

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..	9 205	8 861	8 040	103	79	85
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	33 595 135	33 500 453	33 627 257	1 975 942	1 470 217	1 881 807
Full owners ----- farms..	6 389	6 473	6 444	80	63	73
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 717 027	1 813 830	1 780 333	17 012	12 212	15 986
Part owners ----- farms..	4 494	4 301	3 647	37	32	24
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	6 440 440	4 600 016	3 548 605	1 542 199	51 445	80 259
Not reported ----- farms..	2 793	2 883	2 709	24	21	20
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	435 626	487 747	454 820	2 356	2 366	1 991
Tenants ----- farms..	3 473	3 433	3 371	42	30	45
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	22 998 426	25 346 326	27 078 200	70 202	1 401 478	1 450 925
Not reported ----- farms..	2 808	2 861	2 945	34	27	38
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 057 582	1 126 432	1 127 605	8 555	6 194	9 905
Tenants ----- farms..	1 238	1 127	1 022	24	17	16
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 156 269	3 554 111	3 000 452	363 541	17 294	350 623
Not reported ----- farms..	788	729	790	22	15	15
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	223 819	199 651	197 908	6 101	3 652	4 090
Percent of tenancy ----- percent..	13.4	12.7	12.7	23.3	21.5	18.8
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated ----- farms..	6 945	6 716	6 175	87	68	65
Not on farm operated ----- farms..	1 678	1 417	1 264	8	8	13
Not reported ----- farms..	582	728	601	8	3	7
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming ----- farms..	5 953	5 805	5 270	69	56	57
Other ----- farms..	3 252	3 056	2 770	34	23	28
Operators by days of work off farm:						
None ----- farms..	3 932	3 793	3 870	46	39	42
Any ----- farms..	4 674	4 271	3 809	54	34	35
1 to 49 days ----- farms..	800	737	751	7	5	4
50 to 99 days ----- farms..	317	281	298	3	1	3
100 to 149 days ----- farms..	363	309	324	9	2	4
150 to 199 days ----- farms..	554	444	399	8	3	2
200 days or more ----- farms..	2 640	2 500	2 037	27	23	22
Not reported ----- farms..	599	797	361	3	6	8
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less ----- farms..	553	586	(NA)	10	9	(NA)
3 or 4 years ----- farms..	627	869	(NA)	5	5	(NA)
5 to 9 years ----- farms..	1 541	1 490	(NA)	19	16	(NA)
10 years or more ----- farms..	5 000	4 386	(NA)	50	35	(NA)
Average years on present farm -----	18.5	17.5	(NA)	16.2	14.4	(NA)
Not reported ----- farms..	1 484	1 520	(NA)	19	14	(NA)
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years ----- farms..	135	173	199	1	1	2
25 to 34 years ----- farms..	1 034	1 170	958	8	14	19
35 to 44 years ----- farms..	1 972	1 790	1 531	31	18	20
45 to 49 years ----- farms..	930	1 974	2 081	19	15	19
50 to 54 years ----- farms..	972	2 135	2 012	11	25	20
55 to 59 years ----- farms..	1 083	875	1 259	8	6	5
60 to 64 years ----- farms..	1 029	1 619	1 259	14	6	5
65 to 69 years ----- farms..	875	50.8	50.4	5	6	5
70 years and over ----- farms..	1 175	50.8	50.4	6	6	5
Average age -----	52.0	50.8	50.4	49.0	48.4	46.6
Operators by sex:						
Male ----- farms..	8 476	8 291	7 603	97	74	80
Female ----- farms..	32 027 770	31 973 414	32 190 017	1 971 420	1 466 875	1 878 201
Not reported ----- farms..	729	570	437	6	5	5
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	1 567 365	1 527 039	1 437 240	4 522	3 342	3 606
Operators of Spanish origin (see text) ----- farms..	72	60	42	17	14	9
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	150 118	309 898	242 751	11 881	4 857	6 443
Operators not of Spanish origin ----- farms..	6 274	(NA)	(NA)	55	(NA)	(NA)
Spanish origin not reported ----- farms..	2 859	(NA)	(NA)	31	(NA)	(NA)
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms..	7 284	6 976	6 344	83	68	66
Partnership ----- farms..	13 808 983	13 830 179	13 783 864	59 458	46 265	49 582
Corporation ----- farms..	937	907	829	11	5	11
Family held: ----- farms..	5 133 283	4 375 508	4 587 758	18 212	2 331	10 868
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	858	826	759	2	1	4
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	10 538 138	11 216 329	11 261 008	(D)	(D)	13 826
Other than family held: ----- farms..	24	36	24	-	-	-
More than 10 stockholders ----- farms..	776 719	1 174 948	963 941	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders ----- farms..	793	735	692	2	1	4
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	8 733 020	8 792 532	8 928 382	(D)	(D)	13 826
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	417 449	268 963	681 964	-	-	-
Not reported ----- farms..	36	51	34	-	-	-
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	610 950	979 886	686 721	-	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms..	126	152	108	7	5	4
Harvested cropland ----- acres..	4 114 731	4 078 437	3 994 627	(D)	(D)	1 807 531

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