

**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	farms... 74 126	farms... 77 669	farms... 83 217	farms... 6 560	farms... 5 797	farms... 5 658
	acres... 27 698 779	acres... 28 978 997	acres... 30 598 178	acres... 1 165 408	acres... 1 041 302	acres... 1 014 122
Harvested cropland	farms... 55 590	farms... 56 785	farms... 59 259	farms... 5 752	farms... 4 975	farms... 4 867
	acres... 8 543 159	acres... 7 760 773	acres... 7 676 287	acres... 526 580	acres... 457 980	acres... 380 805
<b>Full owners</b>						
	farms... 53 878	farms... 56 559	farms... 60 639	farms... 4 430	farms... 3 997	farms... 3 663
	acres... 9 927 607	acres... 9 378 173	acres... 10 145 268	acres... 523 241	acres... 580 455	acres... 499 150
Harvested cropland	farms... 41 113	farms... 41 763	farms... 43 403	farms... 3 847	farms... 3 372	farms... 3 078
	acres... 3 239 490	acres... 2 545 642	acres... 2 702 395	acres... 200 190	acres... 180 775	acres... 133 917
<b>Part owners</b>						
	farms... 10 888	farms... 11 471	farms... 12 218	farms... 730	farms... 674	farms... 693
	acres... 12 569 006	acres... 13 832 035	acres... 14 967 743	acres... 298 733	acres... 281 368	acres... 312 263
Harvested cropland	farms... 7 943	farms... 8 354	farms... 8 870	farms... 653	farms... 567	farms... 616
	acres... 3 578 671	acres... 3 512 040	acres... 3 411 759	acres... 188 634	acres... 158 977	acres... 147 859
<b>Tenants</b>						
	farms... 9 360	farms... 9 639	farms... 10 360	farms... 1 400	farms... 1 126	farms... 1 302
	acres... 5 202 166	acres... 5 768 789	acres... 5 485 167	acres... 343 434	acres... 179 479	acres... 202 709
Harvested cropland	farms... 6 534	farms... 6 668	farms... 6 986	farms... 1 252	farms... 1 036	farms... 1 173
	acres... 1 724 998	acres... 1 703 091	acres... 1 562 133	acres... 137 756	acres... 118 228	acres... 99 029
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 12.6	percent.. 12.4	percent.. 12.4	percent.. 21.3	percent.. 19.4	percent.. 23.0
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	47 963	51 485	54 834	3 461	3 206	3 211
Not on farm operated	20 908	22 096	23 764	2 455	2 244	2 113
Not reported	5 255	4 088	4 619	644	347	334
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	39 267	40 215	41 906	3 982	3 514	3 570
Other	34 859	37 454	41 311	2 578	2 283	2 088
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	31 588	32 118	32 051	2 779	2 545	2 442
Any	37 919	41 278	47 085	3 229	2 899	2 873
1 to 49 days	4 309	4 478	4 991	458	418	405
50 to 99 days	2 489	2 500	2 832	301	253	266
100 to 149 days	2 756	2 892	3 417	267	246	281
150 to 199 days	4 353	4 727	4 897	361	326	309
200 days or more	24 012	26 681	30 948	1 842	1 656	1 612
Not reported	4 619	4 273	4 081	552	353	343
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	4 041	4 239	5 682	589	568	607
3 or 4 years	5 272	7 526	7 164	580	696	528
5 to 9 years	12 214	13 886	16 630	1 246	1 094	1 105
10 years or more	41 946	42 172	42 441	2 909	2 606	2 493
Average years on present farm	17.6	16.2	15.4	14.9	14.4	14.6
Not reported	10 653	9 846	11 300	1 236	833	925
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	382	417	539	79	64	60
25 to 34 years	3 000	4 288	6 327	409	472	578
35 to 44 years	11 754	14 232	16 613	1 397	1 281	1 095
45 to 49 years	9 178	9 466	9 819	934	658	629
50 to 54 years	10 262	9 757	9 549	881	711	655
55 to 59 years	9 261	8 818	10 336	679	647	667
60 to 64 years	8 110	9 279	10 636	652	605	804
65 to 69 years	7 510	8 222	8 619	510	551	612
70 years and over	14 669	13 190	10 779	1 019	808	558
Average age	56.5	55.2	53.6	53.4	52.8	52.3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	farms... 64 062	farms... 68 016	farms... 73 877	farms... 5 900	farms... 5 198	farms... 5 124
	acres... 25 910 406	acres... 27 118 765	acres... 28 942 653	acres... 1 055 079	acres... 928 001	acres... 914 642
Female	farms... 10 064	farms... 9 653	farms... 9 340	farms... 660	farms... 599	farms... 534
	acres... 1 788 373	acres... 1 860 232	acres... 1 655 525	acres... 110 329	acres... 113 301	acres... 99 480
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)</b>						
	farms... 4 515	farms... 3 883	farms... 3 471	farms... 2 011	farms... 1 708	farms... 1 439
	acres... 1 006 166	acres... 1 220 659	acres... 1 046 104	acres... 355 970	acres... 178 631	acres... 229 675
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	farms... 59 777	farms... 58 517	farms... 62 270	farms... 3 619	farms... 3 106	farms... 3 084
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms... 9 834	farms... 15 269	farms... 17 476	farms... 930	farms... 983	farms... 1 135
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 56 755	farms... 60 187	farms... 64 928	farms... 4 910	farms... 4 204	farms... 4 135
	acres... 14 131 870	acres... 14 646 188	acres... 15 984 476	acres... 504 077	acres... 330 530	acres... 312 078
Partnership	farms... 10 813	farms... 11 350	farms... 12 127	farms... 896	farms... 837	farms... 851
	acres... 7 653 858	acres... 8 162 302	acres... 8 157 966	acres... 276 252	acres... 188 096	acres... 256 817
Corporation	farms... 5 252	farms... 5 067	farms... 5 367	farms... 681	farms... 667	farms... 604
	acres... 5 221 670	acres... 5 278 854	acres... 5 667 752	acres... 173 508	acres... 227 002	acres... 176 173
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 177	farms... 204	farms... 104	farms... 15	farms... 22	farms... 12
	acres... 597 334	acres... 868 315	acres... 180 559	acres... 5 456	acres... 20 910	acres... 5 353
10 or less stockholders	farms... 4 296	farms... 4 016	farms... 4 573	farms... 573	farms... 569	farms... 542
	acres... 3 764 930	acres... 3 595 203	acres... 4 350 878	acres... 144 021	acres... 171 000	acres... 138 817
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 126	farms... 141	farms... 126	farms... 11	farms... 9	farms... 8
	acres... 439 078	acres... 288 003	acres... 652 488	acres... 12 187	acres... 20 307	acres... 25 837
10 or less stockholders	farms... 653	farms... 706	farms... 564	farms... 82	farms... 67	farms... 42
	acres... 420 328	acres... 527 333	acres... 483 827	acres... 11 844	acres... 14 785	acres... 6 166
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 1 306	farms... 1 065	farms... 795	farms... 73	farms... 89	farms... 68
	acres... 691 381	acres... 891 653	acres... 787 984	acres... 211 571	acres... 295 674	acres... 269 054

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