

**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...	70 506	77 180	82 483	178	243	229
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	16 170 895	16 294 268	16 824 438	23 467	35 721	35 710
----- acres...	61 689	68 040	74 450	148	202	198
Full owners ----- farms...	10 706 298	12 136 310	11 809 491	14 128	22 909	22 786
----- acres...	40 747	44 199	47 134	119	169	137
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	4 482 976	4 812 587	5 171 467	9 371	14 236	13 531
----- acres...	32 855	36 027	39 878	91	135	110
----- acres...	2 242 008	2 736 504	2 764 741	4 473	6 620	6 909
Part owners ----- farms...	22 084	24 368	25 684	44	59	68
----- acres...	9 733 301	9 632 792	9 529 547	11 531	17 692	20 002
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	21 691	23 908	25 353	43	55	66
----- acres...	6 994 754	7 839 487	7 321 855	7 847	14 439	13 930
Tenants ----- farms...	7 665	8 613	9 665	15	15	24
----- acres...	1 954 618	1 848 889	2 123 424	2 565	3 793	2 177
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	7 143	8 105	9 219	14	12	22
----- acres...	1 469 536	1 560 319	1 722 895	1 808	1 850	1 947
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	10.9	11.2	11.7	8.4	6.2	10.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated ----- farms...	52 852	58 404	62 205	132	176	168
Not on farm operated ----- farms...	13 111	11 837	12 150	33	43	50
Not reported ----- farms...	4 543	6 939	8 128	13	24	11
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming ----- farms...	36 654	40 189	43 010	75	103	112
Other ----- farms...	33 852	36 991	39 473	103	140	117
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None ----- farms...	25 127	27 352	30 730	53	72	79
Any ----- farms...	40 682	44 050	47 970	113	149	132
1 to 49 days ----- farms...	4 587	5 263	6 013	11	7	13
50 to 99 days ----- farms...	2 042	2 042	2 260	6	6	7
100 to 149 days ----- farms...	2 101	2 268	2 195	6	6	7
150 to 199 days ----- farms...	3 799	4 158	4 002	10	18	14
200 days or more ----- farms...	28 153	30 319	33 500	80	112	91
Not reported ----- farms...	4 697	5 778	3 783	12	22	18
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less ----- farms...	3 569	3 473	(NA)	9	15	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms...	4 180	5 588	(NA)	9	24	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms...	8 814	12 509	(NA)	24	36	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms...	42 688	41 378	(NA)	101	109	(NA)
Average years on present farm ----- farms...	19.6	18.0	(NA)	17.9	15.4	(NA)
Not reported ----- farms...	11 255	14 232	(NA)	35	59	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years ----- farms...	1 669	2 748	3 193	3	6	9
25 to 34 years ----- farms...	9 923	11 629	11 745	21	19	20
35 to 44 years ----- farms...	14 449	16 237	17 093	39	65	55
45 to 49 years ----- farms...	7 842	17 271	19 420	22	72	49
50 to 54 years ----- farms...	7 765	17 810	19 297	15	43	54
55 to 59 years ----- farms...	7 810	17 505	19 297	17	43	54
60 to 64 years ----- farms...	7 824	11 790	11 735	14	38	42
65 to 69 years ----- farms...	5 742	11 790	11 735	19	38	42
70 years and over ----- farms...	7 482	11 790	11 735	28	38	42
Average age ----- farms...	50.5	49.1	49.0	52.3	49.9	51.2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms...	67 650	74 312	79 667	173	227	208
----- acres...	15 800 102	15 947 557	16 503 544	23 179	32 357	33 575
Female ----- farms...	2 856	2 868	2 816	5	16	21
----- acres...	370 793	346 711	320 894	288	3 364	2 135
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text)</b> ----- farms...	99	117	193	10	16	10
----- acres...	18 643	24 469	36 228	511	1 139	775
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin</b> ----- farms...	50 807	(NA)	(NA)	87	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	19 600	(NA)	(NA)	81	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	59 955	65 548	70 551	160	212	195
----- acres...	12 127 077	12 177 664	12 883 882	21 470	28 144	28 113
Partnership ----- farms...	7 469	8 905	9 855	13	20	28
----- acres...	2 455 855	2 645 714	2 823 179	1 194	3 284	6 493
Corporation ----- farms...	2 823	2 422	1 828	5	8	6
----- acres...	1 523 906	1 395 336	1 048 118	803	3 807	1 104
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	37	51	38	-	1	-
----- acres...	26 079	29 200	43 587	-	(D)	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	2 633	2 177	1 592	5	7	5
----- acres...	1 450 721	1 306 898	932 807	803	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	14	24	23	-	-	-
----- acres...	4 192	6 081	11 240	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	139	170	175	-	-	1
----- acres...	42 914	53 157	60 484	-	-	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	259	305	249	-	3	-
----- acres...	64 057	75 354	69 259	-	476	-

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