

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..	51 549	55 535	56 202	110	150	144
----- acres..	7 866 289	8 297 713	8 543 661	9 382	18 507	16 425
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	46 157	50 423	52 406	95	132	136
----- acres..	4 080 153	4 363 789	4 263 952	4 210	7 308	7 569
Full owners ----- farms..	31 484	34 413	35 457	83	103	106
----- acres..	3 307 757	3 675 991	3 972 463	6 277	10 870	9 408
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	26 796	29 997	32 139	70	87	98
----- acres..	1 263 243	1 448 182	1 524 187	2 327	2 898	3 415
Part owners ----- farms..	15 003	16 027	15 766	19	32	29
----- acres..	3 886 790	3 955 265	3 880 508	2 652	6 700	6 395
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	14 676	15 712	15 570	18	31	29
----- acres..	2 369 202	2 462 836	2 290 385	1 667	3 827	3 744
Tenants ----- farms..	5 062	5 095	4 979	8	15	9
----- acres..	671 742	666 457	690 690	453	937	622
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	4 685	4 714	4 697	7	14	9
----- acres..	447 708	452 771	449 380	216	583	410
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	9.8	9.2	8.9	7.3	10.0	6.3
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	42 374	45 441	45 582	79	111	101
Not on farm operated -----	5 780	5 818	5 832	20	20	21
Not reported -----	3 395	4 276	4 788	11	19	22
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	29 797	31 058	30 946	51	71	63
Other -----	21 752	24 477	25 256	59	79	81
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	21 461	21 963	22 430	35	42	34
Any -----	26 610	29 470	31 074	62	99	95
1 to 49 days -----	3 330	3 756	4 214	4	11	15
50 to 99 days -----	1 524	1 568	1 663	4	13	2
100 to 149 days -----	1 621	1 828	1 738	7	3	7
150 to 199 days -----	3 031	3 369	3 270	6	13	12
200 days or more -----	17 104	18 949	20 189	41	59	58
Not reported -----	3 478	4 102	2 698	13	9	16
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	2 386	2 692	(NA)	4	9	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 214	4 461	(NA)	9	13	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	7 148	8 211	(NA)	11	48	(NA)
10 years or more -----	30 375	30 597	(NA)	60	54	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	19.7	18.5	(NA)	16.8	13.6	(NA)
Not reported -----	8 426	9 574	(NA)	26	26	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	853	1 359	1 319	2	7	3
25 to 34 years -----	6 553	7 517	7 165	7	12	16
35 to 44 years -----	10 747	11 588	11 442	21	42	34
45 to 49 years -----	5 768	12 955	14 503	11	45	39
50 to 54 years -----	5 558	13 007	13 146	18	27	32
55 to 59 years -----	6 205	9 109	8 627	15	17	20
60 to 64 years -----	5 994	5 475	5 000	11	14	17
65 to 69 years -----	4 396	5 000	4 500	11	14	17
70 years and over -----	5 475	5 000	5 000	14	14	20
Average age -----	51.1	50.0	50.0	53.5	48.5	50.0
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	48 757	52 747	53 662	99	139	127
----- acres..	7 576 221	8 002 258	8 261 044	8 669	18 209	14 995
Female ----- farms..	2 792	2 788	2 540	11	11	17
----- acres..	290 068	295 455	282 617	713	298	1 430
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	103	73	96	4	5	2
----- acres..	15 520	12 200	13 905	245	585	(D)
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	35 527	(NA)	(NA)	57	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	15 919	(NA)	(NA)	49	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	45 796	49 585	50 404	99	127	123
----- acres..	6 313 436	6 738 384	7 062 788	8 624	13 357	13 520
Partnership ----- farms..	4 844	4 844	4 683	5	18	17
----- acres..	1 195 400	1 205 592	1 100 530	529	4 416	2 704
Corporation ----- farms..	982	899	909	4	4	3
----- acres..	297 218	282 929	295 001	(D)	(D)	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	20	31	22	-	-	-
----- acres..	15 140	28 807	28 582	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	852	725	770	3	1	2
----- acres..	249 822	223 492	228 710	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	9	11	20	-	-	-
----- acres..	2 326	1 935	12 299	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	101	132	97	1	3	1
----- acres..	29 930	28 695	25 410	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	190	207	206	2	1	1
----- acres..	60 235	70 808	85 342	(D)	(D)	(D)

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