

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..	59 284	72 792	81 706	3 303	5 352	6 966
----- acres..	9 447 705	10 320 832	10 998 652	273 696	405 756	490 105
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	50 108	63 392	73 870	2 810	4 814	6 355
----- acres..	3 779 164	4 659 283	4 467 045	119 835	201 297	209 843
Full owners ----- farms..	34 664	40 913	43 773	1 892	2 817	3 493
----- acres..	3 562 341	4 278 803	4 434 610	108 545	162 414	193 448
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	26 848	32 770	36 982	1 487	2 379	2 986
----- acres..	800 585	1 148 785	1 024 372	28 686	48 881	50 891
Part owners ----- farms..	18 874	23 184	26 235	1 003	1 732	2 309
----- acres..	5 053 795	5 172 793	5 479 502	138 881	194 336	229 776
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	18 050	22 390	25 644	947	1 676	2 247
----- acres..	2 485 874	2 899 743	2 741 429	72 475	117 400	114 897
Tenants ----- farms..	5 746	8 695	11 698	408	803	1 164
----- acres..	831 569	869 236	1 084 540	26 270	49 006	66 881
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	5 210	8 232	11 244	376	759	1 122
----- acres..	492 705	610 755	701 244	18 674	35 016	44 055
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	9.7	11.9	14.3	12.4	15.0	16.7
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	40 702	48 360	52 610	2 037	3 121	4 103
Not on farm operated -----	11 905	13 913	15 770	739	1 146	1 341
Not reported -----	6 677	10 519	13 326	527	1 085	1 522
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	30 687	39 795	46 637	1 828	3 204	4 418
Other -----	28 597	32 997	35 069	1 475	2 148	2 548
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	23 261	27 579	34 538	1 372	2 173	3 008
Any -----	31 914	37 303	41 917	1 595	2 405	3 261
1 to 49 days -----	3 556	4 537	5 979	233	348	561
50 to 99 days -----	1 898	2 497	2 996	113	197	329
100 to 149 days -----	2 027	2 425	2 909	87	230	281
150 to 199 days -----	2 731	3 127	3 358	180	262	384
200 days or more -----	21 702	24 717	26 675	982	1 368	1 706
Not reported -----	4 109	7 910	5 251	336	774	697
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	2 749	3 553	(NA)	192	220	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 098	5 027	(NA)	168	300	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	6 979	10 036	(NA)	284	581	(NA)
10 years or more -----	31 990	33 135	(NA)	1 427	1 999	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	20.4	18.5	(NA)	20.3	18.7	(NA)
Not reported -----	14 468	21 041	(NA)	1 232	2 252	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	700	1 635	2 197	21	48	78
25 to 34 years -----	5 621	8 571	9 674	204	384	495
35 to 44 years -----	11 113	13 446	14 687	457	756	957
45 to 49 years -----	6 155	16 265	19 654	289	1 120	1 590
50 to 54 years -----	6 788	7 403	7 403	362	434	481
55 to 59 years -----	7 403	18 483	20 932	434	1 601	2 107
60 to 64 years -----	7 492	6 084	14 562	448	1 443	1 739
65 to 69 years -----	6 084	14 392	14 562	448	1 443	1 739
70 years and over -----	7 928	51.7	51.1	607	55.6	55.0
Average age -----	53.3			56.8		
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	55 392	68 295	76 371	3 009	4 850	6 218
----- acres..	9 054 348	9 909 937	10 539 692	256 952	381 551	452 317
Female ----- farms..	3 892	4 497	5 335	294	502	748
----- acres..	393 357	410 895	458 960	16 744	24 205	37 788
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	57	102	275	5	10	4
----- acres..	6 290	13 221	39 375	246	667	798
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	35 825	(NA)	(NA)	1 642	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	23 402	(NA)	(NA)	1 656	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	52 398	64 150	71 388	2 949	4 783	6 257
----- acres..	7 260 157	7 919 153	8 538 057	240 768	349 523	425 820
Partnership ----- farms..	5 238	7 092	8 520	292	472	569
----- acres..	1 322 080	1 517 189	1 612 307	26 249	43 449	49 853
Corporation ----- farms..	1 355	1 225	1 559	33	53	114
----- acres..	779 067	794 615	757 627	4 100	8 173	12 515
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	10	49	37	-	1	1
----- acres..	23 771	65 768	58 774	-	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	1 209	1 004	1 336	31	41	104
----- acres..	640 887	634 972	554 398	(D)	5 942	9 081
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	30	28	34	-	1	-
----- acres..	18 171	19 610	31 863	-	(D)	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	106	144	152	2	10	9
----- acres..	96 238	74 265	112 592	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	293	325	239	29	44	26
----- acres..	86 401	89 875	90 661	2 579	4 611	1 917

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