

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...	2 087 759	2 240 976	2 257 775	44 640	54 367	57 988
----- acres...	964 470 625	986 796 579	1 014 777 234	51 974 575	52 910 625	53 624 951
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	1 643 633	1 809 758	1 904 602	30 940	40 294	45 891
----- acres...	282 223 890	326 306 462	317 145 955	2 256 482	2 861 357	3 102 963
Full owners ----- farms...	1 298 547	1 325 773	1 297 902	28 407	33 965	34 150
----- acres...	317 787 149	342 448 434	331 920 876	43 553 565	42 175 419	42 924 391
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	891 288	985 976	1 021 644	18 108	23 243	25 161
----- acres...	67 278 104	86 861 630	8 064 628	780 996	986 361	931 890
Part owners ----- farms...	609 012	656 249	681 112	9 996	13 093	15 026
----- acres...	519 814 523	530 703 476	561 138 719	6 375 531	9 350 836	8 539 689
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	552 372	603 083	637 146	8 050	11 164	13 307
----- acres...	168 718 930	183 219 488	167 442 844	1 017 704	1 407 216	1 579 289
Tenants ----- farms...	240 200	258 954	278 761	6 237	7 309	8 812
----- acres...	126 868 953	113 644 689	121 717 637	2 045 479	1 384 370	2 160 871
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	199 973	220 897	245 812	4 782	5 887	7 423
----- acres...	46 226 846	46 225 344	49 062 683	457 792	467 780	591 784
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	11.5	11.6	12.3	14.0	13.4	15.2
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	1 487 937	1 581 101	1 585 704	26 412	31 597	33 906
Not on farm operated -----	442 613	429 322	421 790	13 382	14 132	13 749
Not reported -----	157 209	230 553	250 281	4 846	8 638	10 333
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	1 138 179	1 234 787	1 269 305	21 376	26 387	30 054
Other -----	949 580	1 006 189	988 470	23 264	27 980	27 934
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	844 476	881 798	942 803	16 329	19 077	22 388
Any -----	1 115 590	1 187 374	1 203 286	25 002	29 487	31 403
1 to 49 days -----	135 116	156 421	181 471	3 086	3 458	4 500
50 to 99 days -----	64 915	87 312	71 000	1 987	2 327	2 711
100 to 149 days -----	70 622	74 300	72 852	2 072	2 519	2 597
150 to 199 days -----	107 701	114 497	107 918	2 824	3 427	3 663
200 days or more -----	737 206	774 844	770 045	15 033	17 756	17 932
Not reported -----	127 723	191 804	111 686	3 309	5 803	4 197
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	113 554	127 176	(NA)	3 130	3 350	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	135 473	192 714	(NA)	3 225	4 399	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	303 875	360 458	(NA)	6 326	7 035	(NA)
10 years or more -----	1 163 336	1 097 660	(NA)	19 132	20 150	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.8	17.3	(NA)	17.1	16.6	(NA)
Not reported -----	371 521	482 988	(NA)	12 827	19 433	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	35 851	62 336	66 575	428	629	787
25 to 34 years -----	242 688	293 810	285 420	3 591	4 713	4 912
35 to 44 years -----	411 153	443 420	433 900	7 928	8 786	8 754
45 to 49 years -----	223 275	505 412	549 159	4 306	11 636	12 953
50 to 54 years -----	231 635	536 402	552 175	4 815	14 292	15 880
55 to 59 years -----	247 908	399 596	370 546	5 064	14 311	14 702
60 to 64 years -----	247 908	399 596	370 546	5 734	14 311	14 702
65 to 69 years -----	191 435	399 596	370 546	4 977	14 311	14 702
70 years and over -----	255 906	399 596	370 546	7 797	14 311	14 702
Average age -----	52.0	50.5	50.3	55.0	54.6	54.3
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms...	1 956 118	2 119 377	2 144 976	40 480	49 348	52 425
----- acres...	924 579 864	951 437 904	979 434 374	51 138 089	52 149 157	52 829 923
Female ----- farms...	131 641	121 599	112 799	4 180	5 019	5 563
----- acres...	39 890 781	35 358 675	35 342 860	836 486	761 468	801 128
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms...	17 476	16 183	17 572	5 535	4 239	3 576
----- acres...	8 340 701	8 872 066	11 426 343	1 832 997	1 265 780	1 874 214
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...	1 453 384	(NA)	(NA)	21 820	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	616 919	(NA)	(NA)	17 285	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	1 809 324	1 945 639	1 965 860	38 903	47 919	51 249
----- acres...	627 559 205	642 380 423	673 187 825	6 945 311	7 550 982	8 445 504
Partnership ----- farms...	199 559	223 274	232 538	3 546	4 224	4 785
----- acres...	153 283 239	151 880 157	158 078 005	1 332 931	1 180 719	1 278 489
Corporation ----- farms...	68 969	59 792	50 231	1 460	1 387	1 380
----- acres...	119 375 386	127 308 766	120 120 499	1 045 953	1 028 877	1 071 340
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	1 172	1 810	1 275	19	42	32
----- acres...	7 730 867	12 193 725	11 068 495	44 902	89 857	155 217
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	59 599	50 842	43 138	1 282	1 126	1 205
----- acres...	98 215 437	100 664 435	92 933 845	677 797	591 933	704 225
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	819	1 143	1 130	25	34	30
----- acres...	4 714 651	5 979 237	5 537 275	251 636	278 555	135 872
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	5 379	5 997	4 688	134	185	113
----- acres...	8 714 431	8 471 369	10 580 884	71 618	68 532	76 026
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	11 907	12 271	9 146	731	837	574
----- acres...	64 252 795	65 247 233	63 390 805	42 650 380	43 150 047	42 829 618

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