

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	22 314	22 124	24 142	352	322	256
Harvested cropland	11 830 167 farms... acres..	13 468 992 farms... acres..	13 931 875 farms... acres..	480 880 farms... acres..	1 019 040 farms... acres..	942 995 farms... acres..
Full owners	13 875	13 000	14 406	201	149	111
Harvested cropland	4 699 642 farms... acres..	4 434 206 farms... acres..	4 759 865 farms... acres..	406 280 farms... acres..	219 026 farms... acres..	163 286 farms... acres..
Part owners	6 292	6 502	6 817	105	126	96
Harvested cropland	6 037 239 farms... acres..	7 670 690 farms... acres..	7 647 839 farms... acres..	63 192 farms... acres..	(D) farms... acres..	765 705 farms... acres..
Tenants	2 147	2 622	2 919	46	47	49
Harvested cropland	1 093 286 farms... acres..	1 364 096 farms... acres..	1 524 171 farms... acres..	11 408 farms... acres..	(D) farms... acres..	14 004 farms... acres..
Percent of tenancy	9.6	11.9	12.1	13.1	14.6	19.1
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	17 068	16 905	18 227	262	243	179
Not on farm operated	3 801	3 826	4 300	70	63	58
Not reported	1 445	1 393	1 615	20	16	19
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	12 049	13 082	14 550	196	208	176
Other	10 265	9 042	9 592	156	114	80
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	8 856	9 297	10 101	130	153	127
Any	12 230	11 342	12 614	204	146	113
1 to 49 days	1 517	1 474	1 888	31	21	23
50 to 99 days	747	684	849	9	10	3
100 to 149 days	770	734	898	19	10	6
150 to 199 days	1 311	1 236	1 424	24	17	17
200 days or more	7 885	7 214	7 555	121	88	64
Not reported	1 228	1 485	1 427	18	23	16
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 269	1 420	1 460	30	28	21
3 or 4 years	1 752	1 834	1 559	33	34	21
5 to 9 years	3 592	2 991	3 957	61	44	35
10 years or more	12 603	12 912	13 392	174	172	128
Average years on present farm	18.7	18.3	17.8	16.4	16.0	17.0
Not reported	3 098	2 967	3 774	54	44	51
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	236	233	307	7	2	8
25 to 34 years	1 362	2 139	2 966	25	39	34
35 to 44 years	4 986	5 013	5 339	91	84	52
45 to 49 years	2 971	2 600	2 681	48	45	22
50 to 54 years	2 879	2 572	2 689	41	25	26
55 to 59 years	2 640	2 497	2 795	38	34	34
60 to 64 years	2 264	2 228	2 666	41	32	36
65 to 69 years	1 855	1 867	2 098	20	31	28
70 years and over	3 121	2 975	2 601	41	30	16
Average age	53.2	52.2	51.1	51.3	50.3	50.2
Operators by sex:						
Male	20 565	20 745	22 989	323	305	240
Female	11 310 688 farms... acres..	13 006 401 farms... acres..	13 607 078 farms... acres..	473 396 farms... acres..	1 013 811 farms... acres..	942 390 farms... acres..
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	328	282	174	110	85	39
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	171 165	98 523	75 382	12 853	15 276	5 852
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	19 039	16 272	16 975	211	167	152
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	2 947	5 570	6 993	31	70	65
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	18 631	18 534	20 368	290	252	194
Partnership	6 226 860 farms... acres..	6 819 467 farms... acres..	7 488 284 farms... acres..	53 090 farms... acres..	63 753 farms... acres..	43 423 farms... acres..
Corporation	1 956	2 074	2 314	26	36	29
Family held:	2 302 246	2 452 554	2 474 456	14 708	(D)	12 721
More than 10 stockholders	1 459	1 287	1 207	27	26	25
10 or less stockholders	2 343 664	2 364 646	2 165 050	36 307	24 670	18 026
Other than family held:	41	40	26	-	-	1
More than 10 stockholders	158 733	217 744	114 018	-	-	(D)
10 or less stockholders	1 310	1 137	1 112	24	24	23
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	2 063 418	2 035 219	1 975 603	(D)	(D)	16 965
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	24	19	12	-	-	-
More than 10 stockholders	20 484	18 061	11 212	-	-	-
10 or less stockholders	84	91	57	3	2	1
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	101 029	93 622	64 217	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	268	229	253	9	8	8
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¹For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.