

Table 10. **Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1987 and 1982**

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Characteristics	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
<b>FARMS</b>				
Land in farms ----- farms, 1987..	2 966	857	380	1 729
----- farms, 1982..	3 338	1 009	488	1 841
----- acres, 1987..	608 245	201 444	93 998	312 803
----- acres, 1982..	655 465	210 109	102 023	343 333
Harvested cropland ----- farms, 1987..	2 172	721	324	1 127
----- farms, 1982..	2 700	905	434	1 361
----- acres, 1987..	441 502	150 674	64 358	226 470
----- acres, 1982..	499 986	167 936	77 566	254 484
<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>				
Full owners ----- farms, 1987..	1 825	515	202	1 108
----- farms, 1982..	1 951	559	265	1 127
----- acres, 1987..	142 331	53 700	25 031	63 600
----- acres, 1982..	178 991	56 061	24 411	98 519
Harvested cropland ----- farms, 1987..	1 073	388	156	529
----- farms, 1982..	1 364	464	225	675
----- acres, 1987..	71 459	28 385	11 118	31 956
----- acres, 1982..	102 031	33 094	11 735	57 202
Part owners ----- farms, 1987..	857	248	113	496
----- farms, 1982..	996	309	123	564
----- acres, 1987..	399 038	127 389	53 930	217 739
----- acres, 1982..	407 831	126 884	56 260	224 707
Owned land in farms ----- acres, 1987..	182 982	53 716	14 899	114 367
----- acres, 1982..	195 426	56 898	17 361	121 167
Rented land in farms ----- acres, 1987..	216 056	73 653	39 031	103 372
----- acres, 1982..	212 405	69 966	38 899	103 540
Harvested cropland ----- farms, 1987..	841	246	110	485
----- farms, 1982..	986	306	122	558
----- acres, 1987..	312 687	104 836	41 912	165 939
----- acres, 1982..	335 977	111 274	46 312	178 391
Tenants ----- farms, 1987..	284	94	65	125
----- farms, 1982..	391	141	100	150
----- acres, 1987..	66 876	20 375	15 037	31 464
----- acres, 1982..	68 643	27 184	21 352	20 107
Harvested cropland ----- farms, 1987..	258	87	58	113
----- farms, 1982..	350	135	87	128
----- acres, 1987..	57 356	17 453	11 328	28 575
----- acres, 1982..	61 978	23 568	19 519	18 891
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Operators by place of residence:				
On farm operated ----- 1987..	2 175	648	287	1 240
----- 1982..	2 405	755	336	1 314
Not on farm operated ----- 1987..	481	144	78	259
----- 1982..	506	148	113	245
Not reported ----- 1987..	310	65	15	230
----- 1982..	427	106	39	282
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming ----- 1987..	1 774	483	211	1 080
----- 1982..	1 956	598	277	1 081
Other ----- 1987..	1 192	374	169	649
----- 1982..	1 382	411	211	760
Operators by days of work off farm:				
None ----- 1987..	1 263	332	164	767
----- 1982..	1 367	384	223	760
Any ----- 1987..	1 426	455	188	783
----- 1982..	1 629	535	232	862
1 to 49 days ----- 1987..	166	57	22	87
----- 1982..	185	71	22	92
50 to 99 days ----- 1987..	88	26	5	57
----- 1982..	70	30	9	31
100 to 149 days ----- 1987..	81	18	8	55
----- 1982..	100	30	8	62
150 to 199 days ----- 1987..	136	45	24	67
----- 1982..	145	44	20	81
200 days or more ----- 1987..	955	309	129	517
----- 1982..	1 129	360	173	596
Not reported ----- 1987..	277	70	28	179
----- 1982..	342	90	33	219
Operators by years on present farm:				
2 years or less ----- 1987..	176	54	25	97
----- 1982..	177	77	19	81
3 or 4 years ----- 1987..	189	55	24	110
----- 1982..	304	100	59	145
5 to 9 years ----- 1987..	398	134	55	209
----- 1982..	499	149	82	268
10 years or more ----- 1987..	1 588	466	219	903
----- 1982..	1 559	458	245	856
Average years on present farm ----- 1987..	19.3	18.0	19.5	20.0
----- 1982..	18.1	15.8	17.4	19.6
Not reported ----- 1987..	615	148	57	410
----- 1982..	799	225	83	491

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Characteristics	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS—</b>				
Con.				
Operators by age group:				
Under 25 years..... 1987..	40	18	3	19
..... 1982..	114	54	12	48
25 to 34 years ..... 1987..	374	106	51	217
..... 1982..	404	131	54	219
35 to 44 years ..... 1987..	620	190	63	367
..... 1982..	650	212	77	361
45 to 54 years ..... 1987..	649	195	78	376
..... 1982..	768	236	121	411
55 to 64 years ..... 1987..	674	183	104	387
..... 1982..	816	220	127	469
55 to 59 years ..... 1987..	326	86	52	188
60 to 64 years ..... 1987..	348	97	52	199
65 years and over ..... 1987..	609	165	81	363
..... 1982..	586	156	97	333
65 to 69 years ..... 1987..	269	65	34	170
70 years and over ..... 1987..	340	100	47	193
Average age ..... 1987..	51.5	51.0	52.8	51.4
..... 1982..	50.6	48.9	52.6	51.0
Operators by sex:				
Male ..... farms, 1987..	2 676	808	345	1 523
..... 1982..	3 088	971	441	1 676
..... acres, 1987..	590 036	195 551	92 050	302 435
..... 1982..	637 092	207 177	98 247	331 668
Female ..... farms, 1987..	290	49	35	206
..... 1982..	250	38	47	165
..... acres, 1987..	18 209	5 893	1 948	10 368
..... 1982..	18 373	2 932	3 776	11 665
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>				
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ..... farms, 1987..	2 553	756	308	1 489
..... 1982..	2 830	864	402	1 564
..... acres, 1987..	400 071	143 281	69 287	187 503
..... 1982..	420 540	151 056	70 819	198 665
Partnership ..... farms, 1987..	216	55	29	132
..... 1982..	302	96	48	158
..... acres, 1987..	62 666	24 853	8 248	29 565
..... 1982..	82 369	25 832	16 628	39 909
Corporation:				
Family held ..... farms, 1987..	173	42	35	96
..... 1982..	174	43	29	102
..... acres, 1987..	141 856	32 812	(D)	(D)
..... 1982..	140 474	(D)	(D)	97 874
Other than family held ..... farms, 1987..	8	-	5	3
..... 1982..	16	2	6	8
..... acres, 1987..	928	-	(D)	(D)
..... 1982..	6 384	(D)	(D)	4 138
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .... farms, 1987..	16	4	3	9
..... 1982..	16	4	3	9
..... acres, 1987..	2 724	498	500	1 726
..... 1982..	5 698	572	2 379	2 747