

**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...	17 237	18 742	17 475	46	54	52
----- acres...	3 372 955	3 559 051	3 529 266	6 025	7 671	6 993
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	15 056	16 446	15 890	36	47	44
----- acres...	553 517	576 889	560 652	852	1 249	1 026
Full owners ----- farms...	12 881	14 373	13 409	34	38	34
----- acres...	2 054 141	2 258 530	2 280 974	4 004	4 545	4 884
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	11 007	12 401	12 068	26	32	28
----- acres...	288 312	311 105	325 289	561	772	535
Part owners ----- farms...	3 564	3 587	3 330	9	12	12
----- acres...	1 178 890	1 158 267	1 110 073	1 908	2 467	1 408
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	3 388	3 384	3 186	8	11	10
----- acres...	237 916	236 584	204 981	(D)	361	273
Tenants ----- farms...	792	782	736	3	4	6
----- acres...	139 924	142 254	138 219	113	659	701
Harvested cropland ----- farms...	661	661	636	2	4	6
----- acres...	27 289	29 200	30 382	(D)	116	218
Percent of tenancy ----- percent...	4.6	4.2	4.2	6.5	7.4	11.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated ----- farms...	13 238	14 130	12 720	30	29	35
----- acres...	2 586	2 753	2 588	12	19	6
Not on farm operated ----- farms...	1 413	1 859	2 167	4	6	11
----- acres...						
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming ----- farms...	7 201	7 117	6 586	17	12	21
----- acres...	10 036	11 625	10 889	29	42	31
Other ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None ----- farms...	6 018	5 802	5 574	13	11	24
----- acres...	10 083	11 743	11 273	29	41	26
Any ----- farms...	840	989	1 036	3	2	2
----- acres...	455	541	507	3	1	2
1 to 49 days ----- farms...	601	679	496	1	4	1
----- acres...	909	1 187	1 063	2	9	1
50 to 99 days ----- farms...	7 278	8 347	8 171	20	25	20
----- acres...						
100 to 149 days ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
150 to 199 days ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
200 days or more ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
Not reported ----- farms...	1 136	1 197	628	4	2	2
----- acres...						
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less ----- farms...	649	723	(NA)	5	6	(NA)
----- acres...	797	1 179	(NA)	5	13	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms...	2 045	2 612	(NA)	10	3	(NA)
----- acres...	10 123	9 745	(NA)	16	22	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
10 years or more ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
Average years on present farm ----- farms...	20.9	19.2	(NA)	12.6	10.0	(NA)
----- acres...						
Not reported ----- farms...	3 623	4 483	(NA)	10	10	(NA)
----- acres...						
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years ----- farms...	137	213	194	-	-	1
----- acres...	1 146	1 716	1 709	3	11	8
25 to 34 years ----- farms...	3 042	3 479	3 223	9	8	8
----- acres...	1 797	4 008	3 972	9	17	7
35 to 44 years ----- farms...	1 875			9		
----- acres...	2 004	4 515	4 216	5	10	10
45 to 49 years ----- farms...	2 126			4		
----- acres...	1 855	4 811	4 161	6	8	18
50 to 54 years ----- farms...	3 255			1		
----- acres...	55.6	53.8	53.2	51.2	50.1	54.9
55 to 59 years ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
60 to 64 years ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
65 to 69 years ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
70 years and over ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
Average age ----- farms...						
----- acres...						
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms...	15 947	17 468	16 224	42	51	46
----- acres...	3 149 555	3 354 309	3 319 663	5 823	6 889	6 538
Female ----- farms...	1 290	1 274	1 251	4	3	6
----- acres...	223 400	204 742	209 603	202	782	455
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms...</b>						
----- acres...	31	25	43	-	-	-
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms...</b>						
----- acres...	6 006	4 420	6 184	-	-	-
<b>Spanish origin not reported ----- farms...</b>						
----- acres...	11 530	(NA)	(NA)	26	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms...	15 988	17 336	16 046	41	52	47
----- acres...	2 957 366	3 099 398	3 061 446	5 765	(D)	6 634
Partnership ----- farms...	971	1 134	1 216	5	2	4
----- acres...	276 627	315 836	345 600	260	(D)	(D)
Corporation ----- farms...	197	180	140	-	-	-
----- acres...	112 834	113 372	93 936	-	-	-
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	6	9	4	-	-	-
----- acres...	6 233	5 243	4 886	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	170	146	121	-	-	-
----- acres...	95 723	98 779	72 463	-	-	-
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms...	3	4	3	-	-	-
----- acres...	743	1 288	1 982	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms...	18	21	12	-	-	-
----- acres...	10 135	8 062	14 605	-	-	-
<b>Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms...</b>						
----- acres...	81	92	73	-	-	1
	26 128	30 445	28 284	-	-	(D)

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