

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...	3 027	2 719	2 399	130	134	115
acres...	9 988 520	9 980 201	10 427 111	1 024 252	1 039 133	872 716
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	1 884	1 895	1 855	102	118	96
acres...	526 067	605 082	585 486	29 137	25 802	19 006
Full owners ----- farms...	2 214	1 994	1 711	88	95	82
acres...	3 905 199	3 763 571	3 674 726	1 012 138	1 023 496	861 803
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	1 328	1 343	1 307	70	81	66
acres...	320 609	371 119	358 552	25 584	20 882	12 393
Part owners ----- farms...	542	490	488	23	20	18
acres...	4 526 967	4 752 581	5 918 461	10 213	12 285	8 241
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	402	405	428	19	20	17
acres...	158 079	194 576	194 322	2 702	(D)	4 801
Tenants ----- farms...	271	235	200	19	19	15
acres...	1 556 354	1 464 049	833 924	1 901	3 352	2 672
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	154	147	120	13	17	13
acres...	47 379	39 387	32 612	851	(D)	1 812
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	9.0	8.6	8.3	14.6	14.2	13.0
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	2 293	2 041	1 818	97	100	73
Not on farm operated -----	532	465	405	21	20	22
Not reported -----	202	213	176	12	14	20
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	1 675	1 553	1 392	80	79	53
Other -----	1 352	1 166	1 007	50	55	62
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	1 217	1 024	1 020	47	38	29
Any -----	1 654	1 505	1 301	75	84	81
1 to 49 days -----	172	184	181	12	15	12
50 to 99 days -----	114	122	106	5	14	8
100 to 149 days -----	125	120	113	6	6	6
150 to 199 days -----	201	188	131	8	8	13
200 days or more -----	1 042	891	770	44	41	42
Not reported -----	156	190	78	8	12	5
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	201	211	(NA)	10	10	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	275	370	(NA)	5	8	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	634	578	(NA)	21	20	(NA)
10 years or more -----	1 419	1 104	(NA)	67	53	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	14.9	13.8	(NA)	16.8	16.5	(NA)
Not reported -----	498	456	(NA)	27	43	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	27	33	29	-	2	3
25 to 34 years -----	305	257	241	17	14	16
35 to 44 years -----	641	595	458	28	29	26
45 to 49 years -----	334	671	691	16	34	40
50 to 54 years -----	340	691	628	18	34	14
55 to 59 years -----	386	691	628	14	34	14
60 to 64 years -----	356	472	352	8	21	16
65 to 69 years -----	301	472	352	13	21	16
70 years and over -----	337	472	352	13	21	16
Average age -----	52.3	51.5	51.2	51.1	51.2	48.0
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms...	2 693	2 495	2 245	121	120	102
acres...	9 635 346	9 701 295	10 118 320	1 022 247	1 036 796	871 267
Female ----- farms...	334	224	154	9	14	13
acres...	353 174	278 906	308 791	2 005	2 337	1 449
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms...	89	79	64	9	11	3
acres...	117 083	219 601	296 259	1 036	2 589	702
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...	2 147	(NA)	(NA)	78	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	791	(NA)	(NA)	43	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	2 342	2 067	1 801	85	97	92
acres...	3 564 719	3 337 150	4 144 241	17 423	19 054	13 705
Partnership ----- farms...	356	392	363	7	9	9
acres...	1 501 329	1 801 092	1 841 244	896	(D)	1 353
Corporation ----- farms...	261	198	186	9	2	3
acres...	3 515 727	3 494 005	3 032 571	1 057	(D)	4 885
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	6	5	6	-	-	-
acres...	56 997	240 380	237 996	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	224	171	153	8	2	2
acres...	2 849 713	2 852 307	2 111 813	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	5	5	6	-	-	-
acres...	294 830	69 946	146 285	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	26	17	21	1	-	1
acres...	314 187	331 372	536 477	(D)	-	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	68	62	49	29	26	11
acres...	1 406 745	1 347 954	1 409 055	1 004 876	1 019 137	852 773

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