

**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..	60 502	60 243	63 788	98	147	232
----- acres..	45 305 441	44 961 371	46 113 973	72 297	104 401	182 972
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	51 175	52 497	56 644	78	119	210
----- acres..	15 276 151	17 075 625	16 371 595	19 493	31 240	55 003
Full owners ----- farms..	25 301	24 840	25 239	43	64	101
----- acres..	10 482 831	11 987 650	10 916 340	25 470	53 521	42 627
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	18 176	18 990	19 572	27	45	83
----- acres..	3 063 258	4 132 766	3 576 562	4 615	9 825	11 921
Part owners ----- farms..	22 361	23 083	24 842	28	42	74
----- acres..	27 333 481	26 963 268	28 355 239	40 077	35 362	109 643
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	21 720	22 487	24 398	27	39	71
----- acres..	9 214 122	10 169 838	9 822 677	10 863	13 179	30 065
Tenants ----- farms..	12 840	12 320	13 687	27	41	57
----- acres..	7 489 129	6 010 453	6 842 394	6 750	15 518	30 702
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	11 279	11 020	12 674	24	35	56
----- acres..	2 998 771	2 773 021	2 972 356	4 015	8 236	13 017
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	21.2	20.5	21.5	27.6	27.9	24.6
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	41 061	42 105	44 936	72	105	154
Not on farm operated -----	14 889	11 479	11 641	20	18	39
Not reported -----	4 552	6 659	7 191	6	24	39
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	45 387	47 549	51 036	66	107	174
Other -----	15 115	12 694	12 732	32	40	58
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	31 491	30 786	35 246	49	71	124
Any -----	24 403	21 933	23 660	43	51	87
1 to 49 days -----	5 419	6 170	7 652	8	5	25
50 to 99 days -----	2 022	1 752	2 137	5	6	4
100 to 149 days -----	1 839	1 508	1 603	4	5	6
150 to 199 days -----	2 024	1 739	1 737	4	3	8
200 days or more -----	13 099	10 764	10 531	22	32	44
Not reported -----	4 608	7 524	4 862	6	25	21
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	3 736	3 238	(NA)	11	8	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 741	4 543	(NA)	4	7	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	7 930	8 127	(NA)	18	23	(NA)
10 years or more -----	34 597	32 129	(NA)	41	61	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	20.1	19.5	(NA)	17.9	18.0	(NA)
Not reported -----	10 498	12 206	(NA)	24	48	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	2 127	3 107	3 335	12	9	6
25 to 34 years -----	10 482	10 329	9 590	7	18	42
35 to 44 years -----	11 709	10 478	10 987	16	27	47
45 to 49 years -----	5 424	12 949	15 484	11	36	49
50 to 54 years -----	5 970	14 603	15 615	10	41	55
55 to 59 years -----	6 780	8 777	8 757	13	16	33
60 to 64 years -----	7 171	8 777	8 757	9	16	33
65 to 69 years -----	4 781	8 777	8 757	11	16	33
70 years and over -----	6 058	8 777	8 757	9	16	33
Average age -----	49.4	48.5	48.7	49.0	48.7	49.5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms..	58 279	58 695	62 181	89	127	204
----- acres..	43 582 078	43 726 854	44 667 370	62 262	87 794	161 001
Female ----- farms..	2 223	1 548	1 587	9	20	28
----- acres..	1 723 363	1 234 517	1 446 603	10 035	16 607	21 971
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..</b>						
----- acres..	80	111	169	14	10	7
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	48 458	80 742	116 049	9 756	9 607	6 445
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	42 521	(NA)	(NA)	46	(NA)	(NA)
----- farms..	17 901	(NA)	(NA)	38	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	51 749	51 323	54 968	76	120	187
----- acres..	32 501 012	31 576 462	33 169 711	45 630	65 191	93 862
Partnership ----- farms..	5 212	5 608	6 280	13	17	30
----- acres..	5 272 093	5 740 130	6 351 025	8 294	8 859	43 266
Corporation ----- farms..	3 209	3 013	2 330	4	3	9
----- acres..	6 962 774	6 939 387	6 112 697	2 587	3 156	18 183
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	56	74	36	-	-	-
----- acres..	453 507	638 180	486 372	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	2 957	2 658	2 089	3	1	9
----- acres..	6 392 820	6 124 059	5 388 165	(D)	(D)	18 183
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	16	31	29	-	-	-
----- acres..	11 482	8 290	13 502	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	180	250	176	1	2	-
----- acres..	104 965	168 878	224 658	(D)	(D)	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	332	299	190	5	7	6
----- acres..	569 562	705 392	480 540	15 786	27 195	27 661

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