

**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...	2 515	2 757	2 508	16	9	8
----- acres...	426 237	469 582	484 631	1 551	1 228	416
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	2 044	2 282	2 232	13	6	7
----- acres...	106 629	116 613	124 510	214	301	215
Full owners ----- farms...	1 679	1 829	1 553	13	6	4
----- acres...	229 366	253 406	243 911	1 269	608	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	1 271	1 425	1 317	11	3	3
----- acres...	33 870	38 220	39 464	(D)	38	(D)
Part owners ----- farms...	714	799	836	3	3	3
----- acres...	185 290	199 298	223 789	282	620	210
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	677	756	811	2	3	3
----- acres...	66 256	73 413	79 058	(D)	263	172
Tenants ----- farms...	122	129	119	-	-	1
----- acres...	11 581	16 878	16 931	-	-	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	96	101	104	-	-	1
----- acres...	6 503	4 980	5 988	-	-	(D)
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	4.9	4.7	4.7	-	-	12.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	2 201	2 388	2 155	12	9	6
Not on farm operated -----	203	222	187	2	-	2
Not reported -----	111	147	166	2	-	-
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	1 153	1 301	1 304	11	4	3
Other -----	1 362	1 456	1 204	5	5	5
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	857	929	907	6	-	3
Any -----	1 539	1 655	1 480	10	8	5
1 to 49 days -----	168	189	212	-	1	-
50 to 99 days -----	101	104	97	4	1	-
100 to 149 days -----	106	129	130	-	1	1
150 to 199 days -----	205	198	156	3	-	-
200 days or more -----	959	1 035	885	3	5	4
Not reported -----	119	173	121	-	1	-
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	110	174	(NA)	1	-	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	188	251	(NA)	-	2	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	475	533	(NA)	2	2	(NA)
10 years or more -----	1 409	1 439	(NA)	8	5	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.0	16.9	(NA)	19.5	13.0	(NA)
Not reported -----	333	360	(NA)	5	-	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	13	28	36	-	-	-
25 to 34 years -----	253	323	296	1	-	-
35 to 44 years -----	594	634	564	1	1	4
45 to 49 years -----	307	646	585	1	4	-
50 to 54 years -----	263	-	-	2	-	-
55 to 59 years -----	319	641	570	6	2	1
60 to 64 years -----	219	-	-	-	-	-
65 to 69 years -----	236	485	457	1	2	3
70 years and over -----	311	-	-	4	-	-
Average age -----	51.9	50.9	50.7	57.4	53.7	53.1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms...	2 197	2 448	2 328	15	6	8
----- acres...	398 827	436 076	461 557	(D)	631	416
Female ----- farms...	318	309	180	1	3	-
----- acres...	27 410	33 506	23 074	(D)	597	-
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text)</b> ----- farms... 9						
----- acres...	1 984	985	956	-	-	3
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...	1 744	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	167
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	762	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	2 234	2 457	2 240	16	8	8
----- acres...	396 484	377 162	402 142	1 551	(D)	416
Partnership ----- farms...	140	188	161	-	-	-
----- acres...	38 661	48 503	44 943	-	-	-
Corporation ----- farms...	112	85	83	-	1	-
----- acres...	35 255	29 751	24 736	-	(D)	-
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	1	2	2	-	-	-
----- acres...	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	95	74	76	-	1	-
----- acres...	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	1	-	-	-	-	-
----- acres...	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	15	9	5	-	-	-
----- acres...	(D)	2 125	(D)	-	-	-
<b>Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...</b>						
----- acres...	29	27	24	-	-	-
----- acres...	15 837	14 166	12 810	-	-	-

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