

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..	36 556	36 352	36 109	974	986	1 170
----- acres..	11 194 090	12 814 216	13 016 288	160 663	171 840	152 905
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	22 677	24 396	26 212	590	711	905
----- acres..	2 240 831	2 643 147	2 705 674	22 522	30 871	46 238
Full owners ----- farms..	28 185	27 927	26 850	706	610	689
----- acres..	5 974 462	6 982 440	6 769 973	112 326	111 512	71 950
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	17 381	18 592	19 366	399	417	504
----- acres..	1 112 742	1 361 618	1 286 192	8 272	10 428	14 321
Part owners ----- farms..	5 766	5 938	6 467	168	247	310
----- acres..	4 073 769	4 565 788	4 886 783	21 047	38 773	58 705
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	3 771	4 284	5 012	122	213	271
----- acres..	949 863	1 063 591	1 170 125	8 017	15 503	23 565
Tenants ----- farms..	2 605	2 487	2 792	100	129	171
----- acres..	1 145 859	1 265 988	1 359 532	27 290	21 555	22 250
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	1 525	1 520	1 834	69	81	130
----- acres..	178 226	217 938	249 357	6 233	4 940	8 352
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	7.1	6.8	7.7	10.3	13.1	14.6
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	22 837	21 929	21 101	540	537	635
Not on farm operated -----	10 961	10 695	10 976	344	306	323
Not reported -----	2 758	3 728	4 032	90	143	212
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	15 821	15 610	15 913	430	417	583
Other -----	20 735	20 742	20 196	544	569	587
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	13 494	12 617	13 438	374	338	408
Any -----	21 196	21 034	21 129	530	548	656
1 to 49 days -----	1 702	1 666	1 966	50	53	108
50 to 99 days -----	1 073	935	951	48	28	40
100 to 149 days -----	1 258	1 129	1 169	40	35	57
150 to 199 days -----	1 814	1 768	1 724	64	59	76
200 days or more -----	15 349	15 536	15 319	328	373	375
Not reported -----	1 866	2 701	1 542	70	100	106
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	2 328	2 543	(NA)	71	64	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 156	3 977	(NA)	99	86	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	6 966	7 021	(NA)	162	127	(NA)
10 years or more -----	17 486	15 364	(NA)	340	348	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	15.5	14.2	(NA)	15.9	16.2	(NA)
Not reported -----	6 620	7 447	(NA)	302	361	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	250	337	539	3	1	17
25 to 34 years -----	2 840	3 403	3 834	62	75	120
35 to 44 years -----	7 009	7 270	7 056	167	179	175
45 to 49 years -----	4 268	8 878	9 214	102	236	257
50 to 54 years -----	4 415	4 145	4 121	122	121	121
55 to 59 years -----	4 794	9 265	8 897	121	222	331
60 to 64 years -----	4 509	4 509	4 509	104	104	104
65 to 69 years -----	3 594	7 199	6 569	123	273	270
70 years and over -----	4 877	4 877	4 877	170	170	170
Average age -----	53.7	52.5	51.6	55.8	54.8	53.6
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	31 950	32 332	32 474	867	891	1 057
----- acres..	10 585 500	12 221 165	12 408 524	153 765	166 363	144 610
Female ----- farms..	4 606	4 020	3 635	107	95	113
----- acres..	608 590	593 051	607 764	6 898	5 477	8 295
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..						
----- acres..	624	471	479	85	29	53
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	205 542	283 397	259 741	6 706	3 742	6 551
----- farms..	26 014	(NA)	(NA)	524	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	9 918	(NA)	(NA)	365	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	28 943	29 556	29 480	820	886	1 030
----- acres..	5 376 655	6 202 665	6 539 350	56 182	76 252	107 546
Partnership ----- farms..	3 289	3 195	3 642	62	56	96
----- acres..	1 605 476	1 672 440	1 715 549	21 274	6 111	23 998
Corporation ----- farms..	3 961	3 255	2 656	78	35	32
----- acres..	3 819 894	4 568 631	4 493 833	9 310	15 934	17 894
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	82	119	97	1	1	2
----- acres..	711 830	1 052 392	814 964	(D)	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	3 332	2 579	2 123	65	21	23
----- acres..	1 877 471	2 215 772	2 301 756	(D)	(D)	14 579
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	56	92	100	-	-	1
----- acres..	437 187	859 791	600 533	-	-	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	491	465	336	12	13	6
----- acres..	793 406	440 676	776 580	3 095	9 923	2 877
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	363	346	331	14	9	12
----- acres..	392 065	370 480	267 556	73 897	73 543	3 467

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