

**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 <sup>1</sup>		
	1987	1982	1978	1987	1982	1978
<b>Tenure of operator:</b>						
All operators ----- farms...	27 284	27 111	26 907	524	518	535
acres...	34 048 433	33 537 998	35 253 411	1 112 246	1 030 402	1 142 088
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	19 446	20 061	21 217	384	370	404
acres...	5 522 216	6 036 679	5 844 805	67 683	56 283	81 128
Full owners ----- farms...	14 843	15 041	14 037	317	317	321
acres...	9 107 974	9 749 898	8 977 517	972 508	918 087	954 145
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	9 540	10 245	10 176	217	210	223
acres...	1 440 288	1 741 913	1 537 315	30 388	17 229	29 861
Part owners ----- farms...	8 483	8 420	8 856	140	138	142
acres...	20 831 626	20 748 691	22 680 953	111 736	94 663	146 134
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	6 994	7 121	7 795	120	115	122
acres...	3 150 437	3 520 542	3 454 976	24 285	30 608	37 352
Tenants ----- farms...	3 958	3 650	4 014	67	63	72
acres...	4 108 833	3 039 409	3 594 941	28 002	17 652	41 809
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	2 912	2 695	3 246	47	45	59
acres...	931 491	774 224	852 514	13 010	8 446	13 915
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	14.5	13.5	14.9	12.8	12.2	13.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	19 874	19 663	19 415	373	359	361
Not on farm operated -----	5 714	5 076	5 222	118	106	113
Not reported -----	1 698	2 372	2 270	33	53	61
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	16 504	16 336	16 585	279	259	298
Other -----	10 780	10 775	10 322	245	259	237
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	11 315	10 694	11 864	192	182	219
Any -----	14 202	14 050	13 708	302	291	284
1 to 49 days -----	2 248	2 184	2 652	46	41	47
50 to 99 days -----	958	958	977	29	22	16
100 to 149 days -----	1 062	989	1 042	25	28	18
150 to 199 days -----	1 623	1 523	1 420	38	38	43
200 days or more -----	8 311	8 396	7 617	164	162	160
Not reported -----	1 767	2 367	1 335	30	45	32
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	1 762	1 832	(NA)	51	32	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	2 054	2 767	(NA)	42	53	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	4 623	4 952	(NA)	89	88	(NA)
10 years or more -----	14 745	13 098	(NA)	240	214	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	17.7	16.5	(NA)	15.6	14.7	(NA)
Not reported -----	4 100	4 462	(NA)	102	131	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	467	661	847	8	12	12
25 to 34 years -----	3 171	3 573	3 442	63	78	49
35 to 44 years -----	5 546	5 455	5 390	111	99	123
45 to 49 years -----	3 014	6 290	6 480	49	137	146
50 to 54 years -----	3 107			57		
55 to 59 years -----	3 145	6 460	6 536	73	135	134
60 to 64 years -----	3 043			61		
65 to 69 years -----	2 470	4 672	4 212	57	57	71
70 years and over -----	3 321			45		
Average age -----	51.8	50.4	49.9	51.4	49.0	50.2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms...	25 372	25 608	25 655	503	495	510
acres...	32 775 046	32 389 016	34 130 972	1 105 783	1 023 774	1 128 784
Female ----- farms...	1 912	1 503	1 252	21	23	25
acres...	1 273 387	1 148 982	1 122 439	6 463	6 628	13 304
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text)</b> ----- farms...	710	832	851	245	194	177
acres...	402 040	385 076	951 068	83 071	43 995	633 713
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin</b> ----- farms...	18 716	(NA)	(NA)	158	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Spanish origin not reported</b> ----- farms...	7 858	(NA)	(NA)	121	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	22 586	22 589	22 273	417	413	428
acres...	21 410 862	20 559 116	21 924 770	137 144	122 345	186 086
Partnership ----- farms...	2 994	2 938	3 131	62	59	64
acres...	5 780 203	5 729 564	6 089 468	23 264	17 637	54 044
Corporation ----- farms...	1 469	1 356	1 314	35	36	41
acres...	5 010 562	5 539 471	5 498 242	70 005	38 792	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	35	42	33	-	1	1
acres...	292 288	214 646	321 550	-	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	1 299	1 147	1 140	33	34	39
acres...	4 095 094	4 685 492	4 380 526	(D)	(D)	48 003
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	20	20	24	2	-	-
acres...	55 394	159 328	279 826	(D)	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	115	147	117	-	1	1
acres...	567 786	480 007	516 340	-	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	235	228	189	10	10	2
acres...	1 846 806	1 709 847	1 740 931	881 833	851 628	(D)

<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.