

**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 <sup>1</sup>		
	1987	1982	1978	1987	1982	1978
<b>Tenure of operator:</b>						
All operators ----- farms..	88 786	98 483	104 690	220	315	326
----- acres..	28 526 664	28 726 114	29 472 473	50 990	61 767	54 622
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	79 986	89 124	96 432	170	263	280
----- acres..	20 102 388	23 008 244	22 676 226	31 690	48 145	39 028
Full owners ----- farms..	39 060	43 050	44 081	115	160	175
----- acres..	5 499 909	6 315 425	6 232 139	15 038	20 187	17 691
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	31 616	35 262	37 062	74	117	137
----- acres..	3 217 805	4 214 067	3 913 937	8 014	14 364	11 032
Part owners ----- farms..	32 503	35 715	37 657	65	98	81
----- acres..	17 223 608	16 730 178	16 643 089	27 437	30 400	22 109
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	32 028	35 126	37 243	63	91	78
----- acres..	12 514 076	13 895 131	13 224 076	17 594	24 367	15 863
Tenants ----- farms..	17 223	19 718	22 952	40	57	70
----- acres..	5 803 147	5 680 513	6 597 245	8 515	11 180	14 822
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	16 342	18 736	22 127	33	55	65
----- acres..	4 370 507	4 899 046	5 538 213	6 082	9 414	12 133
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	19.4	20.0	21.9	18.2	18.1	21.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	63 360	70 275	76 032	135	185	206
Not on farm operated -----	20 381	19 400	19 092	68	80	90
Not reported -----	5 045	8 808	9 566	17	50	30
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	57 122	63 756	69 351	124	153	163
Other -----	31 664	34 727	35 339	96	162	163
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	38 565	42 422	48 448	76	95	114
Any -----	43 651	47 562	50 938	124	192	192
1 to 49 days -----	7 635	8 941	11 035	16	27	29
50 to 99 days -----	3 007	3 217	3 538	10	18	15
100 to 149 days -----	3 048	3 306	3 183	9	11	14
150 to 199 days -----	3 960	4 192	4 149	10	17	14
200 days or more -----	26 001	27 906	29 033	79	119	120
Not reported -----	6 570	8 499	5 304	20	28	20
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	4 260	4 818	(NA)	11	30	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	5 135	7 302	(NA)	13	34	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	11 483	15 033	(NA)	32	46	(NA)
10 years or more -----	54 521	53 574	(NA)	103	100	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	20.1	18.6	(NA)	16.6	14.3	(NA)
Not reported -----	13 387	17 756	(NA)	61	105	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	2 431	4 129	4 431	5	13	15
25 to 34 years -----	12 858	14 912	14 458	20	43	46
35 to 44 years -----	17 453	18 618	19 843	47	59	73
45 to 49 years -----	8 972	21 449	25 013	20	87	64
50 to 54 years -----	9 276	24 460	26 311	38	55	69
55 to 59 years -----	10 249	14 915	14 634	24	17	17
60 to 64 years -----	10 990	14 915	14 634	20	29	29
65 to 69 years -----	7 486	14 915	14 634	17	58	59
70 years and over -----	9 071	14 915	14 634	29	58	59
Average age -----	50.4	49.2	49.2	51.7	50.1	49.0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms..	85 584	95 260	101 632	204	289	302
----- acres..	28 029 832	28 283 021	29 047 854	48 647	58 634	51 141
Female ----- farms..	3 202	3 223	3 058	16	26	24
----- acres..	496 832	443 093	424 619	2 343	3 133	3 481
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..</b>	159	119	175	10	13	17
----- acres..	50 324	33 179	46 674	1 658	2 160	2 273
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..</b>	64 968	(NA)	(NA)	115	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	23 659	(NA)	(NA)	95	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	75 409	83 715	89 658	178	274	283
----- acres..	22 300 965	22 443 479	23 414 816	41 439	48 993	46 904
Partnership ----- farms..	10 651	12 239	13 178	30	31	40
----- acres..	4 530 420	4 701 094	4 943 140	6 743	5 467	7 657
Corporation ----- farms..	2 135	1 866	1 348	9	3	2
----- acres..	1 529 666	1 395 940	967 994	1 948	907	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	23	41	38	-	-	1
----- acres..	25 770	42 687	44 575	-	-	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	1 925	1 606	1 107	8	3	-
----- acres..	1 407 438	1 216 197	764 813	(D)	907	-
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	35	46	44	1	-	-
----- acres..	25 944	55 461	68 464	(D)	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	152	173	159	-	-	1
----- acres..	70 514	81 595	90 142	-	-	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	591	663	506	3	7	1
----- acres..	165 613	185 601	146 523	860	6 400	(D)

<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.