

**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..	37 743	42 207	43 075	151	139	188
----- acres..	8 416 228	9 189 559	9 461 060	21 989	21 329	26 381
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	33 684	38 509	40 647	112	124	174
----- acres..	3 898 819	4 430 198	4 348 591	6 656	9 535	11 949
Full owners ----- farms..	23 039	25 608	25 440	111	98	131
----- acres..	3 406 754	3 843 689	3 849 362	14 207	11 762	13 728
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	19 527	22 442	23 371	75	84	119
----- acres..	1 192 878	1 422 661	1 390 325	2 705	3 454	4 627
Part owners ----- farms..	12 532	14 214	15 085	34	37	47
----- acres..	4 598 934	4 932 649	5 149 004	7 094	8 790	11 729
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	12 236	13 935	14 884	32	36	45
----- acres..	2 494 606	2 776 598	2 708 017	3 353	5 354	6 709
Tenants ----- farms..	2 172	2 385	2 550	6	4	10
----- acres..	410 540	413 221	462 694	668	777	924
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	1 901	2 132	2 392	5	4	10
----- acres..	212 335	230 939	250 249	598	727	613
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	5.8	5.7	5.9	4.0	2.9	5.3
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	31 903	35 254	36 192	120	112	140
Not on farm operated -----	3 816	4 055	4 058	19	15	26
Not reported -----	2 024	2 898	2 825	12	12	22
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	22 977	25 564	26 314	69	70	95
Other -----	14 766	16 643	16 761	82	69	93
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	18 079	19 456	20 945	44	45	70
Any -----	17 596	19 890	20 448	98	82	105
1 to 49 days -----	1 974	2 375	2 828	8	8	10
50 to 99 days -----	969	963	1 052	4	1	7
100 to 149 days -----	1 138	1 228	1 311	7	7	16
150 to 199 days -----	2 009	2 230	2 175	10	18	12
200 days or more -----	11 506	13 094	13 082	69	44	60
Not reported -----	2 068	2 861	1 682	9	12	13
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	1 650	2 184	(NA)	16	12	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	2 439	3 685	(NA)	21	16	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	5 676	6 400	(NA)	25	26	(NA)
10 years or more -----	22 616	23 292	(NA)	57	61	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	20.0	18.5	(NA)	12.7	12.9	(NA)
Not reported -----	5 362	6 646	(NA)	32	24	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	370	845	833	5	1	4
25 to 34 years -----	4 100	5 380	5 295	18	17	20
35 to 44 years -----	8 413	9 368	9 104	42	34	39
45 to 49 years -----	4 473	10 013	11 043	17	28	47
50 to 54 years -----	4 389	9 965	10 394	17	41	47
55 to 59 years -----	4 551	6 636	6 406	9	18	31
60 to 64 years -----	4 309	3 908	3 707	7	7	7
65 to 69 years -----	3 230					
70 years and over -----	3 908					
Average age -----	51.4	50.0	50.1	48.0	50.2	50.8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms..	35 007	39 652	40 764	140	124	180
----- acres..	8 067 367	8 947 872	9 128 190	21 216	18 940	25 573
Female ----- farms..	2 736	2 555	2 311	11	15	8
----- acres..	348 861	341 687	332 870	753	2 389	808
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..</b>	93	103	85	13	9	4
----- acres..	16 448	16 801	18 561	858	1 073	414
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..</b>	27 362	(NA)	(NA)	73	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..</b>	10 288	(NA)	(NA)	65	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	32 149	36 543	37 537	127	110	163
----- acres..	6 258 203	7 038 033	7 472 891	13 539	15 615	23 576
Partnership ----- farms..	3 835	4 086	4 158	13	17	16
----- acres..	1 434 134	1 467 874	1 398 445	1 709	1 621	2 316
Corporation ----- farms..	1 545	1 385	1 233	6	9	9
----- acres..	642 649	613 919	522 575	3 015	838	489
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	16	24	13	-	-	-
----- acres..	15 269	9 382	3 294	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	1 396	1 214	1 113	6	8	8
----- acres..	577 138	526 914	461 410	3 015	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	10	7	21	-	-	-
----- acres..	10 484	7 088	22 576	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	123	140	86	-	1	1
----- acres..	39 758	70 535	35 295	-	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	214	193	147	5	3	-
----- acres..	81 242	69 733	67 149	3 706	3 255	-

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