	1 609	417	494
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	28 170	(NA)	(NA)	320	(NA)	(NA)
----- farms..	15 065	(NA)	(NA)	974	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	39 553	44 009	45 968	1 789	2 613	3 033
----- acres..	7 297 798	8 090 943	8 834 792	173 129	259 991	336 221
Partnership ----- farms..	3 014	3 754	4 074	86	147	137
----- acres..	1 318 615	1 579 505	1 761 842	24 401	28 084	22 319
Corporation ----- farms..	570	513	606	13	26	23
----- acres..	381 389	409 000	436 359	3 339	8 427	5 375
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	12	15	10	-	2	-
----- acres..	29 893	42 348	7 542	-	(D)	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	482	398	519	13	15	21
----- acres..	332 438	335 341	376 923	3 339	5 001	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	17	11	15	-	-	1
----- acres..	4 738	1 644	18 684	-	-	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	59	89	62	-	9	1
----- acres..	14 320	29 667	33 210	-	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..						
----- acres..	181	172	132	14	27	14
----- farms..	147 951	121 099	114 832	8 819	6 559	6 030

¹For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.