

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	40 334	40 759	43 552	1 329	1 177	1 297
Harvested cropland	10 671 246	10 025 581	10 744 718	213 931	185 923	175 352
Full owners	25 082	27 177	30 301	853	823	918
Harvested cropland	3 762 559	3 332 666	3 298 268	80 359	66 378	55 381
Part owners	28 569	27 673	29 774	894	737	836
Harvested cropland	5 769 670	4 631 046	5 318 042	131 130	87 017	87 512
Tenants	15 294	16 159	18 395	495	452	530
Harvested cropland	1 223 651	838 308	967 835	39 118	20 629	16 026
Percent of tenancy	6.5	7.2	7.2	9.0	10.0	8.1
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	27 233	28 453	30 592	846	712	875
Not on farm operated	8 224	7 769	8 358	330	284	253
Not reported	4 877	4 537	4 602	153	181	169
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	17 523	18 817	19 449	585	554	631
Other	22 811	21 942	24 103	744	623	666
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	15 060	15 563	15 835	457	403	489
Any	21 902	21 843	25 029	756	636	696
1 to 49 days	1 586	1 613	1 906	84	73	60
50 to 99 days	950	1 031	1 150	49	65	63
100 to 149 days	1 142	1 128	1 311	61	37	34
150 to 199 days	1 929	2 020	2 236	65	86	107
200 days or more	16 295	16 051	18 426	497	375	432
Not reported	3 372	3 353	2 688	116	138	112
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2 045	2 026	2 690	71	69	71
3 or 4 years	2 681	2 854	3 282	89	89	94
5 to 9 years	5 453	5 904	6 300	153	129	141
10 years or more	21 026	20 963	21 432	629	484	553
Average years on present farm	19.4	18.7	17.9	20.0	18.9	19.5
Not reported	9 129	9 012	9 848	387	406	438
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	273	330	428	2	1	9
25 to 34 years	2 291	2 680	3 890	65	79	69
35 to 44 years	6 409	6 987	8 584	167	207	216
45 to 49 years	4 614	4 772	4 967	155	108	101
50 to 54 years	5 247	5 044	5 042	195	91	134
55 to 59 years	5 146	4 952	5 300	158	122	132
60 to 64 years	4 687	4 826	5 293	161	140	180
65 to 69 years	4 225	4 410	4 301	123	152	167
70 years and over	7 442	6 758	5 747	303	277	289
Average age	55.9	55.0	53.2	57.7	57.2	57.2
Operators by sex:						
Male	36 126	37 303	40 391	1 194	1 083	1 206
Female	9 895 962	9 423 540	10 239 077	200 837	165 862	168 560
Not reported	4 208	3 456	3 161	135	94	91
Harvested cropland	775 284	602 041	505 641	13 094	20 061	6 792
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	312	107	73	42	23	4
Not reported	57 017	24 846	12 085	3 526	4 004	297
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	32 067	26 444	28 072	962	602	649
Not reported	7 955	14 208	15 407	325	552	644
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	35 206	35 985	38 806	1 186	1 054	1 177
Partnership	7 668 920	7 515 748	8 158 784	169 282	148 841	152 150
Corporation	3 105	3 173	3 382	82	82	93
Harvested cropland	1 657 274	1 455 314	1 542 273	19 507	20 156	19 529
Family held:	1 706	1 297	1 106	43	23	12
More than 10 stockholders	1 203 565	896 367	884 479	19 872	14 281	801
10 or less stockholders	29	36	15	—	1	—
Other than family held:	63 060	97 087	39 541	—	(D)	—
More than 10 stockholders	1 513	1 085	931	35	17	11
10 or less stockholders	1 060 611	730 646	733 196	(D)	5 102	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	26	40	24	—	—	—
Harvested cropland	8 127	7 186	7 602	—	—	—
Other	138	136	136	8	5	1
Harvested cropland	71 767	61 448	104 140	(D)	(D)	(D)
Not reported	317	304	258	18	18	15
Harvested cropland	141 487	158 152	159 182	5 270	2 645	2 872

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