

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..	24 142	24 714	24 249	256	308	319
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	13 931 875	13 921 639	14 699 100	942 995	606 344	501 557
Full owners ----- farms..	18 270	19 596	20 815	212	255	291
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 349 122	4 887 805	4 820 928	64 223	63 814	67 544
Part owners ----- farms..	14 406	14 994	14 258	111	147	141
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 759 865	5 571 929	4 853 568	163 286	536 758	55 704
Tenants ----- farms..	9 915	10 965	11 536	77	111	120
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 303 782	1 734 170	1 653 043	13 156	21 302	16 138
Part owners ----- farms..	6 817	7 064	7 238	96	108	108
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	7 647 839	7 242 867	8 542 044	765 705	58 721	423 995
Tenants ----- farms..	6 044	6 448	6 816	89	101	106
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 413 935	2 650 111	2 609 713	39 153	35 218	36 733
Tenants ----- farms..	2 919	2 656	2 753	49	53	70
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 524 171	1 106 843	1 303 488	14 004	10 865	21 858
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	2 311	2 183	2 463	46	43	65
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	631 405	503 524	558 172	11 914	7 294	14 673
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	12.1	10.7	11.4	19.1	17.2	21.9
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated ----- farms..	18 227	18 716	18 510	179	233	225
Not on farm operated ----- farms..	4 300	3 825	3 615	58	55	67
Not reported ----- farms..	1 615	2 173	2 124	19	20	27
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming ----- farms..	14 550	15 268	15 720	176	211	247
Other ----- farms..	9 592	9 446	8 529	80	97	72
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None ----- farms..	10 101	10 044	10 598	127	143	169
Any ----- farms..	12 614	12 567	12 495	113	135	136
1 to 49 days ----- farms..	1 888	2 029	2 429	23	26	28
50 to 99 days ----- farms..	849	821	966	3	5	17
100 to 149 days ----- farms..	898	914	963	6	8	12
150 to 199 days ----- farms..	1 424	1 378	1 308	17	18	20
200 days or more ----- farms..	7 555	7 425	6 829	64	78	59
Not reported ----- farms..	1 427	2 103	1 156	16	30	14
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less ----- farms..	1 460	1 693	(NA)	21	43	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms..	1 559	2 441	(NA)	21	25	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms..	3 957	4 432	(NA)	35	43	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms..	13 392	12 096	(NA)	128	139	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	17.8	16.2	(NA)	17.0	15.7	(NA)
Not reported ----- farms..	3 774	4 052	(NA)	51	58	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years ----- farms..	307	599	585	8	8	13
25 to 34 years ----- farms..	2 966	3 555	3 325	34	54	48
35 to 44 years ----- farms..	5 339	5 303	4 908	52	51	42
45 to 49 years ----- farms..	2 681	5 603	5 946	22	73	80
50 to 54 years ----- farms..	2 689	5 790	6 059	26	73	101
55 to 59 years ----- farms..	2 795	5 790	6 059	34	97	101
60 to 64 years ----- farms..	2 666	3 864	3 426	36	25	35
65 to 69 years ----- farms..	2 098	3 864	3 426	28	25	35
70 years and over ----- farms..	2 601	3 864	3 426	16	16	16
Average age -----	51.1	49.6	49.6	50.2	48.8	49.7
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	22 989	23 738	23 522	240	294	307
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	13 607 078	13 556 780	14 406 332	942 390	604 906	499 357
Female ----- farms..	1 153	976	727	16	14	12
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	324 797	364 859	292 768	605	1 438	2 200
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	174	150	129	39	39	17
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	75 382	119 169	150 667	5 852	15 913	1 810
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	16 975	(NA)	(NA)	152	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	6 993	(NA)	(NA)	65	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	20 368	20 950	20 506	194	241	239
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	7 488 284	7 595 342	8 342 326	43 423	48 322	65 694
Partnership ----- farms..	2 314	2 312	2 409	29	33	47
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 474 456	2 251 570	2 179 879	12 721	25 236	16 851
Corporation ----- farms..	1 207	1 175	1 118	25	26	23
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 165 050	2 570 879	2 717 454	18 026	19 094	20 841
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	26	39	25	1	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	114 018	124 203	74 605	(D)	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	1 112	1 054	1 019	23	23	21
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 975 603	2 325 339	2 536 178	16 965	12 934	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	12	24	10	-	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	11 212	85 897	20 676	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	57	58	64	1	3	2
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	64 217	35 440	85 995	(D)	6 160	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	253	277	216	8	8	10
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 804 085	1 503 848	1 459 441	868 825	513 692	398 171

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