

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	28 268	27 152	27 284	628	626	524
Harvested cropland	32 634 221 18 406 5 896 984	33 983 029 18 573 5 532 964	34 048 433 19 446 5 522 216	1 229 583 423 71 056	1 172 214 447 67 324	1 112 246 384 67 683
Full owners	16 486	14 707	14 843	390	358	317
Harvested cropland	9 976 307 9 776 1 584 976	8 877 987 9 086 1 354 202	9 107 974 9 540 1 440 288	442 035 249 25 136	936 852 241 20 164	972 508 217 30 388
Part owners	8 439	8 711	8 483	168	175	140
Harvested cropland	19 293 351 6 524 3 480 161	21 164 573 6 930 3 255 820	20 831 626 6 994 3 150 437	763 367 134 38 058	163 069 148 34 301	111 736 120 24 285
Tenants	3 343	3 734	3 958	70	93	67
Harvested cropland	3 364 563 2 106 831 847	3 940 469 2 557 922 942	4 108 833 2 912 931 491	24 181 40 7 862	72 293 58 12 859	28 002 47 13 010
Percent of tenancy	11.8	13.8	14.5	11.1	14.9	12.8
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	20 500	19 874	19 874	457	448	373
Not on farm operated	5 958	5 759	5 714	147	143	118
Not reported	1 810	1 519	1 696	24	35	33
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	15 399	16 181	16 504	263	313	279
Other	12 869	10 971	10 780	365	313	245
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	10 933	11 472	11 315	189	191	192
Any	15 459	13 914	14 202	411	392	302
1 to 49 days	1 942	1 958	2 248	42	53	46
50 to 99 days	973	886	958	19	24	29
100 to 149 days	1 144	1 051	1 062	26	37	25
150 to 199 days	1 785	1 666	1 623	50	51	38
200 days or more	9 615	8 353	8 311	274	227	164
Not reported	1 876	1 766	1 767	28	43	30
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 784	1 698	1 762	57	55	51
3 or 4 years	2 491	2 287	2 054	71	73	42
5 to 9 years	4 822	4 253	4 623	125	99	89
10 years or more	15 243	15 160	14 745	285	289	240
Average years on present farm	18.1	18.1	17.7	14.5	16.0	15.6
Not reported	3 928	3 754	4 100	90	110	102
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	348	349	467	9	10	8
25 to 34 years	1 697	2 426	3 171	51	69	63
35 to 44 years	5 899	5 825	5 546	157	150	111
45 to 49 years	3 775	3 092	3 014	93	79	49
50 to 54 years	3 623	3 142	3 107	89	83	57
55 to 59 years	3 212	2 931	3 145	67	54	73
60 to 64 years	2 821	2 832	3 043	54	57	61
65 to 69 years	2 438	2 495	2 470	42	57	57
70 years and over	4 455	4 060	3 321	66	67	45
Average age	53.8	52.9	51.8	50.9	50.5	51.4
Operators by sex:						
Male	25 067	24 654	25 372	578	592	503
Female	30 765 706 3 201 1 868 515	32 320 584 2 498 1 662 445	32 775 046 1 912 1 273 387	1 208 915 50 20 668	1 161 644 34 10 570	1 105 783 21 6 463
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	945	853	710	373	385	245
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	631 049 23 435 3 888	604 464 19 371 6 928	402 040 18 716 7 858	106 342 202 53	137 735 148 93	83 071 158 121
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	23 281	22 359	22 586	541	531	417
Partnership	20 015 329 2 789 5 837 397	21 271 311 2 890 6 168 856	21 410 862 2 994 5 780 203	145 229 46 (D)	197 204 57 (D)	137 144 62 23 264
Corporation	1 886 4 946 376	1 649 4 893 491	1 469 5 010 562	33 91 904	34 40 151	35 70 005
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	45	50	35	1	5	—
10 or less stockholders	140 673 1 643 4 285 426	248 363 1 367 4 037 263	292 288 1 299 4 095 094	(D) 25 22 443	1 981 24 31 186	— 33 (D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	36	34	20	1	—	2
10 or less stockholders	67 990 162 452 287	134 876 198 472 989	55 394 115 567 786	(D) 6 8	— 5 6 984	(D) — —
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	312 1 835 119	254 1 649 371	235 1 846 806	(D) (D)	4 (D)	10 881 833

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