

Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS								
Farms number ..	90 792	56 256	803	4 245	12 148	11 925	12 276	14 859
..... percent ..	100.0	62.0	.9	4.7	13.4	13.1	13.5	16.4
Land in farms acres ..	31 166 699	26 132 409	224 838	1 706 819	6 748 000	6 928 662	6 015 765	4 508 325
Average size of farm acres ..	343	465	280	402	555	581	490	303
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD								
Total sales (see text) farms ..	90 792	56 256	803	4 245	12 148	11 925	12 276	14 859
..... \$1,000 ..	11 947 894	10 400 435	103 654	832 113	3 205 492	2 735 375	2 209 269	1 314 531
Average per farm dollars ..	131 596	184 877	129 084	196 022	263 870	229 382	179 967	88 467
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text) ..	9 230	2 171	17	55	194	244	333	1 328
\$1,000 to \$2,499 ..	3 961	840	17	42	95	110	142	434
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ..	4 577	1 200	17	40	117	183	207	636
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ..	5 878	1 995	37	77	210	231	355	1 085
\$10,000 to \$19,999 ..	7 383	3 244	80	166	346	377	606	1 669
\$20,000 to \$24,999 ..	3 124	1 583	25	95	185	203	299	776
\$25,000 to \$39,999 ..	7 366	4 148	88	291	535	592	822	1 820
\$40,000 to \$49,999 ..	4 082	2 536	52	172	365	378	557	1 012
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ..	13 735	9 976	170	782	1 755	1 987	2 454	2 828
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	19 119	16 973	192	1 569	4 583	4 236	4 150	2 243
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ..	8 404	7 952	71	653	2 546	2 316	1 678	688
\$500,000 to \$999,999 ..	2 858	2 663	26	234	896	794	495	218
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 ..	888	824	11	63	268	228	149	105
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 ..	120	105	-	6	32	37	19	11
\$5,000,000 or more ..	67	46	-	-	21	9	10	6
Grains ..								
..... farms ..	64 058	46 593	644	3 554	10 627	10 444	10 520	10 804
..... \$1,000 ..	6 011 171	5 319 092	46 104	357 849	1 476 737	1 488 330	1 217 680	732 391
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	33 199	28 840	283	2 170	7 557	7 477	6 907	4 446
..... \$1,000 ..	5 378 196	4 909 659	37 573	324 677	1 402 583	1 417 283	1 131 965	595 578
Corn for grain ..								
..... farms ..	56 466	42 189	555	3 155	9 641	9 576	9 656	9 606
..... \$1,000 ..	3 225 141	2 850 996	25 357	193 242	787 994	794 363	655 446	394 593
Wheat ..								
..... farms ..	699	557	2	38	155	119	128	115
..... \$1,000 ..	2 936	2 418	(D)	(D)	577	527	(D)	528
Soybeans ..								
..... farms ..	56 373	42 356	574	3 237	9 839	9 645	9 606	9 455
..... \$1,000 ..	2 765 812	2 450 612	20 538	162 992	684 140	689 747	558 524	334 671
Sorghum for grain ..								
..... farms ..	32	29	-	2	5	7	7	8
..... \$1,000 ..	121	113	-	(D)	19	26	(D)	49
Barley ..								
..... farms ..	76	62	-	9	16	14	12	11
..... \$1,000 ..	178	150	-	29	48	26	21	26
Oats ..								
..... farms ..	5 638	4 695	59	327	1 175	1 099	1 024	1 011
..... \$1,000 ..	11 024	9 729	120	644	2 434	2 402	2 205	1 924
Other grains ..								
..... farms ..	287	240	1	17	53	62	67	40
..... \$1,000 ..	5 960	5 074	(D)	(D)	1 524	1 239	938	599
Cotton and cottonseed ..								
..... farms ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco ..								
..... farms ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hay, silage, and field seeds ..								
..... farms ..	14 636	9 536	98	713	2 202	2 075	2 063	2 385
..... \$1,000 ..	88 970	68 535	684	6 257	17 255	16 287	14 186	13 865
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	141	121	2	12	37	32	22	16
..... \$1,000 ..	12 260	10 331	(D)	(D)	2 545	2 512	1 839	2 022
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons ..								
..... farms ..	776	434	2	30	103	119	84	96
..... \$1,000 ..	8 568	7 089	(D)	(D)	1 496	2 356	1 538	1 467
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	40	39	-	-	9	14	8	8
..... \$1,000 ..	4 133	(D)	-	-	880	1 616	790	(D)
Fruits, nuts, and berries ..								
..... farms ..	323	158	-	5	31	35	30	57
..... \$1,000 ..	3 627	2 548	-	10	424	558	716	840
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	19	15	-	-	3	5	3	4
..... \$1,000 ..	2 133	1 759	-	-	294	480	516	469
Nursery and greenhouse crops ..								
..... farms ..	819	329	2	13	77	89	75	73
..... \$1,000 ..	73 208	54 506	(D)	(D)	9 083	19 453	18 953	5 607
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	180	107	1	4	30	40	25	7
..... \$1,000 ..	66 888	51 726	(D)	(D)	8 505	18 896	18 339	4 751
Other crops ..								
..... farms ..	115	83	-	6	21	28	11	17
..... \$1,000 ..	1 725	1 668	-	44	487	928	18	191
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	9	9	-	-	1	7	-	1
..... \$1,000 ..	1 418	1 418	-	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)
Poultry and poultry products ..								
..... farms ..	1 598	900	15	81	220	195	201	188
..... \$1,000 ..	414 429	281 679	4 369	9 697	115 165	39 951	86 508	25 990
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	282	227	5	18	69	59	54	22
..... \$1,000 ..	412 269	280 242	4 357	9 610	114 874	39 636	86 176	25 588
Dairy products ..								
..... farms ..	3 958	3 701	55	461	1 131	879	753	422
..... \$1,000 ..	408 694	396 146	4 978	49 517	133 907	94 962	73 480	39 302
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	2 635	2 561	32	32	864	624	488	231
..... \$1,000 ..	374 552	365 802	4 440	46 131	126 094	88 082	66 610	34 446
Cattle and calves ..								
..... farms ..	38 548	26 973	357	2 116	5 935	5 713	5 994	6 858
..... \$1,000 ..	1 850 796	1 637 095	12 203	112 674	420 130	424 298	365 937	301 853
Sales of \$50,000 or more ..	5 736	5 298	41	370	1 342	1 340	1 347	858
..... \$1,000 ..	1 435 407	1 315 735	8 423	87 077	347 733	356 001	292 336	224 165

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	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS							
Farms.....number..	34 536	665	3 309	8 693	9 588	6 924	5 357
.....percent..	38.0	.7	3.6	9.6	10.6	7.6	5.9
Land in farms.....acres..	5 034 290	59 003	423 533	1 216 556	1 484 977	1 040 295	809 926
Average size of farm.....acres..	146	89	128	140	155	150	151
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD							
Total sales (see text).....farms..	34 536	665	3 309	8 693	9 588	6 924	5 357
.....\$1,000..	1 547 459	18 658	173 997	388 531	490 982	271 385	203 906
Average per farm.....dollars..	44 807	28 057	52 583	44 695	51 208	39 195	38 063
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text).....	7 059	50	357	1 240	1 882	1 643	1 887
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....	3 121	77	298	869	845	639	393
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	3 377	93	295	862	931	716	480
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	3 883	107	367	941	1 092	787	589
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	4 139	117	441	989	1 161	857	574
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	1 541	25	179	405	404	325	203
\$25,000 to \$39,999.....	3 218	63	373	840	914	618	410
\$40,000 to \$49,999.....	1 546	40	168	447	462	273	156
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	3 759	61	473	1 183	1 069	598	375
\$100,000 to \$249,999.....	2 146	21	274	707	611	333	200
\$250,000 to \$499,999.....	452	10	46	137	134	77	48
\$500,000 to \$999,999.....	195	1	29	54	51	32	28
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999.....	64	—	5	17	15	20	7
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999.....	15	—	2	1	8	3	1
\$5,000,000 or more.....	21	—	2	1	9	3	6
Grains.....farms..	17 465	350	1 807	4 669	4 991	3 443	2 205
.....\$1,000..	692 079	10 115	70 652	196 727	206 503	125 506	82 577
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	4 359	56	460	1 355	1 274	738	476
.....\$1,000..	468 537	5 134	46 193	137 876	141 717	82 521	55 096
Corn for grain.....farms..	14 277	266	1 493	3 896	4 102	2 787	1 733
.....\$1,000..	374 145	5 235	37 683	106 692	111 095	67 843	45 596
Wheat.....farms..	142	—	14	28	51	26	23
.....\$1,000..	518	—	(D)	156	136	84	84
Soybeans.....farms..	14 017	281	1 458	3 821	3 993	2 714	1 750
.....\$1,000..	315 200	4 864	32 712	89 507	94 595	56 882	36 640
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	3	—	—	—	1	2	—
.....\$1,000..	7	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	—
Barley.....farms..	14	—	—	2	8	4	—
.....\$1,000..	28	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Oats.....farms..	943	17	115	303	263	152	93
.....\$1,000..	1 295	16	166	396	362	230	125
Other grains.....farms..	47	—	3	11	12	14	7
.....\$1,000..	886	—	(D)	(D)	283	400	132
Cotton and cottonseed.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds.....farms..	5 100	65	502	1 365	1 560	950	658
.....\$1,000..	20 435	360	1 891	5 247	6 119	3 467	3 352
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	20	—	—	3	7	3	7
.....\$1,000..	1 928	—	—	282	732	173	741
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons.....farms..	342	3	18	101	123	55	42
.....\$1,000..	1 479	56	99	330	598	174	221
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
.....\$1,000..	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Fruits, nuts, and berries.....farms..	165	—	5	41	60	28	31
.....\$1,000..	1 080	—	(D)	158	607	150	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	4	—	—	1	3	—	—
.....\$1,000..	374	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	—
Nursery and greenhouse crops.....farms..	490	1	15	131	179	100	64
.....\$1,000..	18 702	(D)	(D)	5 637	3 786	4 609	3 992
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	73	—	3	23	22	14	11
.....\$1,000..	15 162	—	558	4 591	2 569	4 087	3 357
Other crops.....farms..	32	—	1	8	14	6	3
.....\$1,000..	56	—	(D)	28	17	5	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poultry and poultry products.....farms..	698	7	77	249	217	93	55
.....\$1,000..	132 750	(D)	(D)	7 172	61 613	28 681	15 264
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	55	—	6	11	16	13	9
.....\$1,000..	132 027	—	(D)	(D)	61 438	28 597	15 160
Dairy products.....farms..	257	4	34	71	60	54	34
.....\$1,000..	12 548	39	800	4 864	2 169	2 873	1 803
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	74	—	3	23	16	18	14
.....\$1,000..	8 750	—	238	3 670	1 327	2 172	1 343
Cattle and calves.....farms..	11 575	247	1 361	3 243	3 174	2 153	1 397
.....\$1,000..	213 701	2 017	18 358	50 887	65 119	38 754	38 566
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	438	3	58	127	103	83	64
.....\$1,000..	119 672	452	7 757	25 523	38 291	20 653	26 995

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			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs	farms.. 18 370	14 744	257	1 664	4 448	3 679	2 888	1 808
	\$1,000.. 3 029 972	2 595 969	34 973	291 380	1 023 194	636 921	421 597	187 903
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 10 657	9 321	144	1 136	3 161	2 357	1 736	787
	\$1,000.. 2 879 196	2 480 123	32 887	279 301	993 491	607 722	397 059	169 663
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms.. 4 598	2 501	19	184	552	587	526	633
	\$1,000.. 30 214	20 504	195	2 201	4 377	5 731	5 442	2 557
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 82	60	1	11	15	14	15	4
	\$1,000.. 14 572	10 508	(D)	1 232	2 048	3 020	3 460	(D)
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms.. 3 023	1 207	12	110	273	317	231	264
	\$1,000.. 26 520	15 604	35	955	3 237	5 601	3 212	2 564
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 76	57	—	5	13	17	15	7
	\$1,000.. 14 178	10 096	—	611	1 962	3 931	2 243	1 349
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)	farms.. 2 174	1 176	25	115	310	317	217	192
	\$1,000.. 7 475	5 156	34	289	1 158	1 659	1 350	665
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
Total farm production expenses	farms.. 90 786	56 184	923	4 173	11 721	11 483	12 257	15 627
	\$1,000.. 8 405 838	7 162 714	81 678	543 609	2 200 831	1 840 576	1 528 964	967 056
Average per farm	dollars.. 92 590	127 487	88 492	130 268	187 768	160 287	124 742	61 884
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms.. 30 572	21 254	412	2 046	5 447	4 854	4 420	4 075
	\$1,000.. 1 260 448	1 083 085	14 367	88 829	325 306	285 521	213 098	155 963
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	13 379	7 671	148	654	1 614	1 621	1 607	2 027
\$5,000 to \$24,999	9 489	6 983	137	753	1 810	1 607	1 454	1 222
\$25,000 to \$99,999	5 333	4 466	102	437	1 334	1 052	950	591
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1 322	1 198	12	111	393	327	226	129
\$250,000 or more	1 049	936	13	91	296	247	183	106
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms.. 46 733	31 806	548	2 705	7 784	6 819	6 892	7 058
	\$1,000.. 1 585 107	1 331 964	13 703	114 607	519 097	302 778	259 035	122 744
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	23 264	12 329	232	764	2 201	2 143	2 698	4 291
\$5,000 to \$24,999	12 922	10 100	237	935	2 381	2 301	1 967	1 967
\$25,000 to \$99,999	7 779	6 895	49	732	2 302	1 710	1 517	585
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1 809	1 657	22	199	599	436	265	136
\$250,000 or more	959	825	8	75	301	229	133	79
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms.. 27 617	18 868	336	1 764	5 017	4 285	4 017	3 449
	\$1,000.. 854 175	707 094	7 631	53 624	317 595	144 441	133 131	50 671
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	14 923	8 223	158	600	1 804	1 593	1 816	2 252
\$5,000 to \$24,999	7 904	6 409	145	681	1 737	1 633	1 364	849
\$25,000 to \$99,999	3 560	3 139	17	368	1 066	756	668	264
\$100,000 or more	1 230	1 097	16	115	410	303	169	84
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms.. 68 732	49 128	766	3 756	10 692	10 522	11 248	12 144
	\$1,000.. 488 961	425 897	4 858	28 697	115 525	113 735	97 428	65 654
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	12 228	4 946	58	257	535	677	1 002	2 417
\$1,000 to \$4,999	24 804	16 374	348	1 361	2 718	2 733	3 711	5 503
\$5,000 to \$24,999	28 798	25 013	334	2 000	6 595	6 172	5 949	3 963
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2 462	2 377	24	121	704	808	496	224
\$50,000 or more	440	418	2	17	140	132	90	37
Commercial fertilizer	farms.. 65 626	47 147	695	3 581	10 313	10 178	10 854	11 526
	\$1,000.. 636 785	558 105	6 142	36 514	143 398	147 842	133 505	90 705
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	29 645	16 043	296	1 312	2 431	2 514	3 198	6 292
\$5,000 to \$24,999	30 385	25 822	366	1 960	6 530	6 017	6 428	4 521
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4 432	4 181	29	260	1 052	1 272	1 001	567
\$50,000 or more	1 164	1 101	4	49	300	375	227	146
Agricultural chemicals	farms.. 64 489	44 764	685	3 400	9 713	9 737	10 214	11 015
	\$1,000.. 521 566	453 511	4 995	30 011	123 523	123 069	104 089	67 824
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	33 739	18 522	323	1 443	2 891	3 126	3 792	6 947
\$5,000 to \$24,999	26 795	22 471	340	1 753	5 705	5 376	5 628	3 669
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3 191	3 024	20	171	880	979	656	318
\$50,000 or more	764	747	2	33	237	256	138	81
Petroleum products	farms.. 84 456	54 504	913	4 067	11 549	11 298	12 054	14 623
	\$1,000.. 350 799	299 413	3 753	22 625	81 950	77 470	65 820	47 795
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	61 749	33 847	672	2 437	5 420	5 754	7 548	12 016
\$5,000 to \$24,999	21 538	19 594	218	1 556	5 797	5 238	4 302	2 483
\$25,000 to \$49,999	966	888	22	61	282	250	168	105
\$50,000 or more	203	175	1	13	50	56	36	19
Gasoline and gasohol	farms.. 70 591	46 179	705	3 387	9 897	9 670	10 299	12 221
	\$1,000.. 83 552	67 919	750	5 184	17 244	17 023	14 902	12 815
Diesel fuel	farms.. 65 871	47 559	798	3 666	10 587	10 342	10 729	11 437
	\$1,000.. 151 144	132 725	1 902	9 605	36 445	34 598	29 178	20 998
Natural gas	farms.. 4 094	3 129	43	276	772	944	568	526
	\$1,000.. 9 805	8 024	75	637	1 910	2 749	1 662	991
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms.. 71 329	50 304	811	3 891	11 045	10 713	11 345	12 499
	\$1,000.. 106 298	90 746	1 026	7 198	26 351	23 100	20 078	12 992

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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs	farms.. 3 626	120	586	1 325	941	442	212
	\$1,000.. 434 003	5 235	59 383	110 725	138 718	63 530	56 414
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 1 336	27	249	484	361	146	69
	\$1,000.. 399 073	4 048	53 813	97 075	130 467	59 212	54 458
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms.. 2 097	52	207	615	644	372	207
	\$1,000.. 9 710	517	1 328	2 736	3 002	1 219	907
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 22	1	6	7	4	2	2
	\$1,000.. 4 064	(D)	794	1 072	1 235	(D)	(D)
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms.. 1 816	21	159	555	582	342	157
	\$1,000.. 10 916	308	771	4 019	2 732	2 417	669
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 19	1	3	4	6	4	1
	\$1,000.. 4 081	(D)	230	(D)	415	915	(D)
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)	farms.. 998	16	105	346	321	127	83
	\$1,000.. 2 319	33	188	652	996	296	153
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
Total farm production expenses	farms.. 34 602	657	3 354	8 766	9 723	6 594	5 508
	\$1,000.. 1 243 124	18 176	133 331	317 896	400 966	217 467	155 289
Average per farm	dollars.. 35 926	27 664	39 753	36 265	41 239	32 980	28 193
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms.. 9 318	204	1 224	3 131	2 605	1 264	890
	\$1,000.. 177 363	1 963	25 200	50 693	50 815	25 931	22 761
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	5 708	131	680	1 843	1 703	790	561
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 506	59	339	882	657	340	229
\$25,000 to \$99,999	867	11	175	339	173	95	74
\$100,000 to \$249,999	124	2	15	47	32	15	13
\$250,000 or more	113	1	15	20	40	24	13
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms.. 14 927	346	1 791	4 584	4 184	2 409	1 613
	\$1,000.. 253 143	2 133	29 948	51 754	89 562	39 755	39 990
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	10 935	269	1 156	3 275	3 179	1 849	1 207
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 822	55	396	934	749	395	293
\$25,000 to \$99,999	884	19	210	291	184	107	73
\$100,000 to \$249,999	152	3	17	54	30	30	18
\$250,000 or more	134	—	12	30	42	28	22
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms.. 8 749	181	1 048	2 814	2 451	1 453	802
	\$1,000.. 147 081	1 138	15 821	28 483	51 543	25 434	24 662
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	6 700	150	828	2 047	1 875	1 152	648
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 495	19	151	575	429	223	98
\$25,000 to \$99,999	421	9	56	163	102	51	40
\$100,000 or more	133	3	13	29	45	27	16
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms.. 19 604	361	1 906	5 127	5 869	3 864	2 477
	\$1,000.. 63 063	1 070	5 689	18 204	18 927	12 231	6 941
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	7 282	157	679	1 606	2 159	1 633	1 048
\$1,000 to \$4,999	8 430	142	841	2 345	2 565	1 505	1 032
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 785	61	379	1 151	1 115	697	382
\$25,000 to \$49,999	85	—	6	22	19	27	11
\$50,000 or more	22	1	1	3	11	2	4
Commercial fertilizer	farms.. 18 479	364	1 820	4 969	5 489	3 584	2 253
	\$1,000.. 78 681	1 300	7 114	22 325	23 913	15 513	8 514
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	13 602	272	1 395	3 450	3 962	2 761	1 762
\$5,000 to \$24,999	4 563	83	396	1 449	1 427	743	465
\$25,000 to \$49,999	251	9	22	60	82	57	21
\$50,000 or more	63	—	7	10	18	23	5
Agricultural chemicals	farms.. 19 725	345	2 020	5 287	5 737	3 780	2 556
	\$1,000.. 68 055	1 082	6 295	18 870	20 883	13 250	7 676
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	15 217	273	1 611	3 934	4 379	2 932	2 088
\$5,000 to \$24,999	4 324	71	401	1 291	1 283	834	444
\$25,000 to \$49,999	167	1	5	60	70	11	20
\$50,000 or more	17	—	3	2	5	3	4
Petroleum products	farms.. 29 952	625	3 043	7 901	8 463	5 627	4 293
	\$1,000.. 51 386	987	5 019	13 927	15 283	9 946	6 224
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	27 902	565	2 866	7 286	7 836	5 277	4 072
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 944	59	172	596	583	325	209
\$25,000 to \$49,999	78	1	4	17	33	17	6
\$50,000 or more	28	—	1	2	11	8	6
Gasoline and gasohol	farms.. 24 412	523	2 407	6 383	7 012	4 615	3 472
	\$1,000.. 15 634	299	1 571	4 331	4 645	2 804	1 983
Diesel fuel	farms.. 18 312	417	1 983	5 161	5 236	3 227	2 288
	\$1,000.. 18 419	407	1 704	5 231	5 590	3 459	2 028
Natural gas	farms.. 965	35	101	270	236	207	116
	\$1,000.. 1 782	18	135	252	688	421	268
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms.. 21 025	390	2 252	5 737	6 057	3 798	2 791
	\$1,000.. 15 552	263	1 609	4 113	4 359	3 263	1 945

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
—Con.								
Total farm production expenses—Con.								
Electricity..... farms..	73 232	49 751	749	3 481	10 747	10 632	11 236	12 906
..... \$1,000..	127 679	106 699	1 131	7 629	29 853	26 526	24 342	17 217
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999.....	36 803	19 297	348	1 251	3 020	3 133	4 077	7 468
\$1,000 to \$4,999.....	32 280	26 619	361	1 929	6 509	6 438	6 396	4 986
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	3 929	3 648	39	287	1 153	1 006	726	437
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	151	136	1	9	43	47	26	10
\$50,000 or more.....	69	51	—	5	22	8	11	5
Hired farm labor..... farms..	33 016	24 629	244	1 851	6 372	5 924	5 382	4 856
..... \$1,000..	316 779	273 395	1 960	16 095	86 122	71 887	62 324	35 007
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999.....	23 586	16 172	182	1 332	3 940	3 576	3 518	3 624
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	6 689	5 951	40	351	1 733	1 585	1 304	938
\$25,000 to \$99,999.....	2 315	2 137	21	149	589	655	475	248
\$100,000 to \$249,999.....	328	294	1	13	85	89	67	39
\$250,000 or more.....	98	75	—	6	25	19	18	7
Workers by days worked:								
150 days or more..... farms..	10 990	9 190	85	601	2 514	2 279	2 101	1 610
..... workers..	20 517	17 571	143	1 120	5 227	4 239	4 278	2 564
Less than 150 days..... farms..	29 661	21 555	229	1 691	5 568	5 081	4 655	4 331
..... workers..	73 630	55 149	474	4 059	15 793	14 408	11 606	8 809
Contract labor..... farms..	6 152	4 105	26	300	1 147	1 085	811	736
..... \$1,000..	24 905	17 681	63	1 412	5 709	4 705	3 434	2 357
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999.....	2 512	1 356	10	109	353	313	274	297
\$1,000 to \$4,999.....	2 713	1 995	15	135	564	547	391	343
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	812	664	1	49	202	198	127	87
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	63	50	—	4	14	15	11	6
\$50,000 or more.....	52	40	—	3	14	12	8	3
Repair and maintenance..... farms..	78 128	51 722	760	3 814	11 241	10 843	11 525	13 539
..... \$1,000..	504 525	427 963	4 310	27 434	113 289	112 180	98 342	72 407
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999.....	46 146	24 025	447	1 988	3 860	3 814	4 947	8 969
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	29 129	25 014	283	1 684	6 598	6 174	6 042	4 233
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	2 300	2 182	28	117	622	698	428	289
\$50,000 or more.....	553	501	2	25	161	157	108	48
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment..... farms..	43 788	29 477	400	2 231	6 311	6 601	6 673	7 261
..... \$1,000..	168 101	122 068	1 509	9 352	29 580	30 451	26 909	24 267
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999.....	15 486	8 682	96	712	1 771	1 535	1 943	2 625
\$1,000 to \$4,999.....	19 166	13 776	206	960	2 904	3 255	3 158	3 293
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	8 471	6 549	98	514	1 487	1 686	1 513	1 251
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	468	328	—	33	100	77	41	77
\$50,000 or more.....	197	142	—	12	49	48	18	15
Interest..... farms..	55 257	37 865	540	3 128	9 461	9 013	8 737	6 986
..... \$1,000..	600 284	502 002	5 170	34 158	149 382	134 694	112 778	65 820
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999.....	26 319	14 594	278	1 309	3 051	2 868	3 365	3 723
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	23 038	17 885	213	1 529	4 919	4 554	4 078	2 592
\$25,000 to \$99,999.....	5 631	5 144	48	279	1 416	1 520	1 237	644
\$100,000 or more.....	269	242	1	11	75	71	57	27
Secured by real estate..... farms..	36 993	25 105	238	1 637	6 196	6 379	5 991	4 664
..... \$1,000..	347 061	283 313	2 560	16 541	75 199	76 737	70 889	41 387
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999.....	4 105	2 055	17	137	326	336	475	764
\$1,000 to \$4,999.....	13 186	7 451	67	444	1 907	1 871	1 675	1 487
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	16 914	13 049	129	949	3 349	3 421	3 130	2 071
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	2 216	2 028	24	77	479	576	584	288
\$50,000 or more.....	572	522	1	30	135	175	127	54
Not secured by real estate..... farms..	36 242	26 203	411	2 445	7 013	6 327	5 753	4 254
..... \$1,000..	253 223	218 689	2 609	17 617	74 183	57 957	41 890	24 433
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999.....	8 257	4 350	56	406	876	720	1 016	1 276
\$1,000 to \$4,999.....	14 030	9 609	195	1 006	2 295	2 331	2 159	1 623
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	12 220	10 622	147	911	3 295	2 776	2 296	1 197
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	1 249	1 174	8	85	379	395	206	101
\$50,000 or more.....	486	448	5	37	168	105	76	57
Cash rent..... farms..	36 892	28 622	561	2 708	8 071	7 079	6 347	3 856
..... \$1,000..	866 955	774 027	11 519	71 940	266 184	216 920	141 873	65 590
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999.....	9 782	5 873	105	493	1 349	1 150	1 489	1 287
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	5 578	4 302	79	404	1 015	961	1 104	739
\$10,000 to \$24,999.....	10 588	8 546	205	803	2 377	2 154	1 931	1 076
\$25,000 or more.....	10 944	9 901	172	1 008	3 330	2 814	1 823	754
Property taxes..... farms..	79 236	49 120	548	2 929	9 705	10 110	11 397	14 431
..... \$1,000..	242 120	186 669	1 369	7 942	32 435	41 140	52 448	51 336
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999.....	65 405	37 198	477	2 523	7 781	7 416	7 624	11 377
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	10 244	8 769	39	319	1 429	1 909	2 792	2 281
\$10,000 to \$24,999.....	3 273	2 870	32	83	439	717	902	697
\$25,000 or more.....	314	283	—	4	56	68	79	76
All other farm production expenses..... farms..	85 922	55 208	913	4 156	11 606	11 294	12 114	15 125
..... \$1,000..	710 824	600 234	6 830	46 362	179 478	151 658	133 538	82 368
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999.....	53 161	26 902	578	1 836	4 054	3 949	5 489	10 996
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	27 377	23 272	287	1 964	5 845	5 897	5 608	3 671
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	3 592	3 362	30	206	1 167	978	691	290
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	1 297	1 231	15	113	387	348	248	120
\$100,000 or more.....	495	441	3	37	153	122	78	48

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity	farms.. 23 481	374	2 113	6 368	6 892	4 375	3 359
	\$1,000.. 20 980	344	1 771	5 716	6 312	4 047	2 789
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	17 506	257	1 473	4 607	5 068	3 364	2 737
\$1,000 to \$4,999	5 661	108	617	1 681	1 756	939	560
\$5,000 to \$24,999	281	9	21	75	57	62	57
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15	—	1	3	4	5	2
\$50,000 or more	18	—	1	2	7	5	3
Hired farm labor	farms.. 8 387	157	689	2 574	2 786	1 292	889
	\$1,000.. 43 384	1 374	2 517	7 167	17 322	9 327	5 677
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	7 414	123	612	2 292	2 530	1 057	800
\$5,000 to \$24,999	738	23	64	242	205	157	47
\$25,000 to \$99,999	178	11	9	33	30	64	31
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	—	3	5	9	10	7
\$250,000 or more	23	—	1	2	12	4	4
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more	farms.. 1 800	50	140	471	583	337	219
	workers.. 2 946	71	164	701	1 082	565	363
Less than 150 days	farms.. 8 106	149	687	2 475	2 691	1 233	871
	workers.. 18 481	331	1 437	5 648	6 092	2 900	2 073
Contract labor	farms.. 2 047	27	123	578	622	427	270
	\$1,000.. 7 224	83	399	1 450	2 832	1 896	563
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	1 156	7	88	312	375	234	140
\$1,000 to \$4,999	718	15	13	192	214	179	105
\$5,000 to \$24,999	148	5	20	67	26	6	24
\$25,000 to \$49,999	13	—	1	7	1	3	1
\$50,000 or more	12	—	1	—	6	5	—
Repair and maintenance	farms.. 26 406	460	2 618	7 009	7 692	4 927	3 700
	\$1,000.. 76 562	1 226	7 092	21 173	23 161	14 612	9 298
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	22 121	373	2 223	5 717	6 444	4 144	3 220
\$5,000 to \$24,999	4 115	87	385	1 242	1 188	754	459
\$25,000 to \$49,999	118	—	5	36	45	19	13
\$50,000 or more	52	—	5	14	15	10	8
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment	farms.. 14 311	328	1 587	3 697	4 294	2 669	1 736
	\$1,000.. 46 032	464	3 429	8 327	16 933	9 904	6 976
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	6 804	203	865	1 798	1 904	1 160	874
\$1,000 to \$4,999	5 390	104	549	1 401	1 739	1 049	548
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 922	21	168	483	598	404	248
\$25,000 to \$49,999	140	—	4	12	32	43	49
\$50,000 or more	55	—	1	3	21	13	17
Interest	farms.. 17 392	314	2 068	5 276	5 294	2 959	1 481
	\$1,000.. 98 282	1 425	10 091	27 758	32 382	18 567	8 059
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	11 725	229	1 476	3 464	3 434	1 980	1 142
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 153	67	570	1 694	1 681	836	305
\$25,000 to \$99,999	487	18	18	116	167	139	29
\$100,000 or more	27	—	4	2	12	4	5
Secured by real estate	farms.. 11 888	150	1 219	3 550	3 815	2 216	938
	\$1,000.. 63 748	787	6 019	18 261	21 553	13 160	3 969
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	2 050	49	202	455	731	389	224
\$1,000 to \$4,999	5 735	36	673	1 775	1 757	1 021	473
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 865	64	332	1 268	1 233	740	228
\$25,000 to \$49,999	188	1	9	48	70	53	7
\$50,000 or more	50	—	3	4	24	13	6
Not secured by real estate	farms.. 10 039	218	1 271	3 232	2 993	1 524	801
	\$1,000.. 34 534	638	4 072	9 497	10 829	5 407	4 090
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	3 907	103	446	1 244	1 076	633	405
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 421	70	615	1 422	1 379	636	299
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 598	44	199	534	506	236	79
\$25,000 to \$49,999	75	1	4	28	21	12	9
\$50,000 or more	38	—	7	4	11	7	9
Cash rent	farms.. 8 270	292	1 263	2 983	2 184	1 079	469
	\$1,000.. 92 929	2 219	14 628	33 761	26 493	11 539	4 289
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	3 909	164	563	1 313	1 055	529	285
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 276	28	205	438	320	207	78
\$10,000 to \$24,999	2 042	85	304	888	466	226	73
\$25,000 or more	1 043	15	191	344	343	117	33
Property taxes	farms.. 30 116	342	2 450	7 347	8 629	6 181	5 167
	\$1,000.. 55 450	421	3 479	11 565	15 414	13 140	11 432
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	28 207	330	2 349	7 058	8 183	5 618	4 669
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 475	1	87	203	336	439	409
\$10,000 to \$24,999	403	11	11	85	98	117	81
\$25,000 or more	31	—	3	1	12	7	8
All other farm production expenses	farms.. 30 714	582	3 027	7 940	8 658	5 815	4 692
	\$1,000.. 110 590	2 083	10 658	25 207	40 735	17 809	14 098
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	26 259	476	2 518	6 576	7 281	5 092	4 316
\$5,000 to \$24,999	4 105	94	480	1 263	1 272	670	326
\$25,000 to \$49,999	230	11	20	74	72	25	28
\$50,000 to \$99,999	66	1	5	20	14	15	11
\$100,000 or more	54	—	4	7	19	13	11

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹								
All farms..... number..	90 786	56 184	923	4 173	11 721	11 483	12 257	15 627
..... \$1,000..	2 969 179	2 663 010	28 113	207 426	784 450	679 996	588 921	374 104
Average per farm..... dollars..	32 705	47 398	30 459	49 707	66 927	59 218	48 048	23 940
Farms with net gains ² number..	60 033	43 796	673	3 348	9 784	9 347	9 677	10 967
Average net gain..... dollars..	54 248	64 968	46 989	66 204	85 452	76 775	64 663	37 626
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	2 958	1 014	20	72	107	174	143	498
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	14 355	7 713	131	457	1 154	1 280	1 377	3 314
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	23 955	17 982	321	1 462	3 550	3 650	4 124	4 875
\$50,000 or more.....	18 765	17 087	201	1 357	4 973	4 243	4 033	2 280
Farms with net losses..... number..	30 753	12 388	250	825	1 937	2 136	2 580	4 660
Average net loss..... dollars..	9 348	14 719	14 040	17 243	26 645	17 613	14 274	8 271
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	4 252	1 252	26	48	156	143	276	603
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	19 376	6 653	126	391	862	1 000	1 307	2 967
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	6 564	3 980	89	352	786	869	878	1 006
\$50,000 or more.....	561	503	9	34	133	124	119	84
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME								
Government payments..... farms..	67 795	45 990	525	3 194	10 021	10 052	10 440	11 758
..... \$1,000..	536 924	432 402	2 902	25 209	110 670	109 753	102 743	81 126
Other farm-related income ¹ farms..	39 905	28 571	358	1 987	6 163	6 038	6 609	7 416
..... \$1,000..	260 021	190 273	1 161	10 326	42 213	35 843	43 967	56 762
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	10 656	8 679	162	929	2 717	2 162	1 712	997
..... \$1,000..	86 843	74 854	689	6 815	27 859	20 242	11 666	7 582
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	11 241	6 125	19	237	683	883	1 452	2 851
..... \$1,000..	134 239	81 473	180	1 603	5 692	7 946	24 058	41 996
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	774	502	—	22	110	64	116	190
..... \$1,000..	4 037	3 238	—	172	628	475	816	1 147
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	28 494	22 071	219	1 349	4 625	4 845	5 447	5 586
..... \$1,000..	34 902	30 708	293	1 737	8 034	7 181	7 427	6 037
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS								
Total..... farms..	12 999	10 686	147	1 043	3 279	2 803	2 167	1 247
..... \$1,000..	508 209	464 196	3 563	30 721	144 653	148 056	97 460	39 743
Corn..... farms..	11 532	9 529	128	925	2 969	2 514	1 909	1 084
..... \$1,000..	313 831	287 481	2 263	19 815	91 167	89 705	60 224	24 307
Wheat..... farms..	14	12	1	4	5	—	1	1
..... \$1,000..	17	(D)	(D)	5	5	—	(D)	(D)
Soybeans..... farms..	6 070	5 069	69	411	1 505	1 442	1 078	564
..... \$1,000..	194 281	176 639	(D)	10 900	53 474	58 322	37 216	(D)
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	92	75	—	11	17	20	21	6
..... \$1,000..	79	(D)	—	1	7	29	(D)	(D)
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE								
Total cropland..... farms..	83 375	53 592	715	3 962	11 576	11 534	11 897	13 908
..... acres..	26 821 844	22 966 569	200 713	1 556 017	6 108 148	6 202 360	5 212 419	3 686 912
Harvested cropland..... farms..	74 951	51 182	694	3 872	11 354	11 231	11 474	12 557
..... acres..	23 323 249	20 546 063	181 323	1 417 449	5 633 763	5 660 558	4 661 663	2 991 307
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	15 222	4 628	93	263	563	627	854	2 228
50 to 99 acres.....	8 807	4 597	110	358	586	638	841	2 064
100 to 199 acres.....	14 539	9 722	171	795	1 693	1 596	2 077	3 390
200 to 499 acres.....	21 216	17 821	225	1 529	4 018	4 485	4 485	3 454
500 to 999 acres.....	11 290	10 696	81	157	3 245	3 067	2 464	1 088
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	3 429	3 284	12	75	1 019	1 133	674	2 899
2,000 acres or more.....	448	434	2	19	138	152	79	44
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	28 797	19 382	177	1 319	3 982	4 166	4 468	5 270
..... acres..	2 001 198	1 551 360	13 679	100 450	319 211	360 124	357 653	400 243
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	12 494	7 475	75	439	1 515	1 670	1 693	2 083
..... acres..	672 119	382 854	1 650	16 265	67 028	82 325	81 735	133 851
On which all crops failed..... farms..	1 188	809	13	54	177	198	184	183
..... acres..	41 542	30 416	429	1 409	8 139	6 187	7 814	6 438
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	665	478	11	36	76	73	115	167
..... acres..	32 353	26 088	684	1 495	3 834	4 292	6 608	9 175
Idle..... farms..	12 221	6 929	62	383	1 339	1 419	1 556	2 170
..... acres..	751 383	429 788	2 948	18 949	76 173	88 874	96 946	145 898
Total woodland..... farms..	22 516	13 144	93	691	2 417	2 711	3 211	4 021
..... acres..	1 315 257	861 951	5 538	36 492	162 867	196 754	229 430	230 870
Woodland pastured..... farms..	11 335	7 298	60	408	1 325	1 502	1 817	2 186
..... acres..	633 367	463 208	3 954	19 597	88 889	107 870	123 399	119 499
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	15 072	8 443	52	402	1 571	1 798	2 058	2 562
..... acres..	681 890	398 743	1 584	16 895	73 978	88 884	106 031	111 371

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹							
All farms..... number..	34 602	657	3 354	8 766	9 723	6 594	5 508
..... \$1,000..	306 169	4 687	36 901	62 692	94 631	61 423	45 836
Average per farm..... dollars..	8 848	7 133	11 002	7 152	9 733	9 315	8 322
Farms with net gains ² number..	16 237	410	1 818	3 999	4 734	2 989	2 287
Average net gain..... dollars..	25 331	15 880	25 477	23 310	26 389	26 565	26 641
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	1 944	82	173	470	587	336	296
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	6 642	180	797	1 584	1 776	1 339	966
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	5 973	110	626	1 536	1 883	984	834
\$50,000 or more.....	1 678	38	222	409	488	330	191
Farms with net losses..... number..	18 365	247	1 536	4 767	4 989	3 605	3 221
Average net loss..... dollars..	5 725	7 385	6 130	6 403	6 073	4 988	4 686
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	3 000	31	209	730	741	688	601
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	12 723	157	1 074	3 222	3 527	2 435	2 308
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	2 584	59	240	792	711	476	306
\$50,000 or more.....	58	—	13	23	10	6	6
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME							
Government payments..... farms..	21 805	259	1 775	5 139	6 133	4 629	3 870
..... \$1,000..	104 522	843	6 673	22 180	28 642	24 058	22 125
Other farm-related income ¹ farms..	11 334	174	1 070	2 591	3 351	2 213	1 935
..... \$1,000..	69 748	650	4 505	10 999	18 517	16 128	18 949
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	1 977	47	363	520	637	240	170
..... \$1,000..	11 989	331	2 339	4 524	2 457	982	1 356
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	5 116	39	340	849	1 401	1 217	1 270
..... \$1,000..	52 766	276	1 835	5 244	14 335	14 259	16 819
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	272	1	24	50	90	70	37
..... \$1,000..	799	(D)	(D)	120	258	220	131
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	6 423	111	539	1 628	1 926	1 250	969
..... \$1,000..	4 194	(D)	(D)	1 111	1 468	667	644
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS							
Total..... farms..	2 313	71	305	796	639	341	161
..... \$1,000..	44 013	931	5 469	14 934	12 957	6 609	3 112
Corn..... farms..	2 003	55	268	696	549	290	145
..... \$1,000..	26 350	582	3 395	9 121	7 599	3 926	1 728
Wheat..... farms..	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	—
Soybeans..... farms..	1 001	35	131	351	280	149	55
..... \$1,000..	17 642	350	(D)	5 803	5 349	(D)	1 383
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	17	—	1	6	7	3	—
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE							
Total cropland..... farms..	29 783	484	2 692	7 459	8 443	6 083	4 622
..... acres..	3 855 275	48 338	343 107	988 442	1 130 354	765 460	579 574
Harvested cropland..... farms..	23 769	420	2 339	6 340	6 933	4 693	3 044
..... acres..	2 777 186	39 723	278 206	775 404	829 770	514 864	339 219
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres.....	10 594	195	922	2 713	3 069	2 203	1 492
50 to 99 acres.....	4 210	82	447	1 033	1 219	887	542
100 to 199 acres.....	4 817	99	556	1 292	1 409	914	547
200 to 499 acres.....	3 395	36	352	1 106	1 004	536	361
500 to 999 acres.....	594	6	52	172	170	116	78
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	145	2	8	23	58	34	20
2,000 acres or more.....	14	—	2	1	4	3	4
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	9 415	116	869	2 491	2 710	1 918	1 311
..... acres..	449 838	5 056	38 970	105 442	129 876	93 467	77 027
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	5 019	30	290	1 037	1 437	1 160	1 065
..... acres..	289 265	2 243	13 464	47 709	79 455	68 416	77 978
On which all crops failed..... farms..	379	2	22	96	124	75	60
..... acres..	11 126	(D)	(D)	1 905	4 071	2 259	1 979
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	187	1	9	35	48	59	35
..... acres..	6 265	(D)	(D)	1 001	1 157	2 169	1 686
Idle..... farms..	5 292	39	280	1 101	1 428	1 276	1 168
..... acres..	321 595	1 258	11 361	56 981	86 025	84 285	81 685
Total woodland..... farms..	9 372	65	609	2 075	2 848	2 190	1 585
..... acres..	453 306	2 326	24 360	83 071	140 216	113 159	90 174
Woodland pastured..... farms..	4 037	37	317	920	1 203	933	627
..... acres..	170 159	1 254	11 336	32 656	53 629	40 681	30 603
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	6 629	33	373	1 441	2 058	1 564	1 160
..... acres..	283 147	1 072	13 024	50 415	86 587	72 478	59 571

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	18 756	11 718	123	708	2 295	2 453	2 748	3 391
acres..	1 440 627	1 093 240	11 236	60 838	234 609	238 458	271 176	276 923
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	61 890	39 280	354	2 302	7 622	8 377	9 471	11 154
acres..	1 588 971	1 210 649	7 351	53 472	242 376	291 090	302 740	313 620
Irrigated land farms..	957	677	4	39	164	202	134	134
acres..	124 983	107 823	(D)	8 579	25 974	34 246	(D)	18 309
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	930	663	4	39	163	197	133	127
acres..	123 084	106 070	(D)	8 579	(D)	(D)	(D)	17 367
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	35	17	—	—	2	5	2	8
acres..	1 899	1 753	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	942
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	24 137	13 628	88	633	2 563	2 923	3 110	4 311
acres..	1 707 901	960 549	4 525	36 969	157 380	197 219	217 013	347 443
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	90 786	56 184	923	4 173	11 721	11 483	12 257	15 627
\$1,000..	51 438 152	42 829 999	474 939	2 872 861	11 385 599	11 058 277	9 797 790	7 240 533
Average per farm dollars..	566 587	762 317	514 561	688 440	971 385	963 013	799 363	463 335
Average per acre dollars..	1 697	1 702	1 660	1 754	1 789	1 745	1 676	1 543
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999	6 863	2 207	78	113	318	357	380	961
\$40,000 to \$69,999	6 204	1 946	47	129	273	263	312	922
\$70,000 to \$99,999	5 997	2 163	36	160	265	232	372	1 098
\$100,000 to \$149,999	8 505	3 359	74	233	399	468	592	1 593
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6 673	3 089	77	183	388	485	588	1 368
\$200,000 to \$499,999	24 213	15 391	289	1 384	2 641	2 532	3 313	5 232
\$500,000 to \$999,999	17 252	14 143	140	1 023	3 420	3 329	3 511	2 720
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	10 795	9 822	164	721	2 788	2 490	2 299	1 360
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	3 899	3 696	17	213	1 122	1 203	810	331
\$5,000,000 or more	385	368	1	14	107	124	80	42
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	90 747	56 163	923	4 173	11 712	11 483	12 257	15 615
\$1,000..	7 318 851	6 026 063	72 377	435 893	1 536 378	1 504 872	1 421 647	1 054 897
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999	5 590	1 542	43	60	219	225	197	798
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8 201	2 793	86	222	274	318	451	1 442
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13 192	5 212	113	364	664	690	990	2 391
\$20,000 to \$49,999	21 194	11 677	224	956	1 968	1 819	2 421	4 289
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17 049	12 656	229	946	2 621	2 791	2 845	3 224
\$100,000 to \$199,999	15 110	12 736	135	984	3 323	3 077	2 959	2 258
\$200,000 to \$499,999	9 363	8 557	90	560	2 350	2 285	2 173	1 099
\$500,000 or more	1 048	990	3	81	293	278	221	114
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	83 941	53 671	850	4 002	11 388	11 119	11 934	14 378
number..	147 779	103 014	1 643	7 069	23 088	23 359	23 553	24 302
Wheel tractors farms..	84 736	53 155	799	3 712	11 108	10 966	11 778	14 792
number..	255 019	184 262	2 137	11 447	38 931	41 243	44 058	46 446
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	38 074	23 294	310	1 396	4 474	4 680	5 350	7 084
number..	59 853	37 960	550	2 040	7 016	7 629	9 042	11 683
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	76 722	50 420	756	3 465	10 618	10 588	11 318	13 675
number..	195 166	146 302	1 587	9 407	31 915	33 614	35 016	34 763
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	63 516	41 678	483	2 595	8 304	8 830	9 671	11 795
number..	108 644	75 859	756	4 334	14 788	16 573	18 129	21 279
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	49 966	37 937	540	2 868	8 721	8 539	8 826	8 443
number..	86 522	70 443	831	5 073	17 127	17 041	16 887	13 484
Grain and bean combines farms..	42 979	34 384	443	2 079	7 955	7 948	8 529	7 430
number..	46 717	37 485	539	2 276	8 656	8 779	9 311	7 924
Cotton pickers and strippers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	24 751	18 016	209	1 253	3 781	3 869	4 237	4 667
number..	26 324	19 088	238	1 360	4 018	4 070	4 488	4 914
Pickup balers farms..	28 853	21 392	229	1 409	4 459	4 315	5 254	5 726
number..	34 622	25 910	279	1 715	5 465	5 263	6 389	6 799
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹								
Commercial fertilizer farms..	65 495	47 110	694	3 577	10 304	10 169	10 848	11 518
acres on which used..	14 473 220	12 600 019	153 683	889 510	3 356 123	3 341 354	2 902 136	1 957 213
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	24 957	19 113	302	1 585	4 637	4 480	4 354	3 755
acres on which used..	3 241 067	2 807 125	37 162	201 676	705 226	731 163	636 175	495 723
Nematodes in crops farms..	1 426	1 080	14	119	288	250	135	274
acres on which used..	175 517	145 092	2 162	15 429	32 161	49 238	13 736	32 366
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	1 122	735	14	46	189	171	147	168
acres on which used..	131 187	101 304	2 230	3 854	34 817	31 770	11 164	17 469
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	53 909	38 476	604	3 087	8 563	8 602	8 698	8 922
acres on which used..	16 674 094	14 581 387	166 623	991 791	4 028 978	4 033 747	3 319 267	2 040 981
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	43	32	—	—	9	13	2	8
acres on which used..	1 594	(D)	—	—	26	700	(D)	560

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		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	7 038	157	662	1 778	2 028	1 382	1 031
acres..	347 387	6 309	31 881	73 537	105 511	73 499	56 650
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	22 610	222	1 835	5 569	6 528	4 819	3 637
acres..	378 322	2 030	24 185	71 506	108 896	88 177	83 528
Irrigated land farms..	280	3	15	76	93	45	48
acres..	17 160	(D)	575	1 975	4 619	(D)	4 612
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	267	3	15	72	91	43	43
acres..	17 014	(D)	575	1 942	(D)	(D)	4 594
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	18	—	—	5	5	3	5
acres..	146	—	—	33	(D)	(D)	18
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	10 509	54	505	2 042	2 871	2 503	2 534
acres..	747 352	3 114	30 478	125 247	193 766	186 958	207 789
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹							
Estimated market value of land and buildings farms..	34 602	657	3 354	8 766	9 723	6 594	5 508
\$1,000..	8 608 154	103 470	718 684	2 169 727	2 595 867	1 721 975	1 298 432
Average per farm dollars..	248 776	157 488	214 277	247 516	266 982	261 143	235 736
Average per acre dollars..	1 671	1 558	1 763	1 743	1 688	1 674	1 500
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999	4 656	215	495	1 140	1 210	780	816
\$40,000 to \$69,999	4 258	116	452	1 130	1 024	779	757
\$70,000 to \$99,999	3 834	69	451	865	975	848	626
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5 146	69	538	1 276	1 524	939	800
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3 584	55	337	941	1 062	664	525
\$200,000 to \$499,999	8 822	80	739	2 292	2 554	1 738	1 419
\$500,000 to \$999,999	3 109	51	278	859	976	558	387
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	973	1	57	226	318	243	128
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	203	1	5	36	71	43	47
\$5,000,000 or more	17	—	2	1	9	2	3
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	34 584	657	3 354	8 759	9 723	6 594	5 497
\$1,000..	1 292 788	23 315	119 216	340 072	361 712	258 379	190 093
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999	4 048	101	410	951	1 125	712	749
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5 408	76	479	1 314	1 627	1 058	854
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7 980	179	901	1 788	2 102	1 610	1 400
\$20,000 to \$49,999	9 517	187	865	2 580	2 669	1 798	1 418
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4 393	45	427	1 309	1 315	699	598
\$100,000 to \$199,999	2 374	51	203	575	648	525	372
\$200,000 to \$499,999	806	18	67	231	227	175	88
\$500,000 or more	58	—	2	11	10	17	18
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	30 270	579	2 948	7 913	8 457	5 819	4 554
number..	44 765	955	4 246	11 891	12 549	8 641	6 483
Wheel tractors farms..	31 581	533	2 874	7 935	9 079	6 150	5 010
number..	70 757	1 175	5 831	17 791	20 502	14 240	11 218
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	14 780	236	1 256	3 415	4 164	3 194	2 515
number..	21 893	321	1 815	4 758	6 143	4 884	3 972
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	26 302	459	2 423	6 921	7 658	4 963	3 878
number..	48 864	854	4 016	13 033	14 359	9 356	7 246
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	21 838	378	1 842	5 555	6 425	4 313	3 325
number..	32 785	539	2 584	8 350	9 537	6 605	5 170
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	12 029	238	1 084	3 448	3 565	2 112	1 582
number..	16 079	315	1 432	4 683	4 822	2 751	2 076
Grain and bean combines farms..	8 595	154	885	2 252	2 662	1 656	986
number..	9 232	154	957	2 438	2 866	1 733	1 084
Cotton pickers and strippers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	6 735	118	496	1 851	1 928	1 473	869
number..	7 236	118	531	1 971	2 030	1 582	1 004
Pickup balers farms..	7 461	115	643	2 109	2 260	1 460	874
number..	8 712	145	717	2 464	2 611	1 715	1 060
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹							
Commercial fertilizer farms..	18 385	363	1 817	4 958	5 463	3 564	2 220
acres on which used..	1 873 201	34 398	166 219	513 861	562 703	372 282	223 738
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	5 844	107	618	1 701	1 645	1 086	687
acres on which used..	433 942	6 139	33 562	116 937	114 103	91 032	72 169
Nematodes in crops farms..	346	—	35	119	107	54	31
acres on which used..	30 425	—	3 380	9 528	10 751	3 126	3 640
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	387	5	13	77	141	57	94
acres on which used..	29 883	20	102	3 656	13 697	5 325	7 083
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	15 433	265	1 629	4 336	4 631	2 849	1 723
acres on which used..	2 092 707	35 568	201 488	601 023	660 207	391 986	202 435
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	11	—	—	7	1	1	2
acres on which used..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR								
All operators	90 792	56 256	803	4 245	12 148	11 925	12 276	14 859
Full owners	42 902	20 277	176	849	2 243	2 824	4 590	9 595
Part owners	32 996	26 420	203	1 752	6 941	7 185	6 506	3 833
Tenants	14 894	9 559	424	1 644	2 964	1 916	1 180	1 431
White	90 669	56 200	802	4 239	12 129	11 914	12 268	14 848
Full owners	42 830	20 256	176	848	2 239	2 818	4 588	9 587
Part owners	32 961	26 395	203	1 748	6 930	7 182	6 502	3 830
Tenants	14 878	9 549	423	1 643	2 960	1 914	1 178	1 431
Black and other races	123	56	1	6	19	11	8	11
Full owners	72	21	—	1	4	6	2	8
Part owners	35	25	—	4	11	3	4	3
Tenants	16	10	1	1	4	2	2	—
OWNED AND RENTED LAND								
Land owned..... farms..	76 916	47 446	385	2 630	9 248	10 077	11 218	13 888
acres..	16 795 890	12 689 701	64 518	432 498	1 969 840	2 714 156	3 549 976	3 958 713
Owned land in farms	75 898	46 697	379	2 601	9 184	10 009	11 096	13 428
acres..	14 354 684	11 162 098	57 351	392 482	1 825 594	2 518 269	3 239 629	3 128 773
Land rented or leased from others	48 208	36 177	629	3 403	9 923	9 137	7 732	5 353
farms..	16 988 397	15 108 665	168 790	1 332 832	4 960 726	4 442 623	2 797 222	1 406 472
landlords..	120 737	100 172	1 392	9 157	31 634	27 770	19 579	10 640
Rented or leased land in farms	47 890	35 979	627	3 396	9 905	9 101	7 686	5 264
farms..	16 812 015	14 970 311	167 487	1 314 337	4 922 406	4 410 393	2 776 136	1 379 552
acres..	16 229	8 998	49	324	1 071	1 259	1 893	4 402
Land rented or leased to others	2 617 588	1 665 957	8 470	58 511	182 566	228 117	331 433	856 860
acres..								
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated	66 661	45 257	472	3 194	9 998	9 962	10 279	11 352
Not on farm operated	19 439	8 167	281	861	1 635	1 445	1 517	2 428
Not reported	4 692	2 832	50	190	515	518	480	1 079
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	56 256	56 256	803	4 245	12 148	11 925	12 276	14 859
Other	34 536	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None	40 767	36 444	346	2 157	6 902	7 234	8 446	11 359
Any	45 408	15 195	406	1 816	4 568	3 892	2 981	1 532
1 to 99 days	9 726	8 390	214	962	2 447	1 999	1 694	1 074
100 to 199 days	7 009	3 522	87	402	1 065	984	707	277
200 days or more	28 673	3 283	105	452	1 056	909	580	181
Not reported	4 617	4 617	51	272	678	799	849	1 968
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less	3 505	1 387	225	372	369	198	122	101
3 or 4 years	4 287	1 619	181	534	435	207	145	117
5 to 9 years	10 433	4 481	136	1 452	1 566	643	376	308
10 years or more	60 710	41 713	—	1 367	8 507	9 639	10 277	11 923
Average years on present farm	22.3	25.7	3.3	8.2	15.6	22.5	30.8	39.2
Not reported	11 857	7 056	261	520	1 271	1 238	1 356	2 410
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years	1 468	803	803	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	7 554	4 245	—	4 245	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	20 841	12 148	—	—	12 148	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	11 388	6 453	—	—	—	6 453	—	—
50 to 54 years	10 125	5 472	—	—	—	5 472	—	—
55 to 59 years	9 798	5 878	—	—	—	—	5 878	—
60 to 64 years	9 402	6 398	—	—	—	—	6 398	—
65 to 69 years	7 812	5 653	—	—	—	—	—	5 653
70 years and over	12 404	9 206	—	—	—	—	—	9 206
Average age	52.4	53.8	21.9	30.6	39.8	49.2	59.6	72.4
Operators by sex:								
Male	86 174	54 253	791	4 176	11 956	11 650	11 861	13 819
Female	4 618	2 003	12	69	192	275	415	1 040
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)								
	343	247	7	21	49	46	48	76
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	75 880	45 918	678	3 501	9 846	9 497	10 128	12 268
acres..	23 526 085	19 528 747	181 658	1 344 208	5 175 347	5 119 608	4 473 006	3 234 920
Partnership	8 231	5 220	96	472	1 101	1 022	1 008	1 521
acres..	3 373 783	2 785 482	27 674	184 086	659 756	670 820	624 460	618 686
Corporation:								
Family held	5 733	4 671	25	233	1 107	1 312	1 068	926
acres..	3 992 642	3 652 762	15 033	166 028	882 449	1 108 850	867 894	612 508
More than 10 stockholders	104	66	—	2	14	16	12	22
10 or less stockholders	5 629	4 605	25	231	1 093	1 296	1 056	904
Other than family held	395	212	4	25	61	50	24	48
acres..	126 835	78 618	473	2 376	17 408	12 431	30 629	15 301
More than 10 stockholders	64	32	—	5	12	10	3	2
10 or less stockholders	331	180	4	20	49	40	21	46
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. farms..								
acres..	553	235	—	14	33	44	48	96
	147 354	86 800	—	10 121	13 040	16 953	19 776	26 910

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR							
All operators	34 536	665	3 309	8 693	9 588	6 924	5 357
Full owners	22 625	243	1 505	4 837	6 179	5 316	4 545
Part owners	6 576	65	712	2 087	2 158	1 104	450
Tenants	5 335	357	1 092	1 769	1 251	504	362
White	34 469	665	3 303	8 679	9 564	6 911	5 347
Full owners	22 574	243	1 500	4 832	6 158	5 304	4 537
Part owners	6 566	65	712	2 081	2 155	1 103	450
Tenants	5 329	357	1 091	1 766	1 251	504	360
Black and other races	67	—	6	14	24	13	10
Full owners	51	—	5	5	21	12	8
Part owners	10	—	—	—	3	1	—
Tenants	6	—	1	3	—	—	2
OWNED AND RENTED LAND							
Land owned..... farms..	29 470	310	2 239	6 980	8 400	6 472	5 069
acres..	4 106 189	23 305	183 451	700 834	1 156 496	1 046 166	995 937
Owned land in farms	29 201	308	2 217	6 924	8 337	6 420	4 935
acres..	3 192 586	19 808	156 946	570 314	938 722	810 562	696 234
Land rented or leased from others	12 031	422	1 816	3 876	3 443	1 635	839
acres..	1 879 732	39 347	270 793	655 237	555 348	238 764	120 243
landlords..	20 565	639	2 990	6 914	5 968	2 707	1 347
Rented or leased land in farms	11 911	422	1 804	3 856	3 409	1 608	812
acres..	1 841 704	39 195	266 587	646 242	546 255	229 733	113 692
Land rented or leased to others..... farms..	7 231	41	354	1 312	1 875	1 771	1 878
acres..	951 631	3 649	30 711	139 515	226 867	244 635	306 254
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated	21 404	285	1 948	5 976	6 350	4 185	2 660
Not on farm operated	11 272	343	1 188	2 323	2 797	2 322	2 299
Not reported	1 860	37	173	394	441	417	398
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	34 536	665	3 309	8 693	9 588	6 924	5 357
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None	4 323	55	83	267	338	709	2 871
Any	30 213	610	3 226	8 426	9 250	6 215	2 486
1 to 99 days	1 336	66	80	171	215	317	487
100 to 199 days	3 487	119	256	724	912	868	608
200 days or more	25 390	425	2 890	7 531	8 123	5 030	1 391
Not reported	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less	2 118	211	550	662	416	189	90
3 or 4 years	2 668	156	720	923	510	263	96
5 to 9 years	5 952	59	1 086	2 369	1 528	634	276
10 years or more	18 997	—	515	3 761	6 118	4 831	3 772
Average years on present farm	16.7	2.9	5.9	10.5	16.0	22.0	30.7
Not reported	4 801	239	438	978	1 016	1 007	1 123
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years	665	665	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	3 309	—	3 309	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	8 693	—	—	8 693	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	4 935	—	—	—	4 935	—	—
50 to 54 years	4 653	—	—	—	4 653	—	—
55 to 59 years	3 920	—	—	—	—	3 920	—
60 to 64 years	3 004	—	—	—	—	3 004	—
65 to 69 years	2 159	—	—	—	—	—	2 159
70 years and over	3 198	—	—	—	—	—	3 198
Average age	50.1	21.1	30.6	39.9	49.3	59.0	72.5
Operators by sex:							
Male	31 921	618	3 204	8 306	9 088	6 336	4 369
Female	2 615	47	105	387	500	588	988
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	96	3	4	17	24	27	21
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	29 962	604	2 924	7 781	8 386	5 994	4 273
acres..	3 997 338	53 195	340 024	1 030 372	1 198 761	823 210	551 776
Partnership	3 011	55	297	624	794	592	649
acres..	588 301	5 328	54 896	112 257	159 941	122 092	133 787
Corporation:							
Family held	1 062	4	60	203	269	235	291
acres..	339 880	(D)	(D)	57 821	87 773	77 333	95 751
More than 10 stockholders	38	—	4	7	10	3	14
10 or less stockholders	1 024	4	56	196	259	232	277
Other than family held	183	—	8	37	58	38	42
acres..	48 217	—	4 978	7 388	20 465	6 089	9 297
More than 10 stockholders	32	—	2	7	11	8	4
10 or less stockholders	151	—	6	30	47	30	38
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. farms..	318	2	20	48	81	65	102
acres..	60 554	(D)	(D)	8 718	18 037	11 571	19 315

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
INJURIES AND DEATHS								
Farm-related injuries:								
Operator and family members	farms.. 1 131	905	17	94	265	209	162	158
	number.. 1 314	1 048	21	104	312	244	182	185
Hired workers	farms.. 346	293	—	24	93	77	68	31
	number.. 604	477	—	28	133	112	145	59
Farm-related deaths:								
Operator and family members	farms.. 30	23	1	2	4	2	7	7
	number.. 30	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hired workers	farms.. 6	5	—	1	—	—	3	1
	number.. 6	(D)	—	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)
FARMS BY SIZE								
1 to 9 acres	5 049	1 489	53	170	361	235	217	453
10 to 49 acres	11 580	3 062	103	255	486	477	510	1 231
50 to 69 acres	3 183	1 018	29	72	139	125	161	492
70 to 99 acres	6 718	2 601	65	210	311	284	457	1 274
100 to 139 acres	6 517	3 035	67	252	416	385	557	1 358
140 to 179 acres	8 107	4 394	79	339	683	646	810	1 837
180 to 219 acres	5 265	3 255	55	256	584	499	642	1 219
220 to 259 acres	5 093	3 508	47	262	576	623	825	1 175
260 to 499 acres	18 560	14 697	171	1 211	3 219	3 114	3 591	3 391
500 to 999 acres	14 833	13 591	111	953	3 734	3 682	3 278	1 833
1,000 to 1,999 acres	5 114	4 873	18	232	1 445	1 594	1 067	517
2,000 acres or more	773	733	5	33	221	234	161	79
FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM								
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	53 656	34 836	476	2 264	7 172	7 615	7 974	9 335
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	255	100	1	2	16	27	16	38
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	203	57	—	—	4	4	10	39
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	641	218	2	7	49	58	50	52
Other crop farming (1119)	3 871	1 727	18	97	289	327	347	649
Tobacco farming (11191)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton farming (11192)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	3 871	1 727	18	97	289	327	347	649
Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111)	11 392	5 395	60	281	713	796	1 095	2 450
Cattle feedlots (112112)	3 914	2 741	34	170	534	560	650	793
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	2 675	2 503	42	326	793	592	473	277
Hog and pig farming (1122)	9 388	6 874	153	950	2 175	1 536	1 262	798
Poultry and egg production (1123)	448	245	5	15	63	59	62	41
Sheep and goat farming (1124)	1 251	287	—	22	47	61	47	110
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	3 098	1 273	12	111	293	290	290	277
LIVESTOCK								
Cattle and calves inventory	farms.. 38 435	26 512	368	2 092	5 863	5 630	5 866	6 693
	number.. 3 647 129	3 127 062	29 911	241 762	780 583	771 524	719 804	583 478
Farms with—								
1 to 9	3 947	1 408	48	95	293	264	254	454
10 to 49	15 149	8 620	140	643	1 517	1 532	1 830	2 958
50 to 99	8 960	7 029	86	606	1 530	1 483	1 588	1 736
100 to 199	6 468	5 779	67	481	1 531	1 374	1 313	1 013
200 to 499	3 085	2 911	20	204	795	759	714	419
500 or more	826	765	7	63	197	218	167	113
Cows and heifers that had calved	farms.. 30 804	21 586	293	1 656	4 633	4 561	4 781	5 662
	number.. 1 251 314	1 037 763	10 853	79 409	246 582	240 966	237 846	222 107
Beef cows	farms.. 27 452	18 495	243	1 253	3 659	3 832	4 191	5 317
	number.. 1 029 172	824 923	8 233	52 769	177 438	190 186	197 339	198 958
Farms with—								
1 to 9	4 760	2 035	47	164	365	362	386	711
10 to 49	16 051	10 628	140	723	1 945	2 039	2 413	3 368
50 to 99	4 747	4 114	43	278	948	964	970	911
100 to 199	1 556	1 420	11	75	324	398	349	263
200 to 499	310	274	2	12	74	62	66	58
500 or more	28	24	—	1	3	7	7	6
Milk cows	farms.. 4 208	3 814	55	466	1 153	891	770	479
	number.. 222 142	212 840	2 620	26 640	69 144	50 780	40 507	23 149
Farms with—								
1 to 4	332	194	2	13	38	47	36	58
5 to 9	156	117	3	20	17	17	34	26
10 to 49	1 861	1 692	27	210	469	394	357	235
50 to 99	1 418	1 381	19	173	489	325	262	113
100 to 199	353	344	3	41	112	87	66	35
200 to 499	80	79	1	8	25	20	14	11
500 or more	8	7	—	1	3	1	1	1
Heifers and heifer calves	farms.. 28 885	20 438	266	1 618	4 580	4 378	4 534	5 062
	number.. 1 026 132	895 525	8 765	69 901	231 471	232 078	201 409	151 901
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	farms.. 33 184	23 099	289	1 767	5 121	4 918	5 172	5 832
	number.. 1 369 683	1 193 774	10 293	92 452	302 530	298 480	280 549	209 470

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		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
INJURIES AND DEATHS							
Farm-related injuries:							
Operator and family members farms..	226	3	32	72	56	37	26
number..	266	3	42	80	68	41	32
Hired workers farms..	53	—	4	11	18	11	9
number..	127	—	4	14	64	17	28
Farm-related deaths:							
Operator and family members farms..	7	—	—	2	1	3	1
number..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hired workers farms..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
number..	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
FARMS BY SIZE							
1 to 9 acres	3 560	125	519	1 135	898	515	368
10 to 49 acres	8 518	212	830	2 228	2 362	1 680	1 206
50 to 69 acres	2 165	40	181	514	610	449	371
70 to 99 acres	4 117	83	371	860	1 093	901	809
100 to 139 acres	3 482	53	335	778	918	749	649
140 to 179 acres	3 713	74	303	881	1 054	794	607
180 to 219 acres	2 010	20	188	462	593	410	337
220 to 259 acres	1 585	15	147	405	434	345	239
260 to 499 acres	3 863	33	325	1 062	1 137	775	531
500 to 999 acres	1 242	8	93	325	385	240	191
1,000 to 1,999 acres	241	2	11	40	92	59	37
2,000 acres or more	40	—	6	3	12	7	12
FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM							
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	18 820	326	1 599	4 323	5 178	3 979	3 415
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	155	3	6	45	51	26	24
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	146	2	5	38	48	27	26
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	423	1	11	115	155	85	56
Other crop farming (1119)	2 144	24	174	507	654	445	340
Tobacco farming (11191)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton farming (11192)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	2 144	24	174	507	654	445	340
Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111)	5 997	128	649	1 518	1 579	1 234	889
Cattle feedlots (112112)	1 173	42	141	383	273	215	119
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	172	3	18	40	44	43	24
Hog and pig farming (1122)	2 514	94	455	910	637	286	132
Poultry and egg production (1123)	203	1	17	52	72	38	23
Sheep and goat farming (1124)	964	25	92	265	301	179	102
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	1 825	16	142	497	596	367	207
LIVESTOCK							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	11 923	247	1 393	3 434	3 278	2 184	1 387
number..	520 067	6 450	55 317	130 792	152 379	102 599	72 530
Farms with—							
1 to 9	2 539	68	299	883	652	394	243
10 to 49	6 529	150	775	1 792	1 796	1 232	784
50 to 99	1 931	18	204	511	577	369	252
100 to 199	689	10	96	193	183	142	65
200 to 499	174	1	14	46	56	29	28
500 or more	61	—	5	9	14	18	15
Cows and heifers that had calved farms..	9 218	194	1 042	2 497	2 587	1 769	1 129
number..	213 551	3 032	22 094	53 084	62 362	45 195	27 784
Beef cows farms..	8 957	188	1 009	2 419	2 523	1 720	1 098
number..	204 249	2 988	21 430	49 213	60 648	43 322	26 648
Farms with—							
1 to 9	2 725	77	353	828	723	449	295
10 to 49	5 423	103	563	1 400	1 566	1 092	699
50 to 99	633	6	74	156	177	141	79
100 to 199	136	2	18	33	45	21	17
200 to 499	36	—	1	2	10	15	8
500 or more	4	—	—	—	2	2	—
Milk cows farms..	394	7	51	109	107	80	40
number..	9 302	44	664	3 871	1 714	1 873	1 136
Farms with—							
1 to 4	138	4	21	40	44	21	8
5 to 9	39	—	8	10	11	9	1
10 to 49	169	3	18	47	43	33	25
50 to 99	37	—	4	5	8	15	5
100 to 199	9	—	—	5	1	2	1
200 to 499	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
500 or more	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Heifers and heifer calves farms..	8 447	164	996	2 414	2 327	1 603	943
number..	130 607	1 390	14 048	33 065	39 707	26 620	15 777
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves farms..	10 085	189	1 176	2 938	2 779	1 857	1 146
number..	175 909	2 028	19 175	44 643	50 310	30 784	28 969

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LIVESTOCK—Con.								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 38 548	26 973	357	2 116	5 935	5 713	5 994	6 858
	number.. 2 881 122	2 497 836	20 820	178 242	634 771	631 730	559 130	473 143
	\$1,000.. 1 850 796	1 637 095	12 203	112 674	420 130	424 298	365 937	301 853
Calves	farms.. 13 659	9 019	143	789	1 923	1 786	1 878	2 500
	number.. 374 343	291 614	3 823	26 958	71 408	61 910	61 588	65 927
	\$1,000.. 104 629	80 808	1 102	6 793	18 256	17 775	17 595	19 287
Cattle	farms.. 31 926	22 744	277	1 749	5 066	4 883	5 176	5 593
	number.. 2 506 779	2 206 222	16 997	151 284	563 363	569 820	497 542	407 216
	\$1,000.. 1 746 167	1 556 287	11 101	105 881	401 874	406 523	348 342	282 566
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 13 071	10 459	108	800	2 533	2 377	2 502	2 139
	number.. 1 646 477	1 517 337	9 908	94 252	418 652	390 587	342 863	261 075
	\$1,000.. 1 269 513	1 174 093	7 393	72 041	325 812	302 766	262 526	203 554
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 17 243	13 967	239	1 598	4 235	3 454	2 738	1 703
	number.. 14 651 919	12 626 733	214 325	1 415 939	4 845 218	3 099 173	2 073 269	978 809
Farms with—								
1 to 24	1 258	636	16	48	129	132	136	175
25 to 49	730	444	6	42	93	90	113	100
50 to 99	1 172	858	16	82	172	205	184	199
100 to 199	2 040	1 596	27	165	366	387	375	276
200 to 499	4 653	3 849	61	423	1 161	955	824	425
500 or more	7 390	6 584	113	838	2 314	1 685	1 106	528
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 10 708	9 277	126	978	2 826	2 301	1 887	1 159
	number.. 1 366 141	1 212 697	15 156	145 550	470 576	286 054	195 499	99 862
Other	farms.. 16 685	13 559	230	1 548	4 125	3 354	2 662	1 640
	number.. 13 285 778	11 414 036	199 169	1 270 389	4 374 642	2 813 119	1 877 770	878 947
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 18 370	14 744	257	1 664	4 448	3 679	2 888	1 808
	number.. 27 495 818	23 433 529	321 182	2 921 956	9 115 307	5 685 282	3 651 352	1 738 450
	\$1,000.. 3 029 972	2 595 969	34 973	291 380	1 023 194	636 921	421 597	187 903
Feeder pigs	farms.. 2 344	1 919	33	266	617	488	322	193
	number.. 4 476 541	3 724 776	58 988	717 868	1 453 348	868 776	381 391	244 405
	\$1,000.. 178 272	149 379	2 688	25 445	57 385	36 916	17 005	9 940
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 11 231	9 680	126	1 018	2 925	2 408	1 981	1 222
	number.. 2 167 455	1 923 514	19 999	222 017	779 450	449 897	300 570	151 581
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 10 722	9 297	119	974	2 837	2 329	1 895	1 143
	number.. 1 082 030	959 324	10 010	107 225	388 535	224 799	152 517	76 238
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 10 412	9 058	118	980	2 776	2 238	1 850	1 096
	number.. 1 085 425	964 190	9 989	114 792	390 915	225 098	148 053	75 343
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 4 431	2 418	19	174	536	565	514	610
	number.. 265 305	178 014	1 910	20 862	34 286	46 870	43 435	30 651
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 4 037	2 201	17	154	485	520	466	559
	number.. 138 269	91 876	1 219	10 238	19 744	21 890	22 430	16 355
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 4 536	2 473	19	183	543	579	523	626
	number.. 319 349	214 462	1 994	23 112	45 469	58 727	56 220	28 940
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 3 945	2 183	18	152	487	509	468	549
	number.. 241 676	166 200	1 730	17 006	40 388	40 868	41 791	24 417
	pounds of wool.. 1 517 411	1 039 894	8 003	99 527	232 383	253 485	263 483	183 013
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 9 636	4 571	59	376	1 091	1 083	913	1 049
	number.. 60 421	29 237	288	2 138	6 479	7 331	5 858	7 143
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 2 199	896	10	85	193	239	163	206
	number.. 9 605	4 732	16	218	827	1 492	986	1 193
Goats inventory	farms.. 955	361	2	31	100	82	76	70
	number.. 12 275	6 275	(D)	(D)	1 883	2 413	715	760
Goats sold	farms.. 379	135	1	12	37	27	34	24
	number.. 5 043	1 885	(D)	391	440	413	302	(D)
POULTRY								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 1 892	994	7	97	195	192	214	289
	number.. 24 876 834	17 149 345	(D)	(D)	8 742 983	1 157 523	5 382 743	1 424 135
Farms with—								
1 to 399	1 714	850	4	86	154	164	176	266
400 to 3,199	40	26	—	5	5	5	7	13
3,200 to 9,999	31	33	—	3	2	5	2	2
10,000 to 19,999	22	20	1	1	3	8	6	3
20,000 to 49,999	20	19	—	—	6	7	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	19	12	—	2	5	—	2	3
100,000 or more	46	34	2	—	14	4	12	2
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 1 831	965	6	94	191	186	206	282
	number.. 21 509 521	14 189 604	(D)	(D)	7 583 212	1 071 533	4 153 373	940 250
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 306	170	1	14	33	34	35	53
	number.. 3 367 313	2 959 741	(D)	(D)	1 159 771	85 990	1 229 370	483 885
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 308	207	2	23	46	43	53	40
	number.. 18 534 679	12 876 853	(D)	(D)	3 706 901	1 372 603	5 279 040	2 345 297
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 519	260	9	25	80	65	48	33
	number.. 6 852 810	5 904 525	4 940	1 252 159	903 906	1 348 974	1 728 667	665 879
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	466	220	7	20	70	59	37	27
2,000 to 59,999	24	18	2	1	6	—	6	3
60,000 to 99,999	6	3	—	—	1	2	—	—
100,000 or more	23	19	—	4	3	4	5	3
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 132	48	2	5	10	9	13	9
	number.. 25 726	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Turkeys sold	farms.. 206	128	6	8	48	36	17	13
	number.. 7 279 601	5 540 007	(D)	380 138	1 720 292	2 090 446	921 203	(D)

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LIVESTOCK—Con.							
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 11 575	247	1 361	3 243	3 174	2 153	1 397
	number.. 383 286	4 148	35 594	91 778	113 934	74 571	63 261
	\$1,000.. 213 701	2 017	18 358	50 887	65 119	38 754	38 566
Calves	farms.. 4 640	107	534	1 250	1 269	899	581
	number.. 82 729	1 921	9 589	21 489	22 168	17 519	10 043
	\$1,000.. 23 821	538	2 617	5 943	6 768	5 007	2 948
Cattle	farms.. 9 182	187	1 090	2 624	2 508	1 688	1 085
	number.. 300 557	2 227	26 005	70 289	91 766	57 052	53 218
	\$1,000.. 189 880	1 480	15 741	44 944	58 351	33 747	35 618
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 2 612	63	317	885	680	439	228
	number.. 129 140	970	10 356	34 860	24 326	26 138	32 490
	\$1,000.. 95 420	762	7 781	26 404	17 478	18 040	24 955
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 3 276	89	528	1 204	861	404	190
	number.. 2 025 186	25 898	285 235	635 699	598 040	250 844	229 470
Farms with—							
1 to 24	622	22	79	225	178	76	42
25 to 49	286	12	48	104	70	43	9
50 to 99	314	8	41	105	83	54	23
100 to 199	444	11	76	156	119	49	33
200 to 499	804	21	140	327	204	80	32
500 or more	806	15	144	287	207	102	51
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 1 431	33	185	499	396	198	120
	number.. 153 444	1 287	12 119	26 551	49 505	31 728	32 254
Other	farms.. 3 126	82	504	1 145	824	389	182
	number.. 1 871 742	24 611	273 116	609 148	548 535	219 116	197 216
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 3 626	120	586	1 325	941	442	212
	number.. 4 062 289	44 175	521 817	1 082 247	1 253 278	646 131	514 641
	\$1,000.. 434 003	5 235	59 383	110 725	138 718	63 530	56 414
Feeder pigs	farms.. 425	15	72	135	122	48	33
	number.. 751 765	2 108	37 677	152 025	252 503	206 993	100 459
	\$1,000.. 28 893	104	1 632	5 291	11 221	7 722	2 923
Litters of pigs farrowed between—							
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 551	39	199	548	420	218	127
	number.. 243 941	2 009	19 940	43 630	74 512	51 253	52 597
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 1 425	35	178	496	397	200	119
	number.. 122 706	1 021	10 855	21 715	37 427	25 680	26 008
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 354	34	177	482	370	187	104
	number.. 121 235	988	9 085	21 915	37 085	25 573	26 589
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 2 013	46	202	592	619	365	189
	number.. 87 291	3 502	7 952	26 882	24 925	14 712	9 318
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 836	40	184	541	565	331	175
	number.. 46 393	1 255	4 708	13 213	14 457	9 164	3 596
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 2 063	51	205	603	633	365	206
	number.. 104 887	4 306	16 138	28 587	31 129	15 474	9 253
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 1 762	41	176	520	547	307	171
	number.. 75 476	4 133	10 094	20 888	22 397	12 335	5 629
	pounds of wool.. 477 517	20 393	54 269	131 923	149 858	84 291	36 783
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 5 065	44	506	1 541	1 626	894	454
	number.. 31 184	232	2 669	8 269	10 571	6 327	3 116
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 303	10	131	394	412	234	122
	number.. 4 873	19	444	1 524	1 470	913	503
Goats inventory	farms.. 594	6	50	220	204	84	30
	number.. 6 000	54	442	2 332	2 086	851	235
Goats sold	farms.. 244	3	16	91	84	38	12
	number.. 3 158	(D)	941	796	818	485	(D)
POULTRY							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 898	8	94	322	263	125	86
	number.. 7 727 489	240	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 399	864	8	89	311	257	121	78
400 to 3,199	7	—	2	2	1	—	2
3,200 to 9,999	5	—	—	4	—	—	1
10,000 to 19,999	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
20,000 to 49,999	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	7	—	1	2	1	1	2
100,000 or more	12	—	1	2	4	3	2
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 866	7	89	310	258	120	82
	number.. 7 319 917	204	(D)	(D)	2 737 211	1 598 810	1 386 441
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 136	3	12	43	38	28	12
	number.. 407 572	36	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 101	—	9	40	25	11	16
	number.. 5 657 826	—	(D)	404 124	(D)	1 073 244	707 363
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 259	3	29	108	79	26	14
	number.. 948 285	478	(D)	130 325	467 298	(D)	9 942
Farms with—							
1 to 1,999	246	3	26	104	76	24	13
2,000 to 59,999	6	—	1	3	—	1	1
60,000 to 99,999	3	—	2	1	—	—	—
100,000 or more	4	—	—	—	3	1	—
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 84	—	12	30	25	15	2
	number.. (D)	—	36	437	(D)	67	(D)
Turkeys sold	farms.. 78	—	10	23	23	15	7
	number.. 1 739 594	—	(D)	(D)	1 095 798	351 776	(D)

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 61 860	46 608	617	3 630	10 786	10 525	10 621	10 429
	acres.. 11 595 308	10 298 112	91 704	722 700	2 849 625	2 837 850	2 343 799	1 452 434
	bushels.. 1 537 482 128	1 370 359 056	12 282 708	96 854 762	382 263 961	377 793 736	311 333 315	189 830 574
Irrigated	farms.. 440	370	—	33	89	107	74	67
	acres.. 77 831	68 243	—	5 180	16 847	22 693	12 211	11 312
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	6 289	2 678	50	195	341	393	506	1 193
25 to 99 acres	19 305	11 969	241	956	1 968	1 947	2 442	4 415
100 to 249 acres	20 600	17 125	220	1 468	3 975	3 787	4 343	3 332
250 to 499 acres	11 229	10 584	87	800	3 161	2 975	2 455	1 106
500 acres or more	4 437	4 252	19	211	1 341	1 423	875	383
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 8 405	7 574	79	711	1 998	1 803	1 741	1 242
	acres.. 241 549	224 843	2 131	17 747	56 758	56 016	53 974	38 217
	tons, green.. 3 993 158	3 728 866	34 876	292 784	945 547	931 592	906 346	617 721
Irrigated	farms.. 10	10	—	—	3	—	3	4
	acres.. 342	342	—	—	130	—	108	104
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	5 276	4 611	61	481	1 214	1 038	1 046	771
25 to 99 acres	2 739	2 603	15	207	698	672	603	408
100 to 249 acres	341	314	—	21	80	81	78	54
250 to 499 acres	42	39	3	2	5	10	13	6
500 acres or more	7	7	—	—	1	2	1	3
Wheat for grain	farms.. 719	574	2	39	157	123	132	121
	acres.. 22 123	17 913	(D)	(D)	3 997	3 661	4 152	4 183
	bushels.. 905 333	752 324	(D)	(D)	174 856	169 131	168 159	162 556
Irrigated	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	447	355	1	21	96	79	85	73
25 to 99 acres	235	187	—	12	56	37	41	41
100 to 249 acres	28	25	1	5	5	6	4	4
250 to 499 acres	9	7	—	1	—	1	2	3
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oats for grain	farms.. 10 823	9 135	90	655	2 144	2 199	2 133	1 914
	acres.. 211 985	188 247	1 661	12 262	44 444	47 928	43 117	38 835
	bushels.. 14 293 977	12 835 239	113 551	845 029	3 092 667	3 314 542	2 969 048	2 500 402
Irrigated	farms.. 2	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
	acres.. (D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	8 221	6 736	74	513	1 596	1 567	1 561	1 425
25 to 99 acres	2 496	2 300	15	134	524	605	553	469
100 to 249 acres	101	94	1	8	23	25	18	19
250 to 499 acres	5	5	—	—	1	2	1	1
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 56 436	42 385	575	3 239	9 843	9 648	9 608	9 472
	acres.. 9 944 865	8 767 194	75 934	587 299	2 448 480	2 465 701	1 977 733	1 212 047
	bushels.. 445 574 589	393 798 074	3 395 357	26 563 585	110 802 346	110 388 149	88 829 271	53 819 366
Irrigated	farms.. 294	236	1	20	57	63	52	43
	acres.. 38 664	32 165	(D)	(D)	7 932	9 266	6 826	4 585
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	5 643	2 585	60	211	394	349	480	1 091
25 to 99 acres	19 323	12 147	243	942	2 027	2 006	2 519	4 410
100 to 249 acres	18 358	15 263	193	1 292	3 604	3 520	3 856	2 798
250 to 499 acres	9 661	9 070	69	643	2 768	2 625	2 070	895
500 acres or more	3 451	3 320	10	151	1 050	1 148	683	278
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 109	76	—	8	14	22	11	21
	acres.. 1 468	1 438	—	(D)	(D)	825	11	(D)
	cwt.. 296 675	290 813	—	(D)	(D)	158 066	1 888	(D)
Irrigated	farms.. 19	16	—	—	3	7	2	4
	acres.. 750	749	—	—	(D)	419	(D)	4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	farms.. 37 711	26 221	263	1 880	5 755	5 744	5 923	6 656
	acres.. 1 575 777	1 285 297	12 937	95 620	291 749	300 823	292 364	291 804
	tons, dry.. 4 365 999	3 661 263	33 329	280 315	871 497	888 273	836 705	751 144
Irrigated	farms.. 85	58	—	1	13	12	14	18
	acres.. 1 372	915	—	(D)	182	(D)	233	391
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	18 434	10 740	149	797	2 243	2 222	2 337	2 992
25 to 99 acres	15 422	12 032	86	821	2 654	2 680	2 815	2 976
100 to 249 acres	3 472	3 093	26	232	783	740	699	613
250 to 499 acres	334	312	—	26	69	91	61	65
500 acres or more	49	44	2	4	6	11	11	10
Alfalfa hay	farms.. 31 165	22 326	222	1 639	5 035	4 969	5 059	5 402
	acres.. 1 082 904	891 558	7 127	65 989	206 259	210 314	206 602	195 267
	tons, dry.. 3 406 219	2 875 188	21 290	222 159	693 300	703 252	660 220	574 967
Irrigated	farms.. 65	46	—	1	10	10	12	13
	acres.. 913	687	—	(D)	132	(D)	219	235

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED							
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 15 252	286	1 601	4 161	4 400	2 984	1 820
	acres.. 1 297 196	18 968	132 034	367 713	382 241	237 066	159 174
	bushels.. 167 123 072	2 464 897	16 999 974	47 827 562	49 134 219	30 095 647	20 600 773
Irrigated	farms.. 70	—	4	11	20	18	17
	acres.. 9 588	—	146	1 130	2 974	2 714	2 624
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	3 611	84	338	861	1 057	812	459
25 to 99 acres	7 336	141	828	1 981	2 072	1 452	862
100 to 249 acres	3 475	53	362	1 098	1 025	562	375
250 to 499 acres	645	6	59	187	182	119	92
500 acres or more	185	2	14	34	64	39	32
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 831	14	100	227	239	165	86
	acres.. 16 706	196	1 546	3 729	5 217	3 392	2 626
	tons, green.. 264 292	3 969	26 690	59 736	79 233	55 113	39 551
Irrigated	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	665	12	86	194	192	129	52
25 to 99 acres	136	2	11	26	39	31	27
100 to 249 acres	27	—	3	7	6	4	7
250 to 499 acres	3	—	—	—	2	1	—
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wheat for grain	farms.. 145	—	14	28	53	27	23
	acres.. 4 210	—	433	877	1 452	807	641
	bushels.. 153 009	—	15 234	29 639	47 384	35 254	25 498
Irrigated	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	92	—	8	15	34	18	17
25 to 99 acres	48	—	6	13	16	8	5
100 to 249 acres	3	—	—	—	3	—	—
250 to 499 acres	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oats for grain	farms.. 1 688	27	183	515	508	280	175
	acres.. 23 738	316	2 597	7 164	6 866	4 269	2 526
	bushels.. 1 458 738	19 001	158 591	439 070	414 320	270 521	157 235
Irrigated	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	1 485	25	162	450	456	237	155
25 to 99 acres	196	2	19	64	50	41	20
100 to 249 acres	7	—	2	1	2	2	—
250 to 499 acres	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 14 051	281	1 461	3 825	4 008	2 716	1 760
	acres.. 1 177 671	17 900	119 956	333 259	351 370	215 733	139 453
	bushels.. 51 776 515	806 941	5 349 255	14 704 582	15 505 040	9 337 961	6 072 736
Irrigated	farms.. 58	1	4	9	14	18	12
	acres.. 6 499	(D)	(D)	616	1 198	2 365	1 855
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	3 058	73	259	746	822	698	460
25 to 99 acres	7 176	162	799	1 886	2 083	1 368	878
100 to 249 acres	3 095	43	347	995	867	513	330
250 to 499 acres	591	1	47	181	184	107	71
500 acres or more	131	2	9	17	52	30	21
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 33	—	1	8	14	6	4
	acres.. 30	—	(D)	13	11	(D)	2
	cwt.. 5 862	—	(D)	4 150	832	(D)	410
Irrigated	farms.. 3	—	—	—	3	—	—
	acres.. (Z)	—	—	—	(Z)	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ...	farms.. 11 490	122	1 108	3 127	3 555	2 239	1 339
	acres.. 290 480	2 663	26 930	72 690	91 141	58 321	38 735
	tons, dry.. 704 736	6 744	63 429	182 419	217 530	139 707	94 907
Irrigated	farms.. 27	—	2	8	13	2	2
	acres.. 457	—	(D)	73	261	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	7 694	82	757	2 138	2 354	1 485	878
25 to 99 acres	3 390	37	311	901	1 079	665	397
100 to 249 acres	379	3	38	85	116	81	56
250 to 499 acres	22	—	2	3	4	8	5
500 acres or more	5	—	—	—	2	—	3
Alfalfa hay	farms.. 8 839	99	869	2 444	2 747	1 715	965
	acres.. 191 346	1 775	16 902	49 606	59 475	38 353	25 235
	tons, dry.. 531 031	5 185	46 233	141 348	162 746	104 489	71 030
Irrigated	farms.. 19	—	2	6	8	2	1
	acres.. 226	—	(D)	66	93	(D)	(D)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—								
Con.								
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms . .	786	439	2	31	103	122	85	96
acres . .	12 533	10 204	(D)	(D)	2 701	2 466	2 790	1 684
Irrigated farms . .	117	79	2	3	17	22	17	18
acres . .	1 476	1 358	(D)	(D)	366	276	536	172
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	477	224	1	18	59	65	33	48
5.0 to 24.9 acres	180	108	—	9	19	31	22	27
25.0 to 99.9 acres	99	80	1	1	22	20	20	16
100.0 to 249.9 acres	26	23	—	3	2	5	8	5
250.0 acres or more	4	4	—	—	1	1	2	—
Land in orchards farms . .	448	167	—	7	23	23	40	74
acres . .	2 616	1 375	—	7	143	204	451	571
Irrigated farms . .	19	8	—	—	1	1	3	3
acres . .	118	49	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	324	113	—	7	17	15	25	49
5.0 to 24.9 acres	100	39	—	—	4	5	12	18
25.0 to 99.9 acres	22	14	—	—	2	3	2	7
100.0 to 249.9 acres	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
250.0 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—							
Con.							
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms . .	347	3	18	103	125	55	43
acres . .	2 330	24	90	625	964	196	430
Irrigated farms . .	38	2	1	12	18	2	3
acres . .	119	(D)	(D)	36	61	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres	253	2	12	82	90	39	28
5.0 to 24.9 acres	72	1	5	15	25	16	10
25.0 to 99.9 acres	19	—	1	5	9	—	4
100.0 to 249.9 acres	3	—	—	1	1	—	1
250.0 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land in orchards farms . .	281	2	11	78	95	53	42
acres . .	1 241	(D)	(D)	394	499	190	125
Irrigated farms . .	11	—	—	1	6	2	2
acres . .	69	—	—	(D)	53	(D)	(D)
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres	211	2	10	58	64	40	37
5.0 to 24.9 acres	61	—	1	17	26	13	4
25.0 to 99.9 acres	8	—	—	2	5	—	1
100.0 to 249.9 acres	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
250.0 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.