

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..	68 579	73 315	74 171	275	269	325
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	46 628 519	47 052 213	47 499 831	73 470	94 052	143 839
Full owners ----- farms..	57 822	62 860	64 862	176	192	259
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	17 729 394	20 186 974	18 987 644	26 005	36 025	60 306
Part owners ----- farms..	29 956	31 834	30 061	172	155	156
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	8 839 919	10 524 533	9 138 120	26 446	22 554	36 564
Tenants ----- farms..	21 783	23 963	23 012	90	93	107
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 909 784	3 955 987	3 199 878	7 046	7 335	11 956
Part owners ----- farms..	27 967	29 862	31 647	66	69	109
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	30 896 557	30 378 105	31 792 701	32 317	51 422	84 815
Tenants ----- farms..	26 819	28 775	30 751	56	64	101
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	11 996 753	13 330 629	12 955 820	12 553	19 408	35 087
Tenants ----- farms..	10 656	11 619	12 463	37	45	60
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	6 892 043	6 149 575	6 569 010	14 707	20 076	22 460
Tenants ----- farms..	9 220	10 122	11 099	30	35	51
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 822 857	2 900 358	2 831 946	6 406	9 282	13 263
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	15.5	15.8	16.8	13.5	16.7	18.5
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	45 527	48 356	48 900	173	175	179
Not on farm operated -----	17 871	17 026	16 889	77	79	93
Not reported -----	5 181	7 933	8 382	25	15	53
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	42 607	47 293	49 104	112	120	173
Other -----	25 972	26 022	25 067	163	149	152
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	29 462	30 524	34 255	73	87	125
Any -----	34 654	35 521	36 256	186	164	181
1 to 49 days -----	5 265	6 247	7 839	12	15	33
50 to 99 days -----	2 355	2 405	2 492	7	8	7
100 to 149 days -----	2 246	2 350	2 452	10	3	13
150 to 199 days -----	3 111	3 213	3 083	9	13	20
200 days or more -----	21 677	21 306	20 390	148	125	108
Not reported -----	4 463	7 270	3 660	16	18	19
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	3 511	3 376	(NA)	12	13	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 873	5 484	(NA)	20	26	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	8 552	10 297	(NA)	50	51	(NA)
10 years or more -----	40 624	39 238	(NA)	137	123	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	21.3	20.2	(NA)	16.4	16.2	(NA)
Not reported -----	12 019	14 920	(NA)	56	56	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	1 712	2 840	3 215	3	7	11
25 to 34 years -----	9 531	10 670	9 708	36	28	45
35 to 44 years -----	12 471	12 232	12 031	55	55	68
45 to 49 years -----	5 926	14 815	16 837	30	62	73
50 to 54 years -----	6 781	7 581	18 401	36	67	78
55 to 59 years -----	7 581	17 746	18 401	23	67	78
60 to 64 years -----	8 407	6 564	13 979	30	50	50
65 to 69 years -----	6 564	15 012	13 979	24	50	50
70 years and over -----	9 606	50.9	50.7	38	51.4	49.3
Average age -----	52.0	50.9	50.7	52.2	51.4	49.3
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	65 619	70 674	71 566	258	248	304
Female ----- farms..	45 488 481	46 024 059	46 420 296	70 156	87 764	134 162
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 960	2 641	2 605	17	21	21
Spanish origin not reported -----	1 140 038	1 028 154	1 079 535	3 314	6 288	9 677
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	108	113	118	20	15	15
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	55 373	50 850	83 634	5 088	4 114	7 817
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	47 928	(NA)	(NA)	147	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	20 543	(NA)	(NA)	108	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	60 202	64 313	65 380	242	232	273
Partnership ----- farms..	36 420 471	36 885 296	37 997 141	57 568	74 479	115 594
Corporation ----- farms..	5 889	6 702	7 092	28	28	44
Family held: -----	6 151 580	6 196 310	6 420 863	8 694	11 227	19 360
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	2 100	1 876	1 478	2	5	6
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	3 606 121	3 452 797	2 783 293	(D)	5 015	(D)
Other than family held: -----	23	30	22	-	-	-
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	40 087	37 014	36 662	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	1 919	1 665	1 294	2	5	6
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	3 406 658	3 169 047	2 497 313	(D)	5 015	(D)
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	17	33	20	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	5 299	21 462	11 650	-	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	141	148	142	-	-	-
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¹For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.