

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.....	5 877	6 315	5 852	21	8	16
----- acres.....	1 407 868	1 574 441	1 633 049	3 593	1 996	4 247
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	5 069	5 583	5 494	16	6	13
----- acres.....	488 253	547 848	554 957	1 673	586	2 126
Full owners ----- farms.....	3 383	3 649	3 124	9	6	14
----- acres.....	644 234	735 000	696 508	(D)	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	2 727	3 061	2 840	6	5	11
----- acres.....	170 645	208 144	200 608	590	(D)	(D)
Part owners ----- farms.....	2 089	2 277	2 396	10	1	2
----- acres.....	681 072	756 204	855 294	1 894	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	1 974	2 180	2 347	10	1	2
----- acres.....	282 839	304 471	324 277	1 083	(D)	(D)
Tenants ----- farms.....	405	389	332	2	1	-
----- acres.....	82 562	83 237	81 247	(D)	(D)	-
Harvested cropland ----- farms.....	368	342	307	-	-	-
----- acres.....	34 769	35 233	30 072	-	-	-
Percent of tenancy ----- percent.....	6.9	6.2	5.7	9.5	12.5	-
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	5 121	5 352	5 018	18	8	12
Not on farm operated -----	485	467	430	2	-	3
Not reported -----	271	496	404	1	-	1
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	3 762	4 093	4 006	10	4	9
Other -----	2 115	2 222	1 846	11	4	7
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	2 854	3 023	3 110	8	3	8
Any -----	2 695	2 863	2 526	8	4	7
1 to 49 days -----	393	443	527	-	1	1
50 to 99 days -----	202	175	185	-	-	-
100 to 149 days -----	184	216	163	2	-	-
150 to 199 days -----	318	319	249	1	-	2
200 days or more -----	1 598	1 710	1 402	5	3	4
Not reported -----	328	429	216	5	1	1
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	329	372	(NA)	1	-	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	437	611	(NA)	4	5	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	1 031	1 075	(NA)	3	-	(NA)
10 years or more -----	3 345	3 292	(NA)	10	2	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.1	17.0	(NA)	12.9	9.3	(NA)
Not reported -----	735	965	(NA)	3	1	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	56	111	113	1	-	-
25 to 34 years -----	705	908	819	-	1	2
35 to 44 years -----	1 480	1 539	1 291	6	2	5
45 to 49 years -----	701	1 492	1 490	2	-	-
50 to 54 years -----	650	-	-	4	1	4
55 to 59 years -----	660	-	-	3	-	-
60 to 64 years -----	595	1 324	1 271	5	3	5
65 to 69 years -----	445	-	-	-	-	-
70 years and over -----	585	841	868	-	1	-
Average age -----	50.4	49.1	49.4	49.9	48.6	47.9
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms.....	5 302	5 767	5 462	20	7	14
----- acres.....	1 319 632	1 476 076	1 540 629	(D)	(D)	(D)
Female ----- farms.....	575	548	390	1	1	2
----- acres.....	88 236	98 365	92 420	(D)	(D)	(D)
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms.....	24	13	19	-	-	1
----- acres.....	5 479	3 349	5 196	-	-	(D)
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms.....	4 280	(NA)	(NA)	12	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms.....	1 573	(NA)	(NA)	9	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms.....	5 096	5 589	5 181	18	7	14
----- acres.....	1 126 649	1 281 587	1 359 122	2 682	(D)	(D)
Partnership ----- farms.....	510	505	488	1	1	2
----- acres.....	170 255	191 200	187 921	(D)	(D)	(D)
Corporation ----- farms.....	232	176	145	2	-	-
----- acres.....	97 113	83 373	69 414	(D)	-	-
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms.....	3	7	4	-	-	-
----- acres.....	3 651	5 705	2 352	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms.....	206	149	121	2	-	-
----- acres.....	82 857	66 557	57 327	(D)	-	-
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms.....	1	1	1	-	-	-
----- acres.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms.....	22	19	19	-	-	-
----- acres.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms.....	39	45	38	-	-	-
----- acres.....	13 851	18 281	16 592	-	-	-

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