

**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 <sup>1</sup>		
	1987	1982	1978	1987	1982	1978
<b>Tenure of operator:</b>						
All operators ----- farms..	79 711	90 565	86 910	1 278	1 672	1 826
acres..	11 731 386	12 474 931	12 680 809	126 885	141 773	176 213
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	63 754	74 518	73 823	896	1 292	1 456
acres..	3 854 302	4 548 895	4 409 331	45 283	59 007	73 860
Full owners ----- farms..	57 181	64 182	61 666	903	1 100	1 194
acres..	6 083 634	6 566 002	6 721 666	60 903	66 648	81 026
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	43 379	50 076	50 041	565	768	879
acres..	1 239 284	1 414 354	1 385 428	10 972	15 601	17 270
Part owners ----- farms..	17 698	19 864	19 112	278	416	424
acres..	4 912 421	5 158 599	5 188 582	49 362	63 655	78 111
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	16 251	18 666	18 183	250	391	392
acres..	2 251 350	2 709 457	2 596 643	25 897	36 141	45 399
Tenants ----- farms..	4 852	6 519	6 132	97	156	208
acres..	735 331	752 330	770 561	16 620	11 470	17 076
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	4 124	5 776	5 599	81	133	185
acres..	363 668	425 084	427 280	8 414	7 285	11 191
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	6.1	7.2	7.1	7.6	9.3	11.4
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	56 512	61 855	57 949	749	937	1 038
Not on farm operated -----	15 394	16 473	15 611	360	412	407
Not reported -----	7 805	12 137	13 350	169	323	381
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	30 745	36 802	36 209	527	722	892
Other -----	48 966	53 763	50 701	751	950	934
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	26 744	27 751	28 951	513	526	674
Any -----	48 882	54 964	53 627	679	940	979
1 to 49 days -----	4 065	5 076	5 614	69	105	132
50 to 99 days -----	2 223	2 785	2 607	57	58	71
100 to 149 days -----	2 348	3 077	2 618	46	81	69
150 to 199 days -----	4 059	4 768	4 202	68	95	106
200 days or more -----	36 187	39 278	38 586	439	601	601
Not reported -----	4 085	7 850	4 332	86	206	173
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	4 289	5 282	(NA)	83	97	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	5 157	7 007	(NA)	58	121	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	10 196	13 053	(NA)	146	167	(NA)
10 years or more -----	41 142	39 603	(NA)	500	570	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.8	17.0	(NA)	18.3	17.2	(NA)
Not reported -----	18 947	25 620	(NA)	491	717	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	1 095	1 892	1 771	11	29	28
25 to 34 years -----	7 220	9 599	9 640	76	137	118
35 to 44 years -----	14 605	17 583	16 237	167	247	239
45 to 49 years -----	8 687	20 144	19 803	131	329	345
50 to 54 years -----	9 030	21 023	20 952	122	393	471
55 to 59 years -----	9 333	8 110	8 110	163	176	176
60 to 64 years -----	9 264	8 110	8 110	152	537	625
65 to 69 years -----	8 110	20 224	18 507	280	280	280
70 years and over -----	12 367	52.3	52.0	57.4	55.9	56.6
Average age -----	53.8	52.3	52.0	57.4	55.9	56.6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms..	73 857	84 486	81 069	1 177	1 548	1 671
acres..	11 123 691	11 916 927	12 113 036	117 553	134 153	165 304
Female ----- farms..	5 854	6 079	5 841	101	124	155
acres..	607 695	558 004	567 773	9 332	7 620	10 909
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..</b>	147	168	333	15	17	10
acres..	27 189	22 070	53 242	1 688	1 725	643
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..</b>	51 621	(NA)	(NA)	615	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	27 943	(NA)	(NA)	648	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	71 876	80 881	77 317	1 158	1 506	1 667
acres..	9 583 924	10 069 981	10 282 364	108 572	118 677	155 825
Partnership ----- farms..	6 947	8 910	8 868	87	139	135
acres..	1 799 324	2 052 586	2 047 590	14 627	17 453	15 327
Corporation ----- farms..	496	511	590	7	12	12
acres..	276 686	270 304	267 808	2 599	4 543	3 615
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	8	13	11	-	-	1
acres..	21 648	27 863	8 578	-	-	(D)
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	417	393	518	5	6	11
acres..	222 499	206 800	196 300	(D)	2 618	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	7	14	9	-	-	-
acres..	732	13 203	25 376	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	64	91	52	2	6	-
acres..	31 807	22 438	37 554	(D)	1 925	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	292	263	135	16	15	12
acres..	71 452	82 060	83 047	1 087	1 100	1 446

<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.