

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...	70 228	72 523	72 237	2 617	2 749	2 472
----- acres...	31 541 977	32 368 206	33 737 292	613 254	629 168	669 266
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	43 522	45 825	48 168	1 288	1 313	1 321
----- acres...	7 319 193	8 961 353	8 585 011	87 352	93 504	100 010
Full owners ----- farms...	40 153	41 705	38 822	1 730	1 863	1 537
----- acres...	9 398 448	11 108 509	9 712 020	257 479	302 849	288 028
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	21 071	22 384	21 831	785	828	744
----- acres...	1 679 175	2 282 478	1 777 957	33 828	37 085	37 019
Part owners ----- farms...	22 807	23 065	24 852	684	682	704
----- acres...	18 882 792	18 372 031	20 497 279	309 181	285 445	337 602
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	17 696	18 172	20 241	421	404	472
----- acres...	4 706 341	5 633 109	5 713 351	46 898	47 858	55 405
Tenants ----- farms...	7 268	7 753	8 563	203	204	231
----- acres...	3 260 737	2 888 666	3 527 993	46 594	40 874	43 636
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	4 755	5 269	6 096	82	81	105
----- acres...	933 677	1 045 766	1 093 703	6 626	8 561	7 586
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	10.3	10.7	11.9	7.8	7.4	9.3
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated ----- farms...	46 431	46 382	45 610	1 739	1 720	1 528
Not on farm operated ----- farms...	17 694	17 260	17 542	595	621	524
Not reported ----- farms...	6 103	8 881	9 085	283	408	420
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming ----- farms...	33 052	32 847	32 053	946	922	807
Other ----- farms...	37 176	39 676	40 184	1 671	1 827	1 665
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None ----- farms...	25 405	22 354	25 383	816	805	791
Any ----- farms...	40 839	43 879	43 819	1 662	1 741	1 575
1 to 49 days ----- farms...	3 566	3 850	4 617	112	117	156
50 to 99 days ----- farms...	2 109	2 133	2 224	62	74	81
100 to 149 days ----- farms...	2 468	2 554	2 639	119	114	81
150 to 199 days ----- farms...	4 201	4 381	4 094	187	170	194
200 days or more ----- farms...	28 495	30 961	30 245	1 182	1 266	1 063
Not reported ----- farms...	3 984	6 290	3 035	139	203	106
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less ----- farms...	3 714	4 206	(NA)	150	167	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms...	4 454	6 220	(NA)	167	221	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms...	10 302	11 067	(NA)	358	425	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms...	37 893	34 194	(NA)	1 251	1 098	(NA)
Average years on present farm ----- farms...	19.0	17.3	(NA)	17.5	16.1	(NA)
Not reported ----- farms...	13 865	16 836	(NA)	691	838	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years ----- farms...	923	1 746	1 826	23	35	21
25 to 34 years ----- farms...	6 680	8 038	7 928	235	219	222
35 to 44 years ----- farms...	12 551	13 772	13 742	504	494	406
45 to 49 years ----- farms...	7 439	16 322	17 196	265	617	603
50 to 54 years ----- farms...	8 160	17 276	17 364	278	684	604
55 to 59 years ----- farms...	8 364	15 369	14 181	292	700	616
60 to 64 years ----- farms...	8 638	15 369	14 181	320	700	616
65 to 69 years ----- farms...	6 997	15 369	14 181	282	700	616
70 years and over ----- farms...	10 476	15 369	14 181	418	700	616
Average age ----- farms...	53.6	51.9	51.4	54.2	54.2	53.9
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms...	65 387	68 186	68 071	2 349	2 504	2 224
----- acres...	30 126 135	31 166 349	32 396 843	568 762	584 794	626 185
Female ----- farms...	4 841	4 337	4 166	268	245	248
----- acres...	1 415 842	1 202 857	1 340 449	44 492	44 374	43 081
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms...	143	128	188	38	26	33
----- acres...	41 550	41 788	64 913	6 370	7 435	6 184
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...	47 246	(NA)	(NA)	1 477	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	22 839	(NA)	(NA)	1 102	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	64 099	65 745	65 551	2 451	2 543	2 281
----- acres...	25 836 376	26 162 569	27 774 002	554 949	548 019	580 564
Partnership ----- farms...	4 711	5 541	5 795	130	167	163
----- acres...	3 444 785	3 870 738	4 172 093	34 230	48 738	52 077
Corporation ----- farms...	1 049	886	675	16	8	14
----- acres...	1 865 480	1 696 703	1 436 768	13 390	8 741	15 565
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	12	22	14	-	1	2
----- acres...	50 743	41 271	45 866	-	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	945	767	576	14	5	11
----- acres...	1 618 976	1 556 599	1 198 485	(D)	7 985	13 791
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	9	10	10	-	-	-
----- acres...	4 985	8 943	10 306	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	83	87	75	2	2	1
----- acres...	190 756	89 890	182 109	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other -- cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	369	351	216	20	31	14
----- acres...	395 356	639 196	354 431	10 685	23 670	21 060

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