

**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...	14 066	13 984	12 764	121	133	141
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	9 989 073	9 772 942	10 470 564	1 074 498	1 084 422	1 017 541
Full owners ----- farms...	10 752	11 078	10 951	93	112	131
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	1 076 886	1 118 486	1 163 141	14 103	17 764	13 310
Part owners ----- farms...	8 833	9 002	8 091	66	73	66
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	4 232 137	3 294 017	4 327 631	1 063 763	68 103	988 906
Tenants ----- farms...	6 403	6 834	6 713	47	58	56
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	431 736	486 691	504 898	8 296	8 328	3 118
Part owners ----- farms...	4 238	3 993	3 954	39	50	58
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	5 375 247	5 904 872	5 810 984	5 900	1 015 688	24 034
Tenants ----- farms...	3 661	3 526	3 654	34	47	58
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	584 297	569 607	597 404	2 891	9 140	6 535
Tenants ----- farms...	995	989	719	16	10	17
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	381 689	574 053	331 949	4 835	631	4 601
Tenants ----- farms...	688	718	584	12	7	17
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	60 853	62 188	60 839	2 916	296	3 657
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	7.1	7.1	5.6	13.2	7.5	12.1
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated ----- farms...	8 813	8 658	7 954	87	95	93
Not on farm operated ----- farms...	4 278	3 947	3 506	26	26	21
Not reported ----- farms...	975	1 379	1 304	8	12	27
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming ----- farms...	6 350	6 155	6 041	72	76	92
Other ----- farms...	7 716	7 829	6 723	49	57	49
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None ----- farms...	4 566	4 072	4 293	46	61	68
Any ----- farms...	8 688	8 925	7 942	66	66	67
1 to 49 days ----- farms...	814	837	865	10	10	14
50 to 99 days ----- farms...	420	405	351	3	2	7
100 to 149 days ----- farms...	555	467	463	12	-	3
150 to 199 days ----- farms...	1 065	998	975	15	9	3
200 days or more ----- farms...	5 834	6 218	5 288	26	45	40
Not reported ----- farms...	812	987	529	9	6	6
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less ----- farms...	693	812	(NA)	12	3	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms...	798	1 243	(NA)	2	8	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms...	1 914	2 138	(NA)	9	10	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms...	8 060	6 915	(NA)	66	74	(NA)
Average years on present farm ----- farms...	20.2	18.4	(NA)	23.8	23.4	(NA)
Not reported ----- farms...	2 601	2 876	(NA)	32	38	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years ----- farms...	126	201	185	2	2	-
25 to 34 years ----- farms...	1 259	1 501	1 225	5	7	7
35 to 44 years ----- farms...	2 526	2 550	2 409	14	17	16
45 to 49 years ----- farms...	1 462	3 515	3 397	8	26	54
50 to 54 years ----- farms...	1 722	3 438	3 151	15	64	54
55 to 59 years ----- farms...	1 827	2 779	2 397	15	17	10
60 to 64 years ----- farms...	1 760	2 779	2 397	30	17	10
65 to 69 years ----- farms...	1 450	2 779	2 397	23	17	10
70 years and over ----- farms...	1 934	2 779	2 397	9	17	10
Average age ----- farms...	53.7	52.0	51.9	56.5	54.5	53.1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms...	13 589	13 569	12 398	115	123	137
Female ----- farms...	9 801 514	9 650 346	10 294 194	1 074 245	1 083 607	1 016 814
Male ----- acres...	1 477	415	366	6	10	4
Female ----- acres...	187 559	122 596	176 370	253	815	727
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text)</b> ----- farms...	49	43	51	14	6	8
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...	8 792	12 764	36 984	864	1 257	1 004
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	9 717	(NA)	(NA)	76	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	4 300	(NA)	(NA)	31	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	11 860	11 605	10 625	99	105	110
Partnership ----- farms...	4 436 667	4 461 990	4 915 257	18 827	14 549	21 781
Corporation ----- farms...	1 619	1 514	1 374	11	16	26
Family held: ----- farms...	2 177 651	1 926 353	2 038 158	1 068	3 682	(D)
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	599	551	473	3	5	1
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	1 744 350	1 688 125	1 880 060	(D)	6 652	(D)
Other than family held: ----- farms...	19	40	20	-	1	-
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	209 763	82 921	88 367	-	(D)	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	517	439	415	2	4	1
Other than family held: ----- farms...	1 217 727	1 497 290	1 711 564	(D)	(D)	(D)
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	15	27	6	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	9 554	57 332	8 324	-	-	-
Other than family held: ----- farms...	48	45	32	1	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	307 306	50 582	71 805	(D)	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- acres...	188	314	292	8	7	4
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<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.