

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..	36 376	37 148	38 741	459	445	441
----- acres..	44 157 503	43 810 988	44 422 328	3 543 777	4 902 803	4 893 078
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	31 110	32 823	35 172	282	318	339
----- acres..	12 982 611	14 433 490	13 855 939	82 166	93 359	112 156
Full owners ----- farms..	14 827	14 815	14 796	238	216	193
----- acres..	13 138 314	14 306 082	13 023 869	2 778 323	4 067 924	4 262 113
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	10 786	11 571	11 935	137	134	129
----- acres..	2 727 960	3 477 503	2 977 370	36 628	31 617	34 719
Part owners ----- farms..	15 574	16 396	17 759	138	151	161
----- acres..	26 089 203	25 606 696	27 036 903	548 286	650 310	477 491
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	15 128	15 981	17 488	102	131	144
----- acres..	8 635 991	9 400 210	9 235 516	34 319	47 783	54 148
Tenants ----- farms..	5 975	5 937	6 186	83	78	87
----- acres..	4 929 986	3 898 210	4 361 556	217 168	184 569	153 474
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	5 196	5 271	5 749	43	53	66
----- acres..	1 618 660	1 555 777	1 643 053	11 219	13 959	23 289
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	16.4	16.0	16.0	18.1	17.5	19.7
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	26 682	27 395	28 869	315	307	309
Not on farm operated -----	6 625	5 590	5 525	96	83	64
Not reported -----	3 069	4 163	4 347	48	55	68
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	28 407	30 267	31 673	277	325	280
Other -----	7 969	6 881	7 068	182	120	161
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	19 798	19 568	22 075	177	201	215
Any -----	13 553	12 941	13 928	243	177	187
1 to 49 days -----	3 413	4 303	5 069	34	25	31
50 to 99 days -----	1 139	1 018	1 223	20	18	8
100 to 149 days -----	1 069	913	971	12	26	17
150 to 199 days -----	1 291	1 091	1 089	26	16	22
200 days or more -----	6 641	5 616	5 576	151	92	109
Not reported -----	3 025	4 639	2 738	39	67	39
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	1 948	1 808	(NA)	36	26	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	1 953	2 762	(NA)	42	44	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	4 468	4 984	(NA)	74	79	(NA)
10 years or more -----	21 444	20 099	(NA)	206	166	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	21.0	19.8	(NA)	16.0	15.4	(NA)
Not reported -----	6 563	7 485	(NA)	101	130	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	1 146	1 812	1 967	14	13	22
25 to 34 years -----	6 131	6 454	5 822	78	88	88
35 to 44 years -----	7 064	6 207	6 491	116	92	94
45 to 49 years -----	3 087	8 057	9 647	48	108	87
50 to 54 years -----	3 600	9 362	9 909	57	74	77
55 to 59 years -----	4 235	4 466	4 905	37	70	73
60 to 64 years -----	4 466	5 256	4 905	27	70	73
65 to 69 years -----	3 211	3 436	3 436	45	47.7	47.4
70 years and over -----	3 436	48.6	48.7	48.1	47.7	47.4
Average age -----	49.7	48.6	48.7	48.1	47.7	47.4
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	35 121	36 061	37 643	390	394	381
----- acres..	42 875 816	42 840 742	43 362 454	3 461 189	4 818 666	4 796 938
Female ----- farms..	1 255	1 087	1 098	69	51	60
----- acres..	1 281 687	970 246	1 059 874	82 588	84 137	96 140
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	32	39	66	5	3	7
----- acres..	42 858	60 197	105 117	8 100	205	8 308
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	25 578	(NA)	(NA)	272	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	10 766	(NA)	(NA)	182	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	31 761	32 396	34 158	387	374	379
----- acres..	30 214 192	29 489 850	30 282 778	727 518	779 992	690 739
Partnership ----- farms..	3 934	3 613	3 602	35	38	36
----- acres..	5 587 178	5 580 086	5 510 916	100 284	(D)	64 440
Corporation ----- farms..	842	885	776	3	2	9
----- acres..	3 010 954	3 279 192	3 132 605	13 080	(D)	41 710
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	32	30	27	-	-	-
----- acres..	120 938	163 760	112 071	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	851	775	679	2	2	9
----- acres..	2 728 294	2 987 889	2 831 705	(D)	(D)	41 710
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	6	6	6	-	-	-
----- acres..	30 663	22 963	19 728	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	53	74	64	1	-	-
----- acres..	133 059	104 580	169 101	(D)	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	279	254	205	34	31	17
----- acres..	5 345 179	5 461 860	5 496 029	2 702 895	4 004 894	4 096 189

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