

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..	48 242	50 525	51 751	912	1 368	1 688
----- acres..	14 355 611	14 682 960	15 074 799	155 590	186 730	217 505
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	32 248	34 725	37 245	629	1 022	1 362
----- acres..	6 477 365	7 484 316	7 572 049	94 232	116 780	117 610
Full owners ----- farms..	31 033	32 672	32 946	523	752	894
----- acres..	5 329 542	5 853 748	5 800 256	41 799	66 292	79 733
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	18 049	19 676	20 853	294	461	616
----- acres..	1 232 025	1 633 397	1 402 592	16 447	23 637	19 404
Part owners ----- farms..	11 805	12 699	13 013	241	393	453
----- acres..	5 890 371	6 657 997	6 860 176	72 000	92 657	95 010
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	9 734	10 735	11 389	205	357	425
----- acres..	3 037 952	4 134 486	4 241 404	49 169	70 176	66 594
Tenants ----- farms..	5 404	5 154	5 792	148	223	341
----- acres..	3 135 698	2 171 215	2 414 367	41 791	27 781	42 762
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	4 465	4 314	5 003	130	204	321
----- acres..	2 207 388	1 716 433	1 928 053	28 616	22 967	31 612
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	11.2	10.2	11.2	16.2	16.3	20.2
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	33 307	34 526	34 665	502	720	858
Not on farm operated -----	10 113	9 818	10 192	282	370	439
Not reported -----	4 822	6 181	6 894	128	278	391
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	24 210	25 701	25 810	404	729	914
Other -----	24 032	24 824	25 941	508	639	774
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	19 132	18 816	20 922	314	495	706
Any -----	26 208	26 946	28 580	514	681	849
1 to 49 days -----	2 280	2 462	3 012	59	81	110
50 to 99 days -----	1 413	1 479	1 618	34	54	93
100 to 149 days -----	1 503	1 747	1 917	37	49	70
150 to 199 days -----	2 595	2 805	2 747	81	84	110
200 days or more -----	18 417	18 455	19 286	303	413	466
Not reported -----	2 902	4 761	2 249	84	192	133
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	3 251	2 971	(NA)	81	69	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 464	4 501	(NA)	75	103	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	7 157	8 302	(NA)	101	158	(NA)
10 years or more -----	24 303	22 912	(NA)	337	508	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	16.9	15.8	(NA)	16.5	17.9	(NA)
Not reported -----	10 067	11 839	(NA)	318	530	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	739	947	951	15	17	31
25 to 34 years -----	4 995	5 816	6 502	82	128	116
35 to 44 years -----	9 746	10 648	10 914	189	212	251
45 to 49 years -----	5 784	12 127	12 916	102	275	331
50 to 54 years -----	6 069	12 121	12 177	101	345	437
55 to 59 years -----	5 790	8 866	8 291	110	391	522
60 to 64 years -----	5 540	8 866	8 291	97	152	152
65 to 69 years -----	4 232	8 866	8 291	64	391	522
70 years and over -----	5 347	8 866	8 291	152	391	522
Average age -----	51.8	50.9	50.2	53.2	54.9	55.7
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	44 760	47 425	48 702	823	1 256	1 501
----- acres..	13 776 703	14 144 460	14 540 895	146 612	175 589	198 449
Female ----- farms..	3 482	3 100	3 049	89	112	187
----- acres..	578 908	538 500	533 904	8 978	11 141	19 056
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	75	92	182	17	6	16
----- acres..	13 969	17 652	49 286	5 105	838	3 129
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	32 035	(NA)	(NA)	443	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	16 132	(NA)	(NA)	452	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	42 885	45 152	46 059	821	1 249	1 530
----- acres..	10 058 295	10 506 970	11 012 276	125 524	160 455	182 334
Partnership ----- farms..	3 626	3 856	4 267	60	92	122
----- acres..	2 653 440	2 237 618	2 412 654	14 122	14 599	22 982
Corporation ----- farms..	1 542	1 326	1 309	23	18	28
----- acres..	1 518 191	1 792 172	1 528 884	(D)	8 668	11 262
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	23	38	27	-	-	-
----- acres..	41 021	50 243	29 864	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	1 349	1 151	1 146	23	14	28
----- acres..	1 337 492	1 635 891	1 382 582	(D)	8 091	11 262
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	25	20	23	-	-	-
----- acres..	11 990	10 741	17 395	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	145	117	113	-	4	-
----- acres..	127 688	95 297	99 043	-	577	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	189	191	116	8	9	8
----- acres..	125 685	146 200	120 985	(D)	3 008	927

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