

**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..	27 350	31 628	31 370	1 253	1 951	2 017
----- acres..	8 007 173	8 928 827	9 295 029	137 001	192 043	210 458
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	18 644	21 991	23 528	809	1 283	1 522
----- acres..	3 599 678	4 699 323	4 838 520	56 934	84 351	94 617
Full owners ----- farms..	15 770	18 524	17 291	769	1 220	1 186
----- acres..	2 504 754	3 102 880	2 884 304	52 602	79 275	82 601
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	9 153	11 101	11 270	416	684	785
----- acres..	632 464	1 030 385	878 618	11 017	20 887	20 772
Part owners ----- farms..	7 894	9 226	9 827	319	461	515
----- acres..	3 734 670	4 347 734	4 808 934	60 492	77 291	94 725
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	6 549	7 735	8 636	266	382	461
----- acres..	1 914 849	2 633 467	2 921 205	30 242	40 250	51 983
Tenants ----- farms..	3 886	3 878	4 252	165	270	316
----- acres..	1 767 749	1 478 213	1 501 791	23 907	35 477	33 132
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	2 942	3 155	3 622	127	217	276
----- acres..	1 052 365	1 035 471	1 038 697	15 675	23 214	21 862
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	13.5	12.3	13.6	13.2	13.8	15.7
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	17 462	20 195	19 894	688	1 066	1 230
Not on farm operated -----	7 003	7 048	6 928	375	493	429
Not reported -----	2 885	4 385	4 548	190	392	358
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	13 496	14 629	15 283	588	873	1 027
Other -----	13 854	16 999	16 087	665	1 078	990
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	11 078	10 888	12 434	527	721	720
Any -----	14 388	17 721	17 290	626	1 011	1 147
1 to 49 days -----	1 380	1 712	1 861	75	134	192
50 to 89 days -----	850	1 037	1 145	53	99	128
100 to 149 days -----	1 013	1 229	1 027	65	96	123
150 to 199 days -----	1 943	2 431	1 976	118	154	167
200 days or more -----	9 202	11 312	11 281	315	528	537
Not reported -----	1 884	3 019	1 646	100	219	150
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	1 824	1 841	(NA)	69	74	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	1 920	2 750	(NA)	76	124	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	3 938	4 954	(NA)	136	183	(NA)
10 years or more -----	13 134	13 232	(NA)	503	684	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	17.1	15.9	(NA)	19.2	18.9	(NA)
Not reported -----	6 534	8 851	(NA)	469	886	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	484	741	788	18	24	25
25 to 34 years -----	2 961	4 041	3 830	72	119	121
35 to 44 years -----	5 378	6 558	6 366	153	270	273
45 to 49 years -----	3 195	7 347	7 598	96	425	438
50 to 54 years -----	3 217			175		
55 to 59 years -----	3 268			155		
60 to 64 years -----	3 147	7 213	7 514	144	496	568
65 to 69 years -----	2 448			139		
70 years and over -----	3 272	5 728	5 274	301	617	592
Average age -----	52.0	50.5	50.4	57.6	56.3	55.9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms..	25 723	29 960	29 787	1 164	1 795	1 889
----- acres..	7 732 277	8 650 435	9 016 273	129 736	182 289	202 044
Female ----- farms..	1 627	1 668	1 583	89	156	128
----- acres..	274 896	278 392	278 756	7 265	9 754	8 414
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text)</b> ----- farms..	137	176	274	14	16	17
----- acres..	42 192	51 191	108 568	2 010	3 760	3 435
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin</b> ----- farms..	18 194	(NA)	(NA)	653	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	9 019	(NA)	(NA)	586	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	24 322	28 255	27 813	1 174	1 823	1 864
----- acres..	5 567 228	6 207 685	6 507 727	119 409	167 128	175 523
Partnership ----- farms..	1 926	2 402	2 643	59	95	124
----- acres..	1 439 990	1 406 092	1 489 292	13 897	17 169	21 868
Corporation ----- farms..	905	724	748	8	9	12
----- acres..	896 151	1 116 321	1 193 177	2 256	5 195	8 270
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	35	47	45	1	-	-
----- acres..	86 401	156 192	190 620	(D)	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	781	590	606	6	6	10
----- acres..	631 168	707 792	688 747	1 575	3 785	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	16	21	-	-	-	-
----- acres..	98 682	145 346	141 082	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	73	66	77	1	3	2
----- acres..	79 720	106 991	172 728	(D)	1 410	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	197	247	166	12	24	17
----- acres..	103 814	198 749	104 833	1 439	2 551	4 797

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