

**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 <sup>1</sup>		
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987
<b>Tenure of operator:</b>						
All operators	6 135	6 773	7 669	518	646	598
Harvested cropland	26 866 722	35 037 618	36 287 794	20 560 498	21 908 142	21 143 151
	2 765	3 323	3 646	218	261	227
	969 602	911 355	865 817	139 306	103 926	72 487
<b>Full owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	4 272	4 302	5 044	374	442	445
	24 068 774	23 176 651	23 429 445	20 421 782	20 767 762	20 884 872
	1 678	1 915	2 063	131	146	137
	329 417	248 274	252 825	82 585	47 247	35 321
<b>Part owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	1 029	1 468	1 530	55	68	58
	1 778 876	8 646 894	10 659 290	50 263	159 503	81 353
	547	745	827	33	40	37
	295 503	291 028	337 563	25 464	18 214	6 119
<b>Tenants</b>						
Harvested cropland	834	1 003	1 095	89	136	95
	1 019 072	3 214 073	2 199 059	88 453	980 877	176 926
	540	663	756	54	75	53
	344 682	372 053	275 429	31 257	38 465	31 047
Percent of tenancy	13.6	14.8	14.3	17.2	21.1	15.9
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	3 775	4 142	4 679	282	382	385
Not on farm operated	1 868	2 172	2 469	174	205	179
Not reported	492	459	521	62	59	34
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	3 250	3 613	3 782	296	361	274
Other	2 885	3 160	3 887	222	285	324
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	2 495	2 732	2 830	186	236	206
Any	3 223	3 583	4 423	289	345	351
1 to 49 days	341	344	444	44	57	56
50 to 99 days	217	204	247	27	23	30
100 to 149 days	235	260	292	23	35	27
150 to 199 days	362	393	443	33	31	52
200 days or more	2 068	2 382	2 997	162	199	186
Not reported	417	458	416	43	65	41
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	416	422	725	30	37	42
3 or 4 years	521	561	803	44	55	52
5 to 9 years	993	1 237	1 628	81	98	88
10 years or more	3 177	3 469	3 165	210	234	199
Average years on present farm	16.6	15.6	13.4	15.4	14.8	14.7
Not reported	1 028	1 084	1 348	153	222	217
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	31	32	86	—	—	8
25 to 34 years	279	402	691	32	50	64
35 to 44 years	1 000	1 325	1 768	87	137	136
45 to 49 years	798	844	968	86	83	67
50 to 54 years	861	881	952	74	78	82
55 to 59 years	799	798	968	54	72	83
60 to 64 years	760	840	874	58	77	77
65 to 69 years	607	640	623	65	65	36
70 years and over	1 000	1 011	739	62	84	45
Average age	55.6	54.3	51.5	54.2	53.5	50.7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	5 271	5 941	6 806	446	551	527
Female	26 225 797	33 706 341	35 235 323	20 508 102	21 705 667	21 122 751
	864	832	863	72	95	71
	640 925	1 331 277	1 052 471	52 396	202 475	20 400
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)</b>						
	402	380	363	199	183	125
	2 788 999	617 880	364 077	(D)	200 401	50 300
<b>Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin</b>						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	4 864	4 837	5 408	227	303	300
	869	1 556	1 898	92	160	173
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	4 178	4 779	5 356	342	418	419
Partnership	2 852 125	5 651 604	6 170 484	178 800	407 513	296 031
Corporation	1 033	1 091	1 369	61	56	52
	1 991 487	4 190 331	4 574 856	71 563	71 291	70 027
	679	631	724	35	30	24
	1 423 656	3 263 605	3 954 445	36 880	19 794	37 398
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	22	17	17	1	2	—
10 or less stockholders	66 066	44 344	90 136	(D)	(D)	—
	553	504	592	31	18	21
	1 184 280	2 767 553	2 746 444	35 752	11 328	36 813
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	15	23	25	1	—	2
10 or less stockholders	17 660	218 990	619 578	(D)	—	(D)
	89	87	90	2	10	1
	155 650	232 718	498 287	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	245	272	220	80	142	103
	20 599 454	21 932 078	21 588 009	20 273 255	21 409 544	20 739 695

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