

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	2 460	2 633	2 966	41	46	52
Harvested cropland	579 545	589 189	608 245	3 017	4 715	3 654
farms..	1 810	1 956	2 172	27	39	34
acres..	466 555	470 348	441 502	1 996	3 990	2 143
Full owners	1 519	1 607	1 825	31	20	34
Harvested cropland	120 874	121 114	142 331	(D)	(D)	1 715
farms..	915	975	1 073	17	13	19
acres..	65 964	62 536	71 459	(D)	(D)	469
Part owners	705	788	857	9	21	12
Harvested cropland	395 262	403 884	399 038	1 789	3 463	1 858
farms..	685	776	841	9	21	11
acres..	342 811	348 001	312 687	1 618	3 026	1 605
Tenants	236	238	284	1	5	6
Harvested cropland	63 409	64 191	66 876	(D)	(D)	81
farms..	210	205	258	1	5	4
acres..	57 780	59 811	57 356	(D)	(D)	69
Percent of tenancy	9.6	9.0	9.6	2.4	10.9	11.5
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	1 777	1 956	2 175	21	27	32
Not on farm operated	391	436	481	13	14	8
Not reported	292	241	310	7	5	12
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	1 497	1 578	1 774	24	26	33
Other	963	1 055	1 192	17	20	19
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	1 149	1 153	1 263	18	18	21
Any	1 097	1 287	1 426	18	26	26
1 to 49 days	117	135	166	2	5	4
50 to 99 days	54	87	88	2	5	9
100 to 149 days	60	80	81	4	—	—
150 to 199 days	122	136	136	1	3	5
200 days or more	744	849	955	9	13	8
Not reported	214	193	277	5	2	5
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	85	113	176	4	—	2
3 or 4 years	155	123	189	6	—	1
5 to 9 years	298	390	398	8	7	7
10 years or more	1 420	1 522	1 588	13	26	27
Average years on present farm	20.6	19.8	19.3	14.8	21.8	23.0
Not reported	502	485	615	10	13	15
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	35	26	40	2	—	—
25 to 34 years	148	261	374	2	1	—
35 to 44 years	503	497	620	9	3	11
45 to 49 years	289	320	328	7	10	4
50 to 54 years	293	337	321	2	8	5
55 to 59 years	321	292	326	5	7	8
60 to 64 years	238	299	348	6	6	5
65 to 69 years	228	270	269	2	6	4
70 years and over	405	331	340	6	5	15
Average age	54.0	52.7	51.5	51.7	55.8	58.4
Operators by sex:						
Male	2 178	2 346	2 676	39	41	41
Female	553 441	565 832	590 036	(D)	(D)	3 240
farms..	282	287	290	2	5	11
acres..	26 104	23 357	18 209	(D)	(D)	414
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	13	13	9	4	3	3
Not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	1 745	1 038	2 450	105	(D)	109
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	1 957	1 912	1 979	24	21	23
Not reported	490	708	978	13	22	26
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	1 995	2 226	2 553	34	42	51
Partnership	327 453	379 091	400 071	2 842	4 552	(D)
Corporation	207	213	216	6	4	—
farms..	72 887	66 523	62 666	(D)	163	—
acres..	236	181	181	1	—	1
farms..	171 427	140 844	142 784	(D)	—	(D)
acres..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Family held:	5	8	4	—	—	1
More than 10 stockholders	(D)	(D)	2 453	—	—	(D)
10 or less stockholders	217	164	169	1	—	—
farms..	(D)	(D)	139 403	(D)	—	—
acres..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other than family held:	3	—	1	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	620	—	(D)	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	11	9	7	—	—	—
farms..	933	2 184	(D)	—	—	—
acres..	22	13	16	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	7 778	2 731	2 724	—	—	—
farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—
acres..	—	—	—	—	—	—

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