

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...	51 172	58 661	60 426	292	308	321
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	10 316 861	10 942 172	11 038 419	29 628	35 617	36 897
----- acres...	46 017	53 738	57 294	239	259	287
Full owners ----- farms...	6 172 468	7 255 909	6 774 229	13 019	16 632	19 880
----- farms...	31 186	35 489	37 025	222	218	225
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	3 461 112	3 989 535	4 256 235	12 986	20 870	17 098
----- farms...	26 650	31 141	34 236	173	179	196
----- acres...	1 541 497	2 024 526	2 051 593	4 501	7 472	7 202
Part owners ----- farms...	16 903	19 523	19 570	60	65	75
----- farms...	6 298 444	6 413 590	6 174 446	15 154	12 469	17 585
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	16 536	19 160	19 384	58	58	74
----- farms...	4 238 821	4 806 741	4 274 641	7 641	7 587	11 029
----- acres...						
Tenants ----- farms...	3 083	3 649	3 831	10	25	21
----- farms...	557 305	539 047	607 738	1 488	2 278	2 214
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	2 831	3 437	3 674	8	22	17
----- farms...	392 150	424 642	447 995	877	1 573	1 649
----- acres...						
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	6.0	6.2	6.3	3.4	8.1	6.5
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated ----- farms...	41 967	47 559	48 475	205	233	264
----- farms...	6 332	6 651	6 709	61	57	38
Not on farm operated ----- farms...	2 873	4 451	5 242	26	18	19
----- farms...						
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming ----- farms...	26 112	30 107	29 296	96	127	131
----- farms...	25 060	28 554	31 130	196	181	190
----- farms...						
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None ----- farms...	19 384	21 350	21 888	76	90	102
----- farms...	29 155	33 579	36 289	201	196	203
Any ----- farms...	2 714	3 362	3 797	9	17	16
----- farms...	1 344	1 656	1 657	5	17	7
1 to 49 days ----- farms...	1 564	1 964	1 790	10	17	17
----- farms...	2 715	3 416	2 991	33	14	25
50 to 99 days ----- farms...	20 818	23 181	26 054	144	131	138
----- farms...						
100 to 149 days ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
150 to 199 days ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
200 days or more ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
Not reported ----- farms...	2 633	3 732	2 249	15	22	16
----- farms...						
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less ----- farms...	2 061	2 895	(NA)	16	37	(NA)
----- farms...	2 996	4 758	(NA)	30	36	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms...	7 171	9 195	(NA)	45	63	(NA)
----- farms...	30 863	31 647	(NA)	145	112	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms...			(NA)			(NA)
----- farms...	20.0	18.5	(NA)	15.4	11.8	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms...						
Average years on present farm ----- farms...						
----- farms...	8 081	10 166	(NA)	56	60	(NA)
----- farms...						
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years ----- farms...	829	1 630	1 585	5	7	6
----- farms...	6 206	7 874	7 697	24	36	34
25 to 34 years ----- farms...	11 098	13 278	12 856	75	68	66
----- farms...	6 142	13 422	14 922	39	73	83
35 to 44 years ----- farms...	5 792			27		
----- farms...	5 944	13 356	14 461	33	80	76
45 to 49 years ----- farms...	5 649			31		
----- farms...	4 355	9 101	8 905	26	44	56
50 to 54 years ----- farms...	5 157			32		
----- farms...	50.9	49.5	49.7	51.3	50.1	50.9
55 to 59 years ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
60 to 64 years ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
65 to 69 years ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
70 years and over ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
Average age ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms...	48 458	56 194	58 181	259	286	293
----- farms...	10 026 658	10 687 623	10 785 439	26 869	34 198	33 373
----- farms...	2 714	2 467	2 245	33	22	28
Female ----- farms...	290 203	254 549	252 980	2 759	1 419	3 524
----- farms...						
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms...	122	116	182	26	28	19
----- farms...	17 323	14 496	31 400	1 572	1 404	1 788
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...	36 641	(NA)	(NA)	157	(NA)	(NA)
----- farms...	14 409	(NA)	(NA)	109	(NA)	(NA)
----- farms...						
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	45 166	52 022	53 931	263	281	295
----- farms...	7 848 652	8 462 560	8 816 357	21 530	27 418	30 463
----- farms...	4 662	5 495	5 635	20	22	23
Partnership ----- farms...	1 851 919	1 899 339	1 798 138	3 361	3 181	3 206
----- farms...	1 167	947	699	6	-	2
----- farms...	557 706	519 299	374 072	337	-	(D)
----- farms...						
Corporation ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
Family held: ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	14	28	14	-	-	-
----- farms...	15 910	28 913	16 049	-	-	-
----- farms...	1 042	823	592	5	-	2
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	502 590	452 738	309 001	(D)	-	(D)
----- farms...						
Other than family held: ----- farms...						
----- farms...						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	12	7	11	-	-	-
----- farms...	7 775	1 949	16 191	-	-	-
----- farms...	99	89	82	1	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	31 431	35 698	32 831	(D)	-	-
----- farms...						
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	177	197	161	3	5	1
----- farms...	58 584	60 974	49 852	4 400	5 018	(D)
----- farms...						

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