

**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... 34 799	35 204	36 556	1 318	1 126	974
	acres... 10 454 217	10 766 077	11 194 090	176 541	160 098	160 663
Harvested cropland	farms... 21 017	22 556	22 677	818	768	590
	acres... 2 435 702	2 400 704	2 240 831	33 118	27 695	22 522
<b>Full owners</b>						
	farms... 26 962	26 662	28 185	919	783	706
	acres... 6 174 123	5 670 313	5 974 462	49 016	115 950	112 326
Harvested cropland	farms... 16 473	17 186	17 381	549	520	399
	acres... 1 473 656	1 248 911	1 112 742	13 306	8 826	8 272
<b>Part owners</b>						
	farms... 5 492	5 853	5 766	262	210	168
	acres... 3 321 299	3 788 013	4 073 769	114 618	33 531	21 047
Harvested cropland	farms... 3 252	3 741	3 771	174	151	122
	acres... 807 286	956 062	949 863	15 463	15 011	8 017
<b>Tenants</b>						
	farms... 2 345	2 689	2 605	137	133	100
	acres... 958 795	1 307 751	1 145 859	12 907	10 617	27 290
Harvested cropland	farms... 1 292	1 629	1 525	95	97	69
	acres... 154 760	195 731	178 226	4 349	3 858	6 233
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 6.7	7.6	7.1	10.4	11.8	10.3
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	21 333	21 742	22 837	725	572	540
Not on farm operated	10 106	10 848	10 961	467	430	344
Not reported	3 360	2 614	2 758	126	124	90
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	15 782	16 557	15 821	607	539	430
Other	19 017	18 647	20 735	711	587	544
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	14 054	14 150	13 494	531	458	374
Any	18 337	18 791	21 196	697	581	530
1 to 49 days	1 541	1 682	1 702	78	59	50
50 to 99 days	866	936	1 073	29	38	48
100 to 149 days	1 103	1 070	1 258	63	36	40
150 to 199 days	1 675	1 773	1 814	86	78	64
200 days or more	13 152	13 330	15 349	441	370	328
Not reported	2 408	2 263	1 866	90	87	70
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	1 924	1 947	2 328	99	93	71
3 or 4 years	2 802	3 129	3 156	146	124	99
5 to 9 years	5 431	6 356	6 966	265	224	162
10 years or more	18 327	17 755	17 486	520	394	340
Average years on present farm	17.3	16.1	15.5	14.4	13.5	15.9
Not reported	6 315	6 017	6 620	288	291	302
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	150	209	250	9	11	3
25 to 34 years	1 493	2 030	2 840	42	57	62
35 to 44 years	5 664	6 245	7 009	237	215	167
45 to 49 years	4 111	4 074	4 268	183	147	102
50 to 54 years	4 518	4 374	4 415	163	129	122
55 to 59 years	4 356	4 232	4 794	179	154	121
60 to 64 years	3 937	4 445	4 509	149	143	104
65 to 69 years	3 802	3 665	3 594	117	85	123
70 years and over	6 768	5 930	4 877	239	185	170
Average age	56.5	55.3	53.7	56.0	54.8	55.8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	farms... 29 415	30 353	31 950	1 144	992	867
	acres... 9 660 732	10 017 485	10 585 500	167 340	150 765	153 765
Female	farms... 5 384	4 851	4 606	174	134	107
	acres... 793 485	748 592	608 590	9 201	9 333	6 898
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)</b>						
	farms... 1 060	928	624	278	224	85
	acres... 226 997	405 262	205 542	30 041	16 009	6 706
<b>Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin</b>						
	farms... 27 820	25 242	26 014	803	527	524
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms... 5 919	9 034	9 918	237	375	365
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 27 173	27 243	28 943	1 081	911	820
	acres... 4 473 744	4 718 097	5 376 655	72 094	54 607	56 182
Partnership	farms... 2 716	3 233	3 289	65	69	62
	acres... 1 614 276	1 688 973	1 605 476	(D)	(D)	21 274
Corporation	farms... 4 516	4 325	3 961	162	132	78
	acres... 4 087 035	4 048 844	3 819 894	22 562	17 616	9 310
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 157	121	82	3	1	1
	acres... 914 945	970 588	711 830	(D)	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 3 724	3 488	3 332	131	106	65
	acres... 2 106 448	1 904 961	1 877 471	14 018	13 743	(D)
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 67	76	56	3	-	-
	acres... 417 047	505 153	437 187	(D)	-	-
10 or less stockholders	farms... 568	640	491	25	25	12
	acres... 648 595	668 142	793 406	3 852	(D)	3 095
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 394	403	363	10	14	14
	acres... 279 162	310 163	392 065	(D)	(D)	73 897

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