

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..	6 216	5 401	4 946	26	25	27
acres..	615 185	612 819	617 359	1 822	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	5 084	4 608	4 397	22	22	24
acres..	194 874	197 769	197 405	485	303	476
Full owners ----- farms..	4 313	3 521	3 160	19	23	19
acres..	348 117	303 952	294 981	1 059	(D)	1 030
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	3 377	2 887	2 705	15	20	18
acres..	73 627	66 272	62 890	142	(D)	250
Part owners ----- farms..	1 449	1 481	1 465	4	2	6
acres..	231 033	279 378	297 490	258	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	1 339	1 396	1 418	4	2	4
acres..	105 444	118 409	123 472	180	(D)	(D)
Tenants ----- farms..	454	399	321	3	-	2
acres..	36 035	29 489	24 888	505	-	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	368	325	274	3	-	2
acres..	15 803	13 088	11 043	163	-	(D)
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	7.3	7.4	6.5	11.5	-	7.4
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	4 918	4 228	3 860	16	17	17
Not on farm operated -----	960	784	718	8	6	8
Not reported -----	338	389	368	2	2	2
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	3 174	2 941	2 852	13	12	14
Other -----	3 042	2 460	2 094	13	13	13
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	2 371	2 121	2 197	8	6	9
Any -----	3 516	2 897	2 520	16	16	15
1 to 49 days -----	374	271	262	3	2	-
50 to 99 days -----	178	202	147	-	1	1
100 to 149 days -----	245	225	183	-	3	2
150 to 199 days -----	436	361	305	1	1	-
200 days or more -----	2 283	1 838	1 623	12	9	12
Not reported -----	329	383	229	2	3	3
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	249	311	(NA)	2	2	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	449	508	(NA)	2	3	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	1 165	884	(NA)	8	11	(NA)
10 years or more -----	3 421	2 792	(NA)	11	5	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.8	18.2	(NA)	15.9	9.8	(NA)
Not reported -----	932	906	(NA)	3	4	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	50	64	69	-	-	-
25 to 34 years -----	590	681	518	2	4	4
35 to 44 years -----	1 477	1 163	853	6	8	5
45 to 49 years -----	687	1 118	1 137	6	3	10
50 to 54 years -----	642	1 260	1 386	1	4	5
55 to 59 years -----	642	1 260	1 386	1	4	5
60 to 64 years -----	663	1 115	983	3	6	3
65 to 69 years -----	595	1 115	983	1	6	3
70 years and over -----	870	1 115	983	6	6	3
Average age -----	52.6	51.5	52.5	53.0	49.2	48.5
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	5 415	4 831	4 563	18	23	26
acres..	571 616	570 447	584 605	1 540	(D)	(D)
Female ----- farms..	801	570	383	8	2	1
acres..	43 589	42 372	32 754	282	(D)	(D)
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	24	13	17	3	-	2
acres..	2 019	1 428	809	382	-	(D)
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	4 197	(NA)	(NA)	12	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	1 995	(NA)	(NA)	11	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	5 124	4 541	4 087	23	24	21
acres..	431 487	429 422	429 461	1 723	(D)	1 504
Partnership ----- farms..	481	377	439	-	-	2
acres..	73 006	63 463	72 643	-	-	(D)
Corporation ----- farms..	544	413	358	3	1	3
acres..	86 535	91 378	86 397	99	(D)	104
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	4	7	6	-	-	-
acres..	1 790	(D)	3 270	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	489	358	312	3	1	2
acres..	79 707	(D)	62 178	99	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	6	8	16	-	-	-
acres..	1 300	1 955	19 132	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	45	40	24	-	-	1
acres..	3 738	6 824	1 817	-	-	(D)
Other--cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	67	70	62	-	-	1
acres..	24 157	28 556	28 858	-	-	(D)

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