

**Table 11. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1997 and 1992**

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Characteristics	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
<b>FARMS</b>				
Land in farms .....				
farms, 1997..	2 460	767	327	1 366
1992..	2 633	782	336	1 515
acres, 1997..	579 545	194 554	77 302	307 689
1992..	589 189	197 375	87 134	304 680
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 1997..	1 810	624	279	907
1992..	1 956	656	277	1 023
acres, 1997..	466 555	158 370	62 436	245 749
1992..	470 348	156 962	67 852	245 534
<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>				
Full owners .....				
farms, 1997..	1 519	453	195	871
1992..	1 607	470	200	937
acres, 1997..	120 874	43 662	15 646	61 566
1992..	121 114	40 784	18 812	61 518
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 1997..	915	325	151	439
1992..	975	350	152	473
acres, 1997..	65 964	26 440	6 865	32 659
1992..	62 536	22 271	7 986	32 279
Part owners .....				
farms, 1997..	705	227	83	395
1992..	788	234	89	465
acres, 1997..	395 262	133 835	50 123	211 304
1992..	403 884	139 474	51 166	213 244
Owned land in farms .....				
acres, 1997..	164 346	48 551	12 285	103 510
1992..	172 813	52 020	12 957	107 836
Rented land in farms .....				
acres, 1997..	230 916	85 284	37 838	107 794
1992..	231 071	87 454	38 209	105 408
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 1997..	685	220	81	384
1992..	776	233	85	458
acres, 1997..	342 811	117 041	45 275	180 495
1992..	348 001	118 689	44 790	184 522
Tenants .....				
farms, 1997..	236	87	49	100
1992..	238	78	47	113
acres, 1997..	63 409	17 057	11 533	34 819
1992..	64 191	17 117	17 156	29 918
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 1997..	210	79	47	84
1992..	205	73	40	92
acres, 1997..	57 780	14 889	10 296	32 595
1992..	59 811	16 002	15 076	28 733
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Operators by place of residence:				
On farm operated .....				
1997..	1 777	549	257	971
1992..	1 956	578	262	1 116
Not on farm operated .....				
1997..	391	114	56	221
1992..	436	128	55	253
Not reported .....				
1997..	292	104	14	174
1992..	241	76	19	146
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming .....				
1997..	1 497	459	169	869
1992..	1 578	454	198	926
Other .....				
1997..	963	308	158	497
1992..	1 055	328	138	589
Operators by days worked off farm:				
None .....				
1997..	1 149	351	163	635
1992..	1 153	322	156	675
Any .....				
1997..	1 097	349	156	592
1992..	1 287	405	161	721
1 to 49 days .....				
1997..	117	52	15	50
1992..	135	53	9	73
50 to 99 days .....				
1997..	54	18	4	32
1992..	87	18	15	54
100 to 149 days .....				
1997..	60	15	4	41
1992..	80	28	11	41
150 to 199 days .....				
1997..	122	37	18	67
1992..	136	36	24	76
200 days or more .....				
1997..	744	227	115	402
1992..	849	270	102	477
Not reported .....				
1997..	214	67	8	139
1992..	193	55	19	119
Operators by years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....				
1997..	85	24	17	44
1992..	113	36	22	55
3 or 4 years .....				
1997..	155	47	22	86
1992..	123	41	11	71
5 to 9 years .....				
1997..	298	97	42	159
1992..	390	119	42	229
10 years or more .....				
1997..	1 420	437	207	776
1992..	1 522	449	207	866
Average years on present farm .....				
1997..	20.6	20.3	20.7	20.8
1992..	19.8	19.1	19.3	20.4
Not reported .....				
1997..	502	162	39	301
1992..	485	137	54	294

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Characteristics	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS—</b>				
Con.				
Operators by age group:				
Under 25 years .....	1997.. 35	18	1	16
	1992.. 26	8	3	15
25 to 34 years .....	1997.. 148	50	10	88
	1992.. 261	79	25	157
35 to 44 years .....	1997.. 503	165	61	277
	1992.. 497	145	55	297
45 to 54 years .....	1997.. 582	164	81	337
	1992.. 657	202	85	370
55 to 59 years .....	1997.. 321	110	47	164
	1992.. 292	98	30	164
60 to 64 years .....	1997.. 238	70	29	139
	1992.. 299	83	49	167
65 to 69 years .....	1997.. 228	78	31	119
	1992.. 270	71	42	157
70 years and over .....	1997.. 405	112	67	226
	1992.. 331	96	47	188
Average age .....	1997.. 54.0	53.2	56.3	53.9
	1992.. 52.7	52.4	54.8	52.5
Operators by sex:				
Male .....	farms, 1997.. 2 178	708	296	1 174
	1992.. 2 346	729	299	1 318
	acres, 1997.. 553 441	186 883	75 945	290 613
	1992.. 565 832	192 716	85 423	287 693
Female .....	farms, 1997.. 282	59	31	192
	1992.. 287	53	37	197
	acres, 1997.. 26 104	7 671	1 357	17 076
	1992.. 23 357	4 659	1 711	16 987
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>				
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	farms, 1997.. 1 995	638	251	1 106
	1992.. 2 226	675	265	1 286
	acres, 1997.. 327 453	124 885	47 104	155 464
	1992.. 379 091	141 316	60 033	177 742
Partnership .....	farms, 1997.. 207	71	24	112
	1992.. 213	58	28	127
	acres, 1997.. 72 887	30 796	7 725	34 366
	1992.. 66 523	19 678	6 045	40 800
Corporation:				
Family held .....	farms, 1997.. 222	51	41	130
	1992.. 172	45	35	92
	acres, 1997.. 169 874	37 112	19 210	113 552
	1992.. 138 660	(D)	(D)	82 556
Other than family held .....	farms, 1997.. 14	3	4	7
	1992.. 9	—	5	4
	acres, 1997.. 1 553	(D)	(D)	1 008
	1992.. 2 184	—	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 1997.. 22	4	7	11
	1992.. 13	4	3	6
	acres, 1997.. 7 778	(D)	(D)	3 299
	1992.. 2 731	(D)	(D)	(D)