

**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..	33 559	36 080	30 987	552	613	613
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	16 115 568	16 469 678	16 721 836	1 834 773	2 243 052	2 267 833
Full owners ----- farms..	24 027	26 067	24 926	433	491	512
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 597 476	5 278 772	5 014 228	35 836	51 172	62 226
Part owners ----- farms..	22 109	24 275	19 949	366	411	381
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 893 148	5 579 253	5 117 866	1 772 234	2 165 821	2 146 707
Not reported ----- farms..	14 651	16 261	15 218	276	313	308
Not reported ----- acres..	948 249	1 162 127	1 084 360	11 398	15 311	16 946
Tenants ----- farms..	8 094	8 793	8 275	125	128	152
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	8 414 543	8 926 719	9 553 483	49 426	60 052	88 649
Not reported ----- farms..	6 734	7 445	7 396	106	112	138
Not reported ----- acres..	2 550 973	3 243 578	3 081 832	18 257	27 119	33 136
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	10.0	8.3	8.9	11.1	12.1	13.1
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated ----- farms..	26 757	28 966	24 551	412	468	444
Not on farm operated ----- farms..	5 113	4 735	4 190	103	92	99
Not reported ----- farms..	1 689	2 379	2 246	37	53	70
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming ----- farms..	17 654	17 968	16 961	320	369	370
Other ----- farms..	15 905	18 112	14 026	232	244	243
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None ----- farms..	13 268	13 062	12 609	220	241	262
Any ----- farms..	18 581	20 757	17 274	295	323	323
1 to 49 days ----- farms..	2 026	2 051	2 269	28	37	38
50 to 99 days ----- farms..	999	1 093	926	13	18	27
100 to 149 days ----- farms..	1 158	1 329	1 040	12	24	24
150 to 199 days ----- farms..	2 048	2 341	1 791	42	37	27
200 days or more ----- farms..	12 330	13 943	11 248	200	207	207
Not reported ----- farms..	1 730	2 261	1 104	37	49	28
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less ----- farms..	1 891	2 383	(NA)	44	66	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms..	2 576	4 136	(NA)	57	50	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms..	6 451	7 841	(NA)	87	110	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms..	18 560	17 073	(NA)	278	285	(NA)
Average years on present farm ----- farms..	16.4	15.0	(NA)	15.6	15.2	(NA)
Not reported ----- farms..	4 081	4 647	(NA)	86	102	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years ----- farms..	238	428	418	4	7	11
25 to 34 years ----- farms..	3 212	4 417	3 700	29	55	44
35 to 44 years ----- farms..	7 844	8 562	6 535	116	111	112
45 to 49 years ----- farms..	4 169	8 610	8 062	58	148	157
50 to 54 years ----- farms..	3 988	8 503	7 827	70	155	179
55 to 59 years ----- farms..	3 987	8 503	7 827	74	155	179
60 to 64 years ----- farms..	3 861	5 560	4 445	65	137	110
65 to 69 years ----- farms..	2 770	5 560	4 445	62	137	110
70 years and over ----- farms..	3 490	5 560	4 445	74	137	110
Average age ----- farms..	51.6	50.1	50.3	54.4	53.3	52.4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms..	30 577	33 611	29 281	510	549	565
Female ----- farms..	15 674 448	16 120 802	16 361 035	1 827 405	2 231 604	2 250 789
Not reported ----- farms..	2 982	2 469	1 706	42	64	48
Not reported ----- acres..	441 120	348 876	360 801	7 368	11 448	17 044
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text)</b> ----- farms..	325	259	219	132	102	70
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	61 016	73 134	56 320	8 377	5 445	3 394
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	24 321	(NA)	(NA)	252	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	8 913	(NA)	(NA)	168	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	28 289	31 107	26 574	459	511	508
Partnership ----- farms..	8 120 432	8 525 918	8 844 207	68 066	87 240	124 679
Corporation ----- farms..	2 850	2 748	2 652	36	49	57
Family held: ----- farms..	2 803 904	2 312 099	2 479 061	7 228	8 631	9 297
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	2 248	2 043	1 609	49	44	38
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	2 830 810	3 324 781	3 061 988	15 105	17 367	23 876
Other than family held: ----- farms..	30	51	44	-	-	-
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	89 557	119 692	122 371	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	2 063	1 788	1 401	44	41	38
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	2 544 209	2 877 465	2 596 326	14 058	16 848	23 876
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	25	24	19	1	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	40 986	148 744	143 202	(D)	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	130	180	145	4	3	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	156 058	178 880	200 089	(D)	519	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	172	182	152	8	9	10
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	2 360 422	2 306 880	2 336 580	1 744 374	2 129 814	2 109 981

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