

**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	61 593	63 278	68 579	352	246	275
Harvested cropland	46 089 268	46 672 188	46 628 519	152 268	104 748	73 470
Full owners	48 280	52 348	57 822	223	174	176
Harvested cropland	19 839 087	18 794 787	17 729 394	46 458	39 143	26 005
Part owners	28 441	26 947	29 956	207	137	172
Harvested cropland	8 465 717	8 264 941	8 839 919	42 085	34 216	26 446
Tenants	18 522	19 139	21 783	118	86	90
Harvested cropland	2 883 181	2 703 228	2 909 784	12 278	11 956	7 046
Percent of tenancy	12.5	14.4	15.5	11.9	9.3	13.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	40 640	42 269	45 527	218	169	173
Not on farm operated	16 678	16 511	17 871	106	60	77
Not reported	4 275	4 498	5 181	28	17	25
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	34 979	39 324	42 607	130	118	112
Other	26 614	23 954	25 972	222	128	163
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	25 892	27 788	29 462	114	91	73
Any	31 891	30 776	34 654	225	136	186
1 to 49 days	3 964	4 319	5 265	16	12	12
50 to 99 days	1 773	1 971	2 355	9	6	7
100 to 149 days	1 748	1 821	2 246	13	11	10
150 to 199 days	2 899	2 908	3 111	16	18	9
200 days or more	21 507	19 757	21 677	171	89	148
Not reported	3 810	4 714	4 463	13	19	16
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	2 595	2 604	3 511	22	13	12
3 or 4 years	3 254	3 697	3 873	24	29	20
5 to 9 years	7 177	7 499	8 552	66	31	50
10 years or more	38 615	38 798	40 624	165	123	137
Average years on present farm	22.8	22.3	21.3	16.6	16.5	16.4
Not reported	9 952	10 680	12 019	75	50	56
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	992	1 375	1 712	4	1	3
25 to 34 years	4 526	6 764	9 531	24	30	36
35 to 44 years	12 518	12 854	12 471	89	53	55
45 to 49 years	7 129	5 894	5 926	51	15	30
50 to 54 years	6 464	5 751	6 781	38	27	36
55 to 59 years	5 902	6 254	7 581	27	25	23
60 to 64 years	6 259	7 005	8 407	35	36	30
65 to 69 years	6 083	6 716	6 564	32	24	24
70 years and over	11 720	10 665	9 606	52	35	38
Average age	54.4	53.2	52.0	52.9	53.3	52.2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	57 807	60 094	65 619	320	233	258
Female	44 633 458	45 328 810	45 488 481	138 442	98 693	70 156
Not reported	3 786	3 184	2 960	32	13	17
Harvested cropland	1 455 810	1 343 378	1 140 038	13 826	6 055	3 314
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):</b>						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	332	154	108	52	28	20
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	258 583	107 279	55 373	16 113	4 159	5 088
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	52 743	44 851	47 928	238	113	147
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	8 518	18 273	20 543	62	105	108
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	53 196	54 952	60 202	320	215	242
Partnership	34 447 932	35 545 160	36 420 471	134 730	73 924	57 568
Corporation	5 196	5 686	5 889	21	23	28
Family held:	6 235 625	6 444 011	6 151 580	2 917	(D)	8 694
More than 10 stockholders	2 576	2 222	2 100	7	6	2
10 or less stockholders	4 829 479	4 210 848	3 606 121	7 886	13 384	(D)
Other than family held:	44	42	23	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	73 676	93 797	40 087	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	2 357	1 994	1 919	6	6	2
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	4 554 830	3 938 046	3 406 658	(D)	13 384	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	24	25	17	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	18 911	29 219	5 299	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	151	161	141	1	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	182 062	149 786	154 077	(D)	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	625	418	388	4	2	3
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	576 232	472 169	450 347	6 735	(D)	(D)

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