

**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..	75 131	82 199	86 505	163	164	207
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	16 606 567	17 234 127	17 838 982	25 078	31 503	34 988
Full owners ----- farms..	69 141	75 734	81 708	142	139	194
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	9 335 007	10 062 154	9 863 051	15 219	17 373	20 124
Part owners ----- farms..	43 660	48 529	53 689	99	100	137
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	6 875 780	7 488 708	8 400 294	11 780	15 695	18 112
Tenants ----- farms..	38 360	42 874	49 378	78	81	125
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	3 186 836	3 670 139	3 989 863	6 030	5 949	8 973
Part owners ----- farms..	25 109	26 617	26 645	46	51	52
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	8 498 737	8 489 219	8 252 072	11 537	14 096	13 645
Tenants ----- farms..	24 837	26 265	26 426	46	48	52
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	5 351 392	5 545 989	5 094 779	7 783	10 054	8 558
Tenants ----- farms..	6 362	7 053	6 171	18	13	18
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 232 050	1 258 200	1 186 616	1 761	1 712	3 231
Harvested cropland ----- farms..	5 944	6 595	5 904	18	10	17
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	796 779	846 026	778 409	1 406	1 370	2 593
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	8.5	8.6	7.1	11.0	7.9	8.7
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated -----	63 747	69 309	72 937	127	128	168
Not on farm operated -----	7 877	7 801	7 590	24	23	24
Not reported -----	3 507	5 089	5 978	12	13	15
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming -----	53 342	57 939	59 222	90	106	115
Other -----	21 789	24 260	27 283	73	58	92
<b>Operators by days of work off farm:</b>						
None -----	40 587	43 143	44 825	63	74	81
Any -----	30 014	33 440	38 202	87	77	115
1 to 49 days -----	4 631	5 931	7 102	10	12	12
50 to 99 days -----	1 785	1 891	2 143	2	6	5
100 to 149 days -----	1 906	2 109	2 310	2	6	10
150 to 199 days -----	2 916	3 309	3 611	9	9	13
200 days or more -----	18 776	20 200	23 036	64	44	75
Not reported -----	4 530	5 616	3 478	13	13	11
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less -----	3 243	4 885	(NA)	12	13	(NA)
3 or 4 years -----	3 965	6 949	(NA)	13	12	(NA)
5 to 9 years -----	10 388	12 984	(NA)	25	32	(NA)
10 years or more -----	48 083	46 019	(NA)	71	76	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	20.1	17.9	(NA)	14.3	14.2	(NA)
Not reported -----	9 452	11 362	(NA)	42	31	(NA)
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years -----	1 273	2 596	2 247	4	3	3
25 to 34 years -----	10 408	13 410	12 525	29	19	44
35 to 44 years -----	16 245	17 499	17 825	38	55	51
45 to 49 years -----	8 046	19 057	22 159	15	35	46
50 to 54 years -----	8 489	19 057	22 159	19	19	46
55 to 59 years -----	9 242	18 842	20 797	16	33	40
60 to 64 years -----	8 763	18 842	20 797	28	33	40
65 to 69 years -----	5 952	10 795	10 952	6	19	23
70 years and over -----	6 713	10 795	10 952	8	19	23
Average age -----	50.3	48.4	49.0	48.4	48.0	47.1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male ----- farms..	71 764	78 943	83 373	148	146	201
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	16 089 503	16 779 757	17 394 742	23 058	28 128	34 060
Female ----- farms..	3 367	3 256	3 132	15	18	6
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	517 064	454 370	444 240	2 020	3 375	928
<b>Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..</b>	158	108	128	18	9	8
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	33 016	20 248	25 189	1 841	1 439	603
<b>Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..</b>	56 776	(NA)	(NA)	73	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	18 197	(NA)	(NA)	72	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	64 642	70 842	76 016	142	145	179
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	12 726 524	13 306 744	14 445 547	20 018	23 718	26 762
Partnership ----- farms..	7 909	8 937	8 749	15	12	25
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	2 444 859	2 579 939	2 366 564	2 521	2 276	6 997
Corporation ----- farms..	2 322	2 193	1 555	4	7	2
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 369 598	1 290 243	972 120	(D)	5 509	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	32	67	28	-	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	28 947	60 365	32 353	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	2 160	1 974	1 398	4	7	2
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 275 771	1 139 581	814 419	(D)	5 509	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	29	29	32	-	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	32 762	48 568	72 038	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	101	123	97	-	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	32 118	41 729	53 310	-	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	258	227	185	2	-	1
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	65 586	57 201	54 751	(D)	-	(D)

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