

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..	43 552	49 630	51 405	1 297	2 102	2 714
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	10 744 718	12 291 885	13 416 833	175 352	289 420	359 631
Full owners ----- farms..	30 301	35 650	39 312	918	1 667	2 192
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	3 298 268	4 761 260	4 687 895	55 381	126 422	137 976
Part owners ----- farms..	29 774	33 192	32 385	836	1 267	1 508
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	5 318 042	6 166 054	6 353 339	87 512	150 577	178 622
Not reported ----- farms..	18 395	21 011	21 963	530	904	1 095
Not reported ----- acres..	967 835	1 462 450	1 251 874	16 026	41 132	40 303
Part owners ----- farms..	10 663	12 708	14 381	356	574	766
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 690 032	5 443 956	6 219 767	76 161	113 977	144 768
Not reported ----- farms..	9 422	11 523	13 365	304	531	708
Not reported ----- acres..	1 955 146	2 851 821	2 935 078	34 028	66 025	75 107
Tenants ----- farms..	3 115	3 730	4 639	105	261	440
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	736 644	681 875	843 727	11 679	24 866	36 241
Not reported ----- farms..	2 484	3 116	3 984	84	232	389
Not reported ----- acres..	375 287	446 989	500 943	5 327	19 265	22 566
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	7.2	7.5	9.0	8.1	12.4	16.2
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	30 592	33 922	34 798	875	1 231	1 662
Not on farm operated -----	8 358	9 125	9 389	253	447	553
Not reported -----	4 602	6 583	7 218	169	424	499
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	19 449	23 075	25 373	631	1 083	1 495
Other -----	24 103	26 555	26 032	666	1 019	1 219
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	15 835	17 088	20 361	489	768	1 039
Any -----	25 029	27 730	28 158	696	1 066	1 428
1 to 49 days -----	1 906	2 432	2 907	60	128	205
50 to 99 days -----	1 150	1 321	1 403	63	74	107
100 to 149 days -----	1 311	1 468	1 530	34	83	113
150 to 199 days -----	2 236	2 360	2 344	107	108	196
200 days or more -----	18 426	20 149	19 974	432	673	807
Not reported -----	2 688	4 812	2 886	112	268	247
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	2 690	3 062	(NA)	71	122	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 282	4 407	(NA)	94	133	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	6 300	7 434	(NA)	141	188	(NA)
10 years or more -----	21 432	21 963	(NA)	553	729	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	17.9	16.7	(NA)	19.5	18.4	(NA)
Not reported -----	9 848	12 764	(NA)	438	930	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	428	769	980	9	27	28
25 to 34 years -----	3 890	5 262	5 915	69	147	236
35 to 44 years -----	8 584	10 284	10 016	216	292	344
45 to 49 years -----	4 967	11 403	12 454	101	399	587
50 to 54 years -----	5 042			134		
55 to 59 years -----	5 300			132		
60 to 64 years -----	5 293	12 093	12 909	180	564	741
65 to 69 years -----	4 301			167		
70 years and over -----	5 747	9 819	9 131	289	673	778
Average age -----	53.2	51.7	51.1	57.2	56.4	55.2
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	40 391	46 470	48 149	1 206	1 946	2 532
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	10 239 077	11 765 886	12 786 449	168 560	276 976	340 901
Female ----- farms..	3 161	3 160	3 256	91	156	182
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	505 641	525 999	630 384	6 792	12 444	18 730
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	73	96	217	4	4	23
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	12 085	16 091	67 201	297	697	2 403
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	28 072	(NA)	(NA)	649	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	15 407	(NA)	(NA)	644	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	38 806	44 207	45 381	1 177	1 894	2 464
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	8 158 784	9 217 274	10 171 414	152 150	237 019	302 497
Partnership ----- farms..	3 382	4 170	4 761	93	159	198
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 542 273	1 845 999	2 027 534	19 529	35 475	39 718
Corporation ----- farms..	1 106	954	1 059	12	24	41
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	884 479	1 002 231	1 006 765	801	11 488	15 459
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	15	31	33	-	-	2
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	39 541	94 595	123 841	-	-	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	931	740	859	11	19	37
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	733 196	785 416	752 529	(D)	6 961	9 735
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	24	29	20	-	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	7 602	13 844	10 641	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	136	154	147	1	5	2
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	104 140	108 376	119 754	(D)	4 527	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	258	299	204	15	25	11
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	159 182	226 381	211 120	2 872	5 438	1 957

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