

**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... 5 473	farms... 5 336	farms... 4 870	farms... 3 330	farms... 3 158	farms... 3 157
	acres... 1 439 071	acres... 1 588 843	acres... 1 721 521	acres... 453 617	acres... 443 911	acres... 483 327
Harvested cropland	farms... 4 594	farms... 4 472	farms... 3 837	farms... 2 937	farms... 2 833	farms... 2 689
	acres... 100 094	acres... 136 431	acres... 152 719	acres... 31 105	acres... 23 136	acres... 37 510
Full owners	farms... 2 980	farms... 3 001	farms... 2 549	farms... 1 649	farms... 1 681	farms... 1 604
	acres... 222 410	acres... 277 035	acres... 344 157	acres... 49 649	acres... 26 855	acres... 54 349
Harvested cropland	farms... 2 583	farms... 2 600	farms... 2 005	farms... 1 480	farms... 1 519	farms... 1 345
	acres... 11 777	acres... 37 446	acres... 30 700	acres... 7 269	acres... 6 343	acres... 10 931
Part owners	farms... 707	farms... 698	farms... 768	farms... 410	farms... 371	farms... 464
	acres... 992 075	acres... 1 012 435	acres... 1 074 110	acres... 313 558	acres... 304 441	acres... 343 292
Harvested cropland	farms... 510	farms... 511	farms... 566	farms... 345	farms... 329	farms... 392
	acres... 70 178	acres... 75 868	acres... 103 808	acres... 12 366	acres... 9 144	acres... 18 101
Tenants	farms... 1 786	farms... 1 637	farms... 1 553	farms... 1 271	farms... 1 106	farms... 1 089
	acres... 224 586	acres... 299 373	acres... 303 254	acres... 90 410	acres... 112 615	acres... 85 686
Harvested cropland	farms... 1 501	farms... 1 361	farms... 1 266	farms... 1 112	farms... 985	farms... 952
	acres... 18 139	acres... 23 117	acres... 18 211	acres... 11 470	acres... 7 649	acres... 8 478
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 32.6	percent.. 30.7	percent.. 31.9	percent.. 38.2	percent.. 35.0	percent.. 34.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	3 196	3 213	2 750	1 802	1 777	1 707
Not on farm operated	1 810	1 695	1 713	1 228	1 101	1 171
Not reported	467	428	407	300	280	279
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	3 052	2 926	2 816	1 982	1 853	1 944
Other	2 421	2 410	2 054	1 348	1 305	1 213
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	2 148	1 961	1 723	1 379	1 249	1 174
Any	2 827	2 864	2 728	1 607	1 580	1 667
1 to 49 days	395	372	350	237	215	205
50 to 99 days	254	294	274	150	165	172
100 to 149 days	283	334	332	169	195	209
150 to 199 days	329	377	296	171	201	174
200 days or more	1 566	1 487	1 476	880	804	907
Not reported	498	511	419	344	329	316
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	419	358	491	263	197	290
3 or 4 years	452	673	580	271	360	364
5 to 9 years	1 073	1 204	1 042	550	613	569
10 years or more	2 430	2 136	1 907	1 499	1 338	1 313
Average years on present farm	14.1	13.2	13.3	15.3	14.8	14.7
Not reported	1 099	965	850	747	650	621
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	31	24	28	23	20	21
25 to 34 years	227	362	505	161	241	333
35 to 44 years	1 045	1 309	1 151	636	678	623
45 to 49 years	904	687	411	453	327	237
50 to 54 years	759	501	354	402	262	234
55 to 59 years	547	444	555	309	267	365
60 to 64 years	486	530	672	298	326	497
65 to 69 years	463	589	495	310	416	337
70 years and over	1 011	890	699	738	621	510
Average age	55.0	53.8	53.0	55.9	55.2	54.3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	farms... 4 551	farms... 4 536	farms... 4 210	farms... 2 783	farms... 2 679	farms... 2 698
	acres... 1 380 371	acres... 1 511 024	acres... 1 627 203	acres... 438 886	acres... 431 983	acres... 462 101
Female	farms... 922	farms... 800	farms... 660	farms... 547	farms... 479	farms... 459
	acres... 58 700	acres... 77 819	acres... 94 318	acres... 14 731	acres... 11 928	acres... 21 226
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):</b>						
	farms... 176	farms... 154	farms... 110	farms... 109	farms... 48	farms... 65
	acres... 8 049	acres... 63 809	acres... 21 738	acres... 3 350	acres... (D)	acres... 4 014
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	farms... 4 322	farms... 3 564	farms... 3 249	farms... 2 612	farms... 2 041	farms... 2 026
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms... 975	farms... 1 618	farms... 1 511	farms... 609	farms... 1 069	farms... 1 066
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 4 583	farms... 4 425	farms... 4 035	farms... 2 874	farms... 2 691	farms... 2 692
	acres... 279 198	acres... 244 219	acres... 429 021	acres... 83 633	acres... 72 449	acres... 79 295
Partnership	farms... 328	farms... 379	farms... 404	farms... 168	farms... 197	farms... 220
	(D)	147 620	169 792	22 855	(D)	31 693
Corporation	farms... 497	farms... 456	farms... 370	farms... 249	farms... 225	farms... 205
	acres... 934 572	acres... 847 704	acres... 899 049	acres... 343 673	acres... 137 518	acres... 150 982
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 19	farms... 11	farms... 5	farms... 10	farms... 5	farms... 2
	acres... 144 461	acres... 109 537	acres... 37 432	acres... (D)	acres... (D)	acres... (D)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 365	farms... 330	farms... 277	farms... 193	farms... 186	farms... 167
	acres... 235 707	acres... 310 411	acres... 505 521	acres... 73 659	acres... 58 962	acres... (D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 17	farms... 23	farms... 17	farms... 6	farms... 4	farms... 8
	acres... 188 154	acres... 137 155	acres... 187 280	acres... 51 274	acres... (D)	acres... (D)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 96	farms... 92	farms... 71	farms... 20	farms... 30	farms... 28
	acres... 366 250	acres... 290 601	acres... 168 816	acres... (D)	acres... 72 778	acres... 39 686
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 65	farms... 76	farms... 61	farms... 39	farms... 45	farms... 40
	acres... (D)	acres... 349 300	acres... 223 659	acres... 3 456	acres... (D)	acres... 221 357

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