

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..	20 517	24 929	26 706	2 038	3 170	3 799
----- acres..	4 758 631	5 589 799	6 045 719	151 441	241 659	301 090
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	15 556	20 144	22 875	1 557	2 790	3 397
----- acres..	1 589 636	2 474 025	2 524 147	58 505	120 576	136 287
Full owners ----- farms..	12 624	14 756	14 951	1 219	1 747	2 042
----- acres..	2 069 414	2 435 235	2 420 812	67 239	113 489	128 084
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	8 474	10 637	11 727	834	1 444	1 734
----- acres..	361 430	602 502	499 283	17 024	37 636	30 462
Part owners ----- farms..	6 433	8 013	9 092	635	1 055	1 258
----- acres..	2 403 365	2 870 422	3 273 274	71 996	108 648	148 446
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	5 828	7 525	8 672	566	1 000	1 200
----- acres..	1 070 972	1 669 178	1 790 890	34 409	68 201	88 501
Tenants ----- farms..	1 460	2 160	2 663	184	368	499
----- acres..	285 852	284 142	351 633	12 206	19 522	24 560
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	1 254	1 982	2 476	157	346	463
----- acres..	157 234	202 345	233 974	7 072	14 739	17 324
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	7.1	8.7	10.0	9.0	11.6	13.1
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	14 289	16 504	17 495	1 309	1 899	2 367
Not on farm operated -----	4 222	5 055	5 376	431	672	734
Not reported -----	2 006	3 370	3 835	298	599	698
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	8 983	11 299	12 477	929	1 497	1 935
Other -----	11 534	13 630	14 229	1 109	1 673	1 864
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	7 335	8 390	9 769	704	1 092	1 387
Any -----	11 791	14 172	15 596	1 128	1 677	2 103
1 to 49 days -----	959	1 234	1 668	150	202	311
50 to 99 days -----	607	796	918	85	167	230
100 to 149 days -----	705	820	891	106	148	168
150 to 199 days -----	971	1 204	1 253	112	188	266
200 days or more -----	8 549	10 118	10 866	675	972	1 128
Not reported -----	1 391	2 367	1 341	206	401	309
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	1 040	1 179	(NA)	129	147	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	1 214	1 854	(NA)	75	167	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	2 602	3 416	(NA)	177	320	(NA)
10 years or more -----	10 698	11 246	(NA)	829	1 142	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	19.7	18.2	(NA)	20.3	18.7	(NA)
Not reported -----	4 963	7 234	(NA)	628	1 394	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	142	325	436	18	30	37
25 to 34 years -----	1 506	2 525	3 058	94	248	304
35 to 44 years -----	3 839	4 710	4 623	334	459	472
45 to 49 years -----	2 188	5 611	6 386	145	657	842
50 to 54 years -----	2 302	6 482	7 088	193	915	1 113
55 to 59 years -----	2 473	5 276	5 115	221	861	1 031
60 to 64 years -----	2 637	5 276	5 115	299	861	1 031
65 to 69 years -----	2 407	5 276	5 115	330	861	1 031
70 years and over -----	3 023	5 276	5 115	404	861	1 031
Average age -----	54.5	52.6	51.9	57.6	55.4	55.3
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	19 142	23 270	24 801	1 865	2 837	3 293
----- acres..	4 536 258	5 360 751	5 768 351	138 911	225 570	276 790
Female ----- farms..	1 375	1 659	1 905	173	333	506
----- acres..	222 373	229 048	277 368	12 530	16 089	24 300
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	23	53	131	2	6	30
----- acres..	(D)	8 657	27 279	(D)	351	1 821
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	13 224	(NA)	(NA)	1 060	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	7 270	(NA)	(NA)	976	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	18 337	22 297	23 673	1 899	2 973	3 529
----- acres..	3 527 638	4 232 449	4 636 913	133 361	222 605	270 645
Partnership ----- farms..	1 583	2 078	2 487	104	150	207
----- acres..	755 322	845 354	900 379	13 748	11 081	19 119
Corporation ----- farms..	488	417	453	17	27	47
----- acres..	410 780	408 450	442 993	3 250	3 952	10 411
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	8	17	14	-	2	1
----- acres..	31 930	30 309	23 237	-	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	430	343	381	11	14	42
----- acres..	343 742	356 421	376 812	1 809	3 109	9 124
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	5	10	10	-	-	-
----- acres..	11 595	11 507	8 141	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	45	47	48	6	11	4
----- acres..	23 513	10 213	34 803	1 441	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	109	137	93	18	20	16
----- acres..	64 891	103 546	65 434	1 082	4 021	915

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