

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..	14 776	16 183	15 540	432	602	608
----- acres..	2 396 629	2 557 728	2 614 439	25 778	29 707	45 016
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	11 960	13 672	13 663	366	528	539
----- acres..	1 346 913	1 528 994	1 477 316	12 874	14 650	21 099
Full owners ----- farms..	9 375	9 926	9 226	309	413	350
----- acres..	886 387	990 656	1 006 374	13 407	16 262	18 069
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	6 946	7 799	7 605	258	354	300
----- acres..	330 464	402 897	399 662	5 477	5 172	4 464
Part owners ----- farms..	3 693	4 265	4 144	75	117	154
----- acres..	1 202 858	1 243 695	1 239 339	9 738	11 293	19 709
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	3 482	4 072	4 027	70	105	145
----- acres..	800 932	891 563	820 651	5 672	8 248	13 167
Tenants ----- farms..	1 708	1 992	2 170	48	72	104
----- acres..	307 384	323 377	368 726	2 633	2 152	7 238
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	1 532	1 801	2 031	38	69	94
----- acres..	215 517	234 534	257 003	1 725	1 230	3 468
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	11.6	12.3	14.0	11.1	12.0	17.1
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	11 392	12 234	11 739	253	362	407
Not on farm operated -----	2 360	2 447	2 327	106	125	115
Not reported -----	1 004	1 502	1 474	73	115	86
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	7 882	8 740	8 711	227	301	311
Other -----	6 894	7 443	6 829	205	301	297
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	5 766	6 255	6 508	154	198	205
Any -----	7 985	8 682	8 278	227	343	352
1 to 49 days -----	797	968	1 041	30	36	42
50 to 99 days -----	405	453	445	9	22	23
100 to 149 days -----	478	501	532	11	23	47
150 to 199 days -----	801	885	849	31	42	43
200 days or more -----	5 504	5 875	5 411	146	220	197
Not reported -----	1 025	1 246	754	51	61	51
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	706	873	(NA)	12	32	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	1 000	1 455	(NA)	24	57	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	2 306	2 643	(NA)	47	55	(NA)
10 years or more -----	8 210	8 005	(NA)	205	235	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.6	17.4	(NA)	20.9	17.4	(NA)
Not reported -----	2 554	3 207	(NA)	144	223	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	227	366	396	7	6	5
25 to 34 years -----	1 509	1 753	1 638	16	28	43
35 to 44 years -----	2 809	3 288	3 008	36	89	85
45 to 49 years -----	1 735	3 680	3 786	51	54	133
50 to 54 years -----	1 689	3 983	3 968	54	49	176
55 to 59 years -----	1 670	3 983	3 968	49	59	176
60 to 64 years -----	1 762	3 113	2 744	64	198	172
65 to 69 years -----	1 459	3 113	2 744	64	198	172
70 years and over -----	1 916	51.5	51.3	96	57.1	55.6
Average age -----	52.7	51.5	51.3	58.6	57.1	55.6
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	13 354	14 852	14 367	387	551	563
----- acres..	2 283 805	2 448 684	2 489 823	24 648	28 139	43 665
Female ----- farms..	1 422	1 331	1 173	45	51	45
----- acres..	112 824	109 044	124 616	1 130	1 568	1 351
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..						
----- acres..	41	32	57	5	5	4
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	6 032	3 780	9 723	2 976	328	1 265
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	10 410	(NA)	(NA)	231	(NA)	(NA)
----- farms..	4 325	(NA)	(NA)	196	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	12 738	14 040	13 423	396	552	552
----- acres..	1 756 220	1 867 050	1 959 051	22 836	24 184	36 948
Partnership ----- farms..	1 323	1 544	1 541	24	36	45
----- acres..	359 020	406 839	397 285	1 842	3 757	6 927
Corporation ----- farms..	619	519	497	7	8	9
----- acres..	250 460	254 648	231 656	543	184	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	13	20	10	-	-	-
----- acres..	5 742	8 911	8 388	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	557	435	426	6	6	8
----- acres..	231 329	230 121	192 380	(D)	(D)	704
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	10	12	12	-	-	-
----- acres..	3 323	4 940	6 275	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	39	52	49	1	2	1
----- acres..	10 066	10 676	24 613	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	96	80	79	5	6	2
----- acres..	30 929	29 191	26 447	557	1 582	(D)

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