

**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	90 792	96 543	105 180	123	87	124
Harvested cropland	31 166 699	31 346 565	31 638 130	34 181	18 801	28 195
	74 951	84 009	92 878	89	71	112
	23 323 249	22 826 308	20 484 178	21 408	10 213	17 716
<b>Full owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	7 149 906	7 480 004	7 963 226	8 427	6 155	7 799
	28 983	32 977	37 835	44	42	56
	3 802 650	4 224 569	4 398 979	3 852	3 359	4 185
<b>Part owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	19 074 894	18 208 604	17 255 971	21 706	9 163	10 127
	32 231	34 097	34 647	33	22	24
	15 287 056	13 942 737	11 572 966	14 220	4 939	6 250
<b>Tenants</b>						
Harvested cropland	4 941 899	5 657 957	6 418 933	4 048	3 483	10 269
	13 737	16 935	20 396	12	7	32
	4 233 543	4 659 002	4 512 233	3 336	1 915	7 281
Percent of tenancy	16.4	18.9	20.7	13.0	11.5	28.2
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	66 661	72 150	78 710	79	62	91
Not on farm operated	19 439	19 053	20 505	33	19	27
Not reported	4 692	5 340	5 965	11	6	6
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	56 256	66 885	75 279	56	46	76
Other	34 536	29 658	29 901	67	41	48
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	40 767	47 557	51 753	38	33	51
Any	45 408	42 672	46 229	76	44	61
1 to 49 days	6 695	7 543	9 615	11	4	10
50 to 99 days	3 031	2 983	3 489	5	—	5
100 to 149 days	2 887	2 803	3 325	4	5	4
150 to 199 days	4 122	3 775	3 872	9	4	8
200 days or more	28 673	25 568	25 928	47	31	34
Not reported	4 617	6 314	7 198	9	10	12
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	3 505	4 471	5 787	6	9	11
3 or 4 years	4 287	5 864	5 973	7	11	4
5 to 9 years	10 433	11 468	13 617	23	7	23
10 years or more	60 710	62 023	65 721	62	36	54
Average years on present farm	22.3	20.8	19.7	17.8	18.5	16.6
Not reported	11 857	12 717	14 082	25	24	32
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	1 468	2 276	2 852	1	1	4
25 to 34 years	7 554	13 100	17 458	12	6	22
35 to 44 years	20 841	22 200	21 282	33	12	33
45 to 49 years	11 388	9 723	10 512	18	14	13
50 to 54 years	10 125	10 046	11 232	17	14	11
55 to 59 years	9 798	10 262	12 608	16	9	3
60 to 64 years	9 402	10 595	12 679	5	9	5
65 to 69 years	7 812	7 956	7 848	10	3	12
70 years and over	12 404	10 385	8 709	11	19	21
Average age	52.4	50.3	49.3	50.4	55.6	50.0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	86 174	92 730	101 838	96	67	114
Female	30 335 233	30 621 616	31 076 208	27 755	14 375	25 527
	4 618	3 813	3 342	27	20	10
	831 466	724 949	561 922	6 426	4 426	2 668
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)</b>						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	343	187	105	15	12	7
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	125 106	67 935	33 851	2 377	3 816	1 737
	80 060	73 444	78 289	89	38	67
	10 389	22 912	26 786	19	37	50
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	75 880	81 127	89 188	102	73	103
Partnership	23 526 085	24 332 657	25 058 946	24 366	15 703	22 024
Corporation	8 231	10 028	11 088	9	5	13
	3 373 783	3 747 014	3 802 372	1 874	(D)	3 652
	6 128	4 924	4 404	12	5	3
	4 119 477	3 136 300	2 659 862	7 941	2 280	1 069
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	104	95	81	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	63 221	59 770	56 221	—	—	—
	5 629	4 457	4 013	11	4	3
	3 929 421	2 940 243	2 512 083	(D)	(D)	1 069
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	64	41	34	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	34 317	10 129	15 152	—	—	—
	331	331	276	1	1	—
	92 518	126 158	76 406	(D)	(D)	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	553	464	500	—	4	5
	147 354	130 594	116 950	—	(D)	1 450

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