

Table 16. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization for All Farms and Farms Operated by Black and Other Races: 1997, 1992, and 1987

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Characteristics	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987
Tenure of operator:						
All operators	41 384	37 905	43 318	1 726	1 535	1 902
Harvested cropland	8 704 385	8 450 823	9 145 753	211 063	191 959	209 688
Full owners	24 819	24 780	28 509	916	825	1 045
Part owners	2 077 139	2 104 064	2 231 623	45 538	40 452	44 202
Full owners						
Harvested cropland	27 509	24 686	29 313	1 059	949	1 249
Part owners	4 400 585	3 888 844	4 466 137	101 011	95 732	109 677
Tenants	14 217	14 242	17 166	472	425	603
Not reported	546 646	497 916	603 220	11 110	9 742	11 966
Part owners						
Harvested cropland	11 333	10 860	11 153	522	438	459
Tenants	3 783 392	3 995 009	4 041 556	97 950	79 873	82 695
Not reported	9 038	8 897	9 326	372	304	333
Tenants						
Harvested cropland	1 316 904	1 356 168	1 349 938	31 207	24 839	25 288
Percent of tenancy	6.1	6.2	6.6	8.4	9.6	10.2
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	29 861	27 107	30 191	1 047	898	1 099
Not on farm operated	8 266	7 182	8 653	521	427	495
Not reported	3 257	3 616	4 474	158	210	308
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	15 568	15 712	16 398	618	551	688
Other	25 816	22 193	26 920	1 108	984	1 214
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	13 961	13 492	14 206	572	512	751
Any	25 259	21 921	26 899	1 061	874	1 023
1 to 49 days	1 702	1 448	1 929	100	84	123
50 to 99 days	1 115	939	1 140	77	33	77
100 to 149 days	1 294	1 077	1 365	83	62	64
150 to 199 days	2 471	2 114	2 311	131	100	117
200 days or more	18 677	16 343	20 154	670	595	642
Not reported	2 164	2 492	2 213	93	149	128
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2 118	1 475	2 440	91	53	68
3 or 4 years	3 364	2 895	3 072	138	110	95
5 to 9 years	6 378	5 359	5 860	228	170	224
10 years or more	21 456	19 922	21 659	798	639	748
Average years on present farm	18.5	18.9	18.0	18.2	18.8	20.0
Not reported	8 068	8 254	10 287	471	563	767
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	278	308	444	16	6	9
25 to 34 years	2 576	2 572	3 831	84	73	120
35 to 44 years	7 057	6 564	8 439	264	230	278
45 to 49 years	4 944	4 335	5 007	225	164	168
50 to 54 years	5 531	4 679	5 251	231	169	180
55 to 59 years	5 436	4 664	5 351	199	159	181
60 to 64 years	4 829	4 586	5 159	174	175	220
65 to 69 years	4 087	4 153	4 284	179	159	233
70 years and over	6 646	6 044	5 552	354	400	513
Average age	54.9	54.8	53.1	56.5	58.3	58.3
Operators by sex:						
Male	37 865	35 019	40 539	1 574	1 417	1 724
Female	8 118 887	7 962 987	8 742 697	194 374	180 788	195 698
Not reported	3 519	2 886	2 779	152	118	178
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	186	107	83	20	16	8
Not reported	40 457	19 173	11 382	3 043	1 841	1 609
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	34 675	25 202	28 170	1 324	766	920
Not reported	6 523	12 596	15 065	382	753	974
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	37 697	34 257	39 553	1 606	1 402	1 789
Partnership	6 772 576	6 519 363	7 297 798	182 662	155 273	173 129
Corporation	2 734	2 843	3 014	88	110	86
Family held:	1 374 681	1 408 348	1 318 615	19 034	27 568	24 401
More than 10 stockholders	735	666	570	18	12	13
10 or less stockholders	436 964	430 788	381 389	6 053	1 994	3 339
Other than family held:	16	16	12	3	1	—
More than 10 stockholders	27 484	36 575	29 893	(D)	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	614	526	482	12	8	13
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	363 450	332 293	332 438	2 121	548	3 339
More than 10 stockholders	17	23	17	—	2	—
10 or less stockholders	1 830	9 683	4 738	—	(D)	—
Other	88	101	59	3	1	—
Not reported	44 200	52 237	14 320	(D)	(D)	—
Not reported	218	139	181	14	11	14
Not reported	120 164	92 324	147 951	3 314	7 124	8 819

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