

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..	7 669	7 334	6 298	598	482	371
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	36 287 794	37 752 534	38 505 905	21 143 151	20 457 319	20 813 132
Full owners ----- farms..	3 646	3 838	3 579	227	241	190
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	865 817	1 047 213	1 106 631	72 487	60 242	65 158
Part owners ----- farms..	5 044	4 990	3 938	445	356	251
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	23 429 445	23 832 820	23 000 202	20 884 872	20 345 783	20 516 767
Tenants ----- farms..	2 063	2 424	2 131	137	157	99
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	252 825	350 607	364 884	35 321	32 640	30 241
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	14.3	10.7	12.3	15.9	15.1	15.1
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated ----- farms..	4 679	4 566	3 794	385	284	204
Not on farm operated ----- farms..	2 469	2 034	1 891	179	137	113
Not reported ----- farms..	521	734	613	34	61	54
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming ----- farms..	3 782	3 501	3 099	274	231	137
Other ----- farms..	3 887	3 833	3 199	324	251	234
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None ----- farms..	2 830	2 569	2 608	206	181	135
Any ----- farms..	4 423	4 244	3 475	351	273	227
1 to 49 days ----- farms..	444	397	384	56	30	30
50 to 99 days ----- farms..	247	230	178	30	30	8
100 to 149 days ----- farms..	292	251	226	27	24	11
150 to 199 days ----- farms..	443	419	314	52	28	25
200 days or more ----- farms..	2 997	2 947	2 373	186	141	153
Not reported ----- farms..	416	521	215	41	28	9
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less ----- farms..	725	653	(NA)	42	25	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms..	803	1 037	(NA)	52	55	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms..	1 628	1 525	(NA)	88	75	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms..	3 165	2 700	(NA)	199	123	(NA)
Average years on present farm ----- percent..	13.4	12.8	(NA)	14.7	14.9	(NA)
Not reported ----- farms..	1 348	1 419	(NA)	217	204	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years ----- farms..	86	58	93	8	4	5
25 to 34 years ----- farms..	691	770	713	64	64	49
35 to 44 years ----- farms..	1 788	1 739	1 381	136	104	82
45 to 49 years ----- farms..	968	1 895	1 710	67	117	109
50 to 54 years ----- farms..	952	1 790	1 526	82	124	91
55 to 59 years ----- farms..	968	1 082	875	83	69	35
60 to 64 years ----- farms..	874	50.5	50.0	77	45	35
65 to 69 years ----- farms..	623	50.5	50.0	36	69	35
70 years and over ----- farms..	739	50.5	50.0	45	50.4	48.7
Average age ----- percent..	51.5	50.5	50.0	50.7	50.4	48.7
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	6 806	6 719	5 905	527	422	337
Female ----- farms..	35 235 323	37 107 904	37 825 966	21 122 751	20 420 896	20 691 970
Not reported ----- farms..	863	615	393	71	60	34
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 052 471	644 630	679 939	20 400	36 423	121 162
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	363	299	318	125	82	84
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	364 077	322 266	476 825	50 300	48 640	141 991
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	5 408	(NA)	(NA)	300	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	1 898	(NA)	(NA)	173	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	5 356	5 438	4 604	419	317	240
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	6 170 484	7 441 737	7 878 499	296 031	146 345	84 946
Partnership ----- farms..	1 389	1 019	907	52	45	29
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 574 856	4 097 137	3 330 626	70 027	18 808	6 846
Corporation ----- farms..	724	674	630	24	13	27
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	3 954 445	5 096 823	5 937 087	37 398	25 123	141 589
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	17	33	26	-	1	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	90 136	1 058 495	1 464 802	-	(D)	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	592	495	495	21	11	24
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 746 444	2 939 692	3 293 298	36 813	(D)	67 916
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	25	29	34	2	1	3
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	619 578	702 905	852 802	(D)	(D)	73 673
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	90	96	75	1	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	498 287	395 731	326 185	(D)	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	220	203	157	103	107	75
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	21 588 009	21 116 837	21 359 693	20 739 695	20 267 043	20 579 751

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