

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...	44 799	51 859	49 936	1 756	2 772	3 158
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	8 676 336	9 436 854	9 459 429	197 963	261 854	299 402
----- farms...	37 332	44 259	44 643	1 463	2 460	2 935
----- acres...	2 406 976	2 779 282	2 599 660	63 491	91 581	94 947
Full owners ----- farms...	28 858	33 541	31 341	1 023	1 482	1 652
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	3 887 342	4 473 005	4 506 462	90 546	112 246	138 284
----- farms...	22 745	27 235	26 952	776	1 230	1 475
----- acres...	724 438	858 992	815 867	15 675	20 657	25 563
Part owners ----- farms...	12 642	14 253	14 260	588	1 018	1 166
Harvested cropland ----- acres...	4 235 806	4 413 445	4 372 550	95 577	132 387	139 479
----- farms...	11 820	13 463	13 744	554	972	1 137
----- acres...	1 460 418	1 683 897	1 544 627	42 677	62 357	59 918
Tenants ----- farms...	3 299	4 065	4 335	145	272	340
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	553 188	550 404	580 417	11 840	17 221	21 639
----- farms...	2 767	3 561	3 947	133	258	323
----- acres...	222 120	236 393	239 166	5 139	8 567	9 466
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	7.4	7.8	8.7	8.3	9.8	10.8
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated -----	32 397	36 221	34 670	1 076	1 683	2 007
Not on farm operated -----	8 805	9 840	8 968	445	603	633
Not reported -----	3 597	5 798	6 298	235	486	518
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming -----	20 617	24 090	24 425	918	1 488	1 746
Other -----	24 182	27 769	25 511	838	1 284	1 412
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None -----	16 275	17 984	18 711	665	945	1 216
Any -----	25 826	29 561	28 719	910	1 411	1 679
1 to 49 days -----	2 465	3 016	3 592	120	146	257
50 to 99 days -----	1 271	1 528	1 601	54	116	117
100 to 149 days -----	1 489	1 729	1 691	86	129	138
150 to 199 days -----	2 310	2 640	2 327	75	179	204
200 days or more -----	18 291	20 648	19 508	575	841	963
Not reported -----	2 698	4 314	2 506	181	416	263
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less -----	2 226	2 687	(NA)	90	112	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	2 886	4 070	(NA)	71	163	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	6 166	7 755	(NA)	155	262	(NA)
10 years or more -----	24 385	24 760	(NA)	834	1 078	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	19.4	18.1	(NA)	21.3	20.4	(NA)
Not reported -----	9 136	12 587	(NA)	606	1 157	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years -----	436	831	871	10	14	29
25 to 34 years -----	3 781	5 080	4 941	87	159	213
35 to 44 years -----	7 847	9 295	8 663	233	356	450
45 to 49 years -----	4 796	11 380	11 696	155	575	651
50 to 54 years -----	5 104			192		
55 to 59 years -----	5 271	12 785	12 714	180	775	968
60 to 64 years -----	5 415			250		
65 to 69 years -----	4 640	12 488	11 051	248	893	847
70 years and over -----	7 509			401		
Average age -----	54.5	53.3	52.9	58.1	57.1	55.6
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms...	40 997	47 824	46 239	1 646	2 573	2 940
----- acres...	8 157 786	8 901 058	8 953 525	187 343	245 260	284 429
Female ----- farms...	3 802	4 035	3 697	110	199	218
----- acres...	518 570	535 796	505 904	10 620	16 594	14 973
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms...	81	82	69	8	5	4
----- acres...	14 918	10 920	14 362	1 823	313	387
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...	29 779	(NA)	(NA)	857	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...	14 939	(NA)	(NA)	891	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	39 344	45 731	43 964	1 577	2 521	2 862
----- acres...	6 678 985	7 390 643	7 466 146	165 838	231 813	256 356
Partnership ----- farms...	4 004	4 765	4 855	150	210	267
----- acres...	1 250 112	1 317 368	1 325 226	24 586	25 224	31 374
Corporation ----- farms...	1 173	1 023	895	13	9	18
----- acres...	655 211	630 446	574 717	5 744	913	9 925
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	16	25	13	-	-	-
----- acres...	15 443	30 299	19 683	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	1 039	862	780	12	7	17
----- acres...	585 048	536 260	483 147	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	14	20	10	-	-	-
----- acres...	6 391	14 487	18 936	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	104	116	92	1	2	1
----- acres...	48 329	49 400	52 951	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...	278	340	222	16	32	11
----- acres...	92 028	98 397	93 340	1 795	3 904	1 747

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