

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..	6 269	7 003	6 775	20	11	15
acres..	1 342 588	1 468 674	1 500 390	4 343	1 894	5 002
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	5 486	6 138	6 064	15	11	15
acres..	410 891	457 076	463 029	1 901	401	1 619
Full owners ----- farms..	4 211	4 778	4 553	15	11	12
acres..	712 238	844 527	840 719	(D)	1 894	3 951
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	3 516	4 023	3 900	10	11	12
acres..	149 468	191 874	193 004	(D)	401	1 064
Part owners ----- farms..	1 786	1 931	1 943	2	-	3
acres..	595 137	590 661	627 531	(D)	-	1 051
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	1 716	1 852	1 910	2	-	3
acres..	243 734	247 014	253 931	(D)	-	555
Tenants ----- farms..	272	294	279	3	-	-
acres..	35 213	33 486	32 140	2 200	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	254	283	254	3	-	-
acres..	17 689	18 188	16 094	1 200	-	-
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	4.3	4.2	4.1	15.0	-	-
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	5 276	5 762	5 558	15	10	11
Not on farm operated -----	654	650	634	4	1	2
Not reported -----	339	591	583	1	-	2
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	3 220	3 644	3 908	17	4	10
Other -----	3 049	3 359	2 867	3	7	5
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	2 275	2 609	2 842	9	4	5
Any -----	3 653	3 932	3 659	11	7	8
1 to 49 days -----	436	501	568	1	-	1
50 to 99 days -----	240	229	293	3	-	2
100 to 149 days -----	287	286	284	-	-	-
150 to 199 days -----	437	449	399	3	1	2
200 days or more -----	2 253	2 467	2 115	4	6	3
Not reported -----	341	462	274	-	-	2
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	267	361	(NA)	5	1	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	402	620	(NA)	-	1	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	1 039	1 300	(NA)	1	1	(NA)
10 years or more -----	3 680	3 546	(NA)	9	6	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.8	17.2	(NA)	13.4	17.1	(NA)
Not reported -----	881	1 176	(NA)	5	2	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	53	96	87	-	-	-
25 to 34 years -----	611	873	900	3	1	-
35 to 44 years -----	1 469	1 741	1 537	2	3	4
45 to 49 years -----	763	1 701	1 738	6	5	5
50 to 54 years -----	757	-	-	3	-	-
55 to 59 years -----	760	1 505	1 515	1	-	3
60 to 64 years -----	622	-	-	2	-	-
65 to 69 years -----	566	1 087	998	1	2	3
70 years and over -----	668	-	-	2	-	-
Average age -----	51.7	49.8	49.7	50.3	52.5	52.0
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	5 705	6 468	6 343	17	9	11
acres..	1 267 935	1 395 656	1 434 894	4 137	(D)	4 600
Female ----- farms..	564	535	432	3	2	4
acres..	74 653	73 018	65 496	206	(D)	402
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	16	10	13	3	-	2
acres..	4 676	3 104	3 582	409	-	(D)
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	4 300	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	1 953	(NA)	(NA)	11	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	5 594	6 317	6 078	16	10	13
acres..	1 059 102	1 180 862	1 212 357	2 068	(D)	(D)
Partnership ----- farms..	350	384	426	1	-	1
acres..	110 356	122 912	134 882	(D)	-	(D)
Corporation ----- farms..	300	272	244	2	1	1
acres..	158 330	150 650	142 881	(D)	(D)	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	3	3	4	-	-	-
acres..	(D)	4 843	5 597	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	278	239	221	2	-	1
acres..	143 827	129 683	129 231	(D)	-	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	1	7	1	-	-	-
acres..	(D)	8 770	(D)	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	18	23	18	-	1	-
acres..	(D)	7 354	(D)	-	(D)	-
Other--cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	25	30	27	1	-	-
acres..	14 800	14 250	10 270	(D)	-	-

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