

**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	45 142	43 937	48 242	934	848	912
Harvested cropland	14 364 955 farms... acres..	14 127 711 farms... acres..	14 355 611 farms... acres..	159 218 farms... acres..	155 826 farms... acres..	155 590 farms... acres..
Full owners	27 669	26 237	31 033	510	464	523
Harvested cropland	5 013 276 farms... acres..	4 683 278 farms... acres..	5 329 542 farms... acres..	50 568 farms... acres..	41 950 farms... acres..	41 799 farms... acres..
Part owners	12 598	12 584	11 805	285	258	241
Harvested cropland	6 464 481 farms... acres..	6 409 167 farms... acres..	5 890 371 farms... acres..	78 257 farms... acres..	91 943 farms... acres..	72 000 farms... acres..
Tenants	4 875	5 116	5 404	139	126	148
Harvested cropland	2 887 198 farms... acres..	3 035 266 farms... acres..	3 135 698 farms... acres..	30 393 farms... acres..	21 933 farms... acres..	41 791 farms... acres..
Percent of tenancy	10.8	11.6	11.2	14.9	14.9	16.2
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	32 326	30 801	33 307	521	479	502
Not on farm operated	9 705	9 397	10 113	315	272	282
Not reported	3 111	3 739	4 822	98	97	128
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	22 300	23 273	24 210	429	399	404
Other	22 842	20 664	24 032	505	449	508
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	17 714	17 942	19 132	292	285	314
Any	24 906	22 755	26 208	563	474	514
1 to 49 days	2 007	1 881	2 280	51	43	59
50 to 99 days	1 184	1 111	1 413	38	30	34
100 to 149 days	1 364	1 258	1 503	32	37	37
150 to 199 days	2 496	2 324	2 595	70	66	81
200 days or more	17 855	16 181	18 417	372	298	303
Not reported	2 522	3 240	2 902	79	89	84
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	2 632	2 783	3 251	66	71	81
3 or 4 years	3 793	3 574	3 464	87	79	75
5 to 9 years	7 214	6 498	7 157	132	112	101
10 years or more	23 782	23 108	24 303	405	343	337
Average years on present farm	17.9	17.7	16.9	16.2	15.7	16.5
Not reported	7 721	7 974	10 067	244	243	318
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	493	560	739	5	8	15
25 to 34 years	3 361	3 924	4 995	48	52	82
35 to 44 years	8 527	8 467	9 746	177	163	189
45 to 49 years	5 732	5 191	5 784	128	102	102
50 to 54 years	5 916	5 658	6 069	123	104	101
55 to 59 years	5 825	5 340	5 790	117	102	110
60 to 64 years	5 097	4 742	5 540	108	109	97
65 to 69 years	3 823	4 180	4 232	77	91	64
70 years and over	6 368	5 875	5 347	151	117	152
Average age	53.5	53.0	51.8	54.7	54.4	53.2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	41 256	40 338	44 760	864	769	823
Female	13 648 552 farms... acres..	13 441 205 farms... acres..	13 776 703 farms... acres..	151 842 farms... acres..	147 575 farms... acres..	146 612 farms... acres..
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	299	131	75	43	25	17
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	92 807	26 951	13 969	6 873	5 335	5 105
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	38 749	29 967	32 035	697	419	443
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	6 094	13 839	16 132	194	404	452
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	39 009	38 221	42 885	827	774	821
Partnership	9 091 236 farms... acres..	9 362 402 farms... acres..	10 058 295 farms... acres..	124 774 farms... acres..	130 346 farms... acres..	125 524 farms... acres..
Corporation	3 891	3 824	3 626	73	58	60
Family held:	3 535 665	3 222 453	2 653 440	22 287	20 834	14 122
More than 10 stockholders	2 025	1 714	1 542	20	7	23
10 or less stockholders	1 607 750	1 445 316	1 518 191	7 244	2 439	(D)
Other than family held:	46	37	23	3	2	-
More than 10 stockholders	69 830	34 097	41 021	(D)	(D)	-
10 or less stockholders	1 836	1 504	1 349	16	5	23
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	1 464 862	1 297 447	1 337 492	6 717	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	21	32	25	-	-	-
More than 10 stockholders	3 372	22 363	11 990	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders	122	141	145	1	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	69 686	91 409	127 688	(D)	-	-
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	217	178	189	14	9	8
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<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.