

**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... 57 916	62 778	70 506	172	153	178
	acres... 15 111 022	15 618 831	16 170 895	19 562	19 143	23 467
Harvested cropland	farms... 47 613	54 252	61 689	132	126	148
	acres... 11 716 704	11 834 675	10 706 298	10 743	12 071	14 128
<b>Full owners</b>						
	farms... 33 840	35 868	40 747	132	113	119
	acres... 3 624 043	3 775 225	4 482 976	10 503	10 399	9 371
Harvested cropland	farms... 24 439	28 280	32 855	96	88	91
	acres... 1 807 041	1 961 007	2 242 008	3 582	5 012	4 473
<b>Part owners</b>						
	farms... 19 019	20 504	22 094	33	33	44
	acres... 9 981 173	10 088 539	9 733 301	8 196	8 227	11 531
Harvested cropland	farms... 18 542	20 078	21 691	30	32	43
	acres... 8 554 973	8 349 860	6 994 754	6 303	6 566	7 847
<b>Tenants</b>						
	farms... 5 057	6 406	7 665	7	7	15
	acres... 1 505 806	1 755 067	1 954 618	863	517	2 565
Harvested cropland	farms... 4 632	5 894	7 143	6	6	14
	acres... 1 354 690	1 523 808	1 469 536	858	493	1 808
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 8.7	10.2	10.9	4.1	4.6	8.4
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	44 066	48 049	52 852	125	114	132
Not on farm operated	9 670	10 715	13 111	35	28	33
Not reported	4 180	4 014	4 543	12	11	13
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	26 993	31 547	36 654	51	60	75
Other	30 923	31 231	33 852	121	93	103
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	20 733	23 384	25 127	42	53	53
Any	33 959	35 397	40 682	121	89	113
1 to 49 days	3 181	3 453	4 587	3	3	11
50 to 99 days	1 588	1 617	2 042	3	1	6
100 to 149 days	1 657	1 790	2 101	8	15	6
150 to 199 days	3 317	3 300	3 799	14	12	10
200 days or more	24 216	25 237	28 153	93	58	80
Not reported	3 224	3 997	4 697	9	11	12
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	2 414	2 777	3 569	10	9	9
3 or 4 years	3 068	3 937	4 180	15	7	9
5 to 9 years	6 870	7 674	8 814	29	20	24
10 years or more	36 141	38 278	42 688	84	87	101
Average years on present farm	21.7	20.6	19.6	16.3	20.9	17.9
Not reported	9 423	10 112	11 255	34	30	35
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	928	1 321	1 669	—	—	3
25 to 34 years	4 940	7 231	9 923	8	11	21
35 to 44 years	12 312	13 496	14 449	43	33	39
45 to 49 years	7 010	6 904	7 842	29	19	22
50 to 54 years	6 898	7 019	7 765	30	13	15
55 to 59 years	6 688	6 720	7 810	19	10	17
60 to 64 years	6 014	6 523	7 824	21	16	14
65 to 69 years	4 776	5 398	5 742	8	17	19
70 years and over	8 350	8 166	7 482	14	34	28
Average age	52.8	51.6	50.5	51.7	55.4	52.3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	farms... 54 695	59 671	67 650	155	133	173
	acres... 14 711 758	15 213 260	15 800 102	19 045	16 572	23 179
Female	farms... 3 221	3 107	2 856	17	20	5
	acres... 399 264	405 571	370 793	517	2 571	288
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)</b>						
	farms... 232	127	99	23	9	10
	acres... 67 245	35 422	18 643	2 410	378	511
<b>Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin</b>						
	farms... 49 576	45 808	50 807	122	94	87
	farms... 8 108	16 843	19 600	27	50	81
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 49 293	53 105	59 955	160	135	160
	acres... 10 821 789	11 325 570	12 127 077	18 935	17 023	21 470
Partnership	farms... 5 235	6 721	7 469	5	15	13
	acres... 2 187 125	2 528 768	2 455 855	(D)	(D)	1 194
Corporation	farms... 3 018	2 622	2 823	6	3	5
	acres... 2 013 662	1 697 406	1 523 906	457	(D)	803
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 59	47	37	—	—	—
	acres... 47 425	28 380	26 079	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	farms... 2 738	2 378	2 633	6	3	5
	acres... 1 899 144	1 603 607	1 450 721	457	(D)	803
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 24	32	14	—	—	—
	acres... 3 351	8 888	4 192	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	farms... 197	165	139	—	—	—
	acres... 63 742	56 531	42 914	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 370	330	259	1	—	—
	acres... 88 446	67 087	64 057	(D)	—	—

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