

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..	35 289	36 431	40 357	155	177	255
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	40 336 869	40 206 005	41 702 370	829 496	855 221	837 196
Full owners ----- farms..	32 360	34 031	38 388	116	153	227
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	18 363 910	20 308 135	18 978 609	40 469	48 059	60 876
Part owners ----- farms..	11 425	12 428	13 779	69	59	75
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	7 740 715	9 462 221	9 408 574	692 085	710 420	661 626
Tenants ----- farms..	9 300	10 627	12 224	40	45	55
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 923 992	4 093 269	3 808 306	13 186	18 645	11 168
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	17.9	17.1	17.0	14.8	20.3	29.4
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	24 955	25 290	28 067	108	121	174
Not on farm operated -----	7 734	7 172	7 894	27	25	51
Not reported -----	2 600	3 969	4 396	20	31	30
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	29 031	30 592	34 086	74	116	122
Other -----	6 258	5 839	6 271	81	61	133
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	19 542	19 126	22 675	38	50	70
Any -----	13 137	13 058	15 070	102	107	167
1 to 49 days -----	3 797	4 324	5 426	8	20	19
50 to 99 days -----	1 403	1 446	1 731	5	9	9
100 to 149 days -----	1 197	1 219	1 450	7	10	8
150 to 199 days -----	1 445	1 255	1 429	7	5	14
200 days or more -----	5 295	4 814	5 034	75	63	117
Not reported -----	2 610	4 247	2 612	15	20	18
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	1 658	1 837	(NA)	9	10	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	1 827	2 734	(NA)	12	13	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	4 755	5 022	(NA)	25	19	(NA)
10 years or more -----	21 298	19 742	(NA)	62	80	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	21.0	20.1	(NA)	15.3	15.4	(NA)
Not reported -----	5 751	7 096	(NA)	47	55	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	1 153	1 974	2 111	2	5	10
25 to 34 years -----	6 554	6 843	6 627	22	26	47
35 to 44 years -----	7 543	6 774	7 056	36	45	64
45 to 49 years -----	3 152	7 858	9 900	28	51	64
50 to 54 years -----	3 486	4 148	10 107	23	15	15
55 to 59 years -----	4 148	8 594	4 556	15	7	28
60 to 64 years -----	4 044	4 388	4 556	7	7	41
65 to 69 years -----	2 437	4 388	4 556	7	22	29
70 years and over -----	2 772	4 388	4 556	7	22	29
Average age -----	48.3	47.3	47.9	47.8	48.0	46.6
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	34 478	35 726	39 470	147	166	234
Female ----- farms..	39 610 366	39 510 660	40 952 408	821 281	844 621	826 846
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	811	705	887	8	11	21
Not reported -----	726 503	695 345	749 962	8 215	10 600	10 350
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	30	38	92	2	1	1
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	24 004	52 935	85 280	(D)	(D)	(D)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	9 233	(NA)	(NA)	93	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	31 153	31 742	35 328	130	152	219
Partnership ----- farms..	33 095 542	32 555 722	33 919 805	167 039	180 957	163 599
Corporation ----- farms..	3 692	4 338	4 769	13	12	26
Family held: -----	5 255 341	5 785 969	6 050 910	(D)	(D)	(D)
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	293	185	131	1	1	2
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	514 085	357 407	248 183	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held: -----	1	3	4	-	-	-
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	(D)	7 535	15 651	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	272	162	114	1	1	2
Other than family held: -----	(D)	334 412	215 824	(D)	(D)	(D)
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	1	1	2	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	19	19	11	-	-	-
Not reported -----	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	151	166	129	11	12	8
Not reported -----	1 471 901	1 506 907	1 483 472	635 515	636 555	629 767

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