

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	3 687	3 427	3 580	15	19	23
farms..						
acres..	359 313	358 743	398 400	610	171	1 442
Harvested cropland	3 032	2 789	2 876	9	14	20
farms..						
acres..	140 513	143 782	153 715	95	94	211
Full owners	2 381	2 153	2 246	14	14	15
farms..						
acres..	155 702	139 144	162 617	(D)	130	1 122
Harvested cropland	1 882	1 636	1 668	9	9	12
farms..						
acres..	36 128	32 413	40 971	95	63	161
Part owners	971	1 000	1 058	—	4	6
farms..						
acres..	177 731	189 100	206 999	—	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland	887	934	984	—	4	6
farms..						
acres..	90 507	95 010	99 708	—	(D)	(D)
Tenants	335	274	276	1	1	2
farms..						
acres..	25 880	30 499	28 784	(D)	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland	263	219	224	—	1	2
farms..						
acres..	13 878	16 359	13 036	—	(D)	(D)
Percent of tenancy	9.1	8.0	7.7	6.7	5.3	8.7
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	2 871	2 730	2 856	10	14	16
Not on farm operated	591	507	462	2	5	6
Not reported	225	190	262	3	—	1
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	1 824	1 828	1 842	3	7	6
Other	1 863	1 599	1 738	12	12	17
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	1 565	1 492	1 418	4	6	5
Any	1 953	1 751	1 940	11	11	16
1 to 49 days	167	205	169	2	2	—
50 to 99 days	127	111	90	—	—	2
100 to 149 days	117	129	141	1	2	1
150 to 199 days	232	208	236	—	—	2
200 days or more	1 310	1 098	1 304	8	7	11
Not reported	169	184	222	—	2	2
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	172	139	139	1	3	2
3 or 4 years	233	159	213	4	4	1
5 to 9 years	411	477	534	2	4	4
10 years or more	2 318	2 086	2 017	6	4	9
Average years on present farm	21.2	20.9	19.9	15.3	9.5	14.2
Not reported	553	566	677	2	4	7
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	20	34	28	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	194	203	309	—	—	2
35 to 44 years	700	659	740	5	7	4
45 to 49 years	419	423	394	2	1	3
50 to 54 years	488	383	345	4	2	3
55 to 59 years	433	331	459	—	1	6
60 to 64 years	335	399	434	1	4	1
65 to 69 years	383	383	349	1	—	—
70 years and over	715	612	522	2	4	4
Average age	55.5	55.0	53.5	53.1	53.4	52.2
Operators by sex:						
Male	3 134	2 922	3 124	10	16	22
farms..						
acres..	326 966	329 392	366 119	(D)	145	(D)
Female	553	505	456	5	3	1
farms..						
acres..	32 347	29 351	32 281	(D)	26	(D)
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
farms..	28	12	12	2	3	—
acres..	2 209	(D)	1 341	(D)	21	—
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	3 155	2 535	2 478	10	6	11
farms..						
acres..	504	880	1 090	3	10	12
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	2 996	2 778	2 923	12	15	19
farms..						
acres..	243 474	235 431	274 078	465	146	1 148
Partnership	344	326	355	1	2	1
farms..						
acres..	61 933	66 342	65 697	(D)	(D)	(D)
Corporation	311	289	276	1	2	3
farms..						
acres..	49 893	48 782	51 098	(D)	(D)	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	8	4	3	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	4 625	2 437	1 239	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	269	248	241	1	2	2
farms..						
acres..	41 253	38 857	42 297	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	5	4	3	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	324	2 623	2 260	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	29	33	29	—	—	1
farms..						
acres..	3 691	4 865	5 302	—	—	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	36	34	26	1	—	—
farms..						
acres..	4 013	8 188	7 527	(D)	—	—

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