

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...	3 580	3 754	3 519	23	10	17
----- acres...	398 400	444 242	455 731	1 442	287	773
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	2 876	3 062	3 009	20	9	15
----- acres...	153 715	171 229	169 681	211	57	351
Full owners ----- farms...	2 246	2 274	2 051	15	5	12
----- acres...	162 617	182 537	172 497	1 122	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	1 668	1 718	1 619	12	4	10
----- acres...	40 971	46 497	43 019	161	21	(D)
Part owners ----- farms...	1 058	1 147	1 147	6	3	3
----- acres...	206 999	232 909	249 492	(D)	53	85
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	984	1 072	1 102	6	3	3
----- acres...	99 708	110 898	111 127	(D)	(D)	64
Tenants ----- farms...	276	333	321	2	2	2
----- acres...	28 784	28 796	33 742	(D)	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	224	272	288	2	2	2
----- acres...	13 036	13 834	15 535	(D)	(D)	(D)
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	7.7	8.9	9.1	8.7	20.0	11.8
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	2 856	2 986	2 811	16	8	13
Not on farm operated -----	462	474	462	6	2	2
Not reported -----	262	294	246	1	-	2
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	1 842	1 957	2 009	6	1	11
Other -----	1 738	1 797	1 510	17	9	6
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	1 418	1 459	1 577	5	1	6
Any -----	1 940	2 032	1 784	16	9	11
1 to 49 days -----	169	180	185	-	-	1
50 to 99 days -----	90	98	86	2	-	2
100 to 149 days -----	141	133	149	1	-	4
150 to 199 days -----	236	189	203	2	3	1
200 days or more -----	1 304	1 432	1 161	11	6	3
Not reported -----	222	263	158	2	-	-
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	139	168	(NA)	2	-	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	213	326	(NA)	1	-	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	534	617	(NA)	4	1	(NA)
10 years or more -----	2 017	1 952	(NA)	9	3	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	19.9	19.0	(NA)	14.2	18.0	(NA)
Not reported -----	677	691	(NA)	7	6	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	28	61	45	-	-	-
25 to 34 years -----	309	356	351	2	1	1
35 to 44 years -----	740	771	623	4	2	3
45 to 49 years -----	394	821	872	3	-	3
50 to 54 years -----	345	-	-	3	-	-
55 to 59 years -----	459	935	935	6	4	6
60 to 64 years -----	434	-	-	1	-	-
65 to 69 years -----	349	810	693	-	3	4
70 years and over -----	522	-	-	4	-	-
Average age -----	53.5	52.5	52.2	52.2	55.6	55.5
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms...	3 124	3 327	3 215	22	7	16
----- acres...	366 119	413 591	425 999	(D)	187	(D)
Female ----- farms...	456	427	304	1	3	1
----- acres...	32 281	30 651	29 732	(D)	100	(D)
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms...						
----- acres...	12	7	5	-	-	-
----- farms...	1 341	1 515	321	-	-	-
----- farms...	2 478	(NA)	(NA)	11	(NA)	(NA)
----- farms...	1 090	(NA)	(NA)	12	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	2 923	3 119	2 927	19	9	13
----- acres...	274 078	308 334	326 751	1 148	(D)	614
Partnership ----- farms...	355	360	362	1	1	2
----- acres...	65 697	74 555	68 585	(D)	(D)	(D)
Corporation ----- farms...	276	251	205	3	-	2
----- acres...	51 098	51 129	51 659	(D)	-	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	3	8	7	-	-	-
----- acres...	1 239	2 892	2 965	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	241	215	175	2	-	2
----- acres...	42 297	42 653	36 330	(D)	-	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	3	9	12	-	-	-
----- acres...	2 260	3 862	11 432	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	29	19	11	1	-	-
----- acres...	5 302	1 722	932	(D)	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...						
----- acres...	26	24	25	-	-	-
----- farms...	7 527	10 224	8 736	-	-	-

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