

**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
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>								
Farms.....number..	61 593	34 979	501	2 187	6 019	6 400	6 709	13 163
.....percent..	100.0	56.8	.8	3.6	9.8	10.4	10.9	21.4
Land in farms.....acres..	46 089 268	38 775 162	327 420	2 123 654	8 151 240	9 485 294	8 437 233	10 250 321
Average size of farm.....acres..	748	1 109	654	971	1 354	1 482	1 258	779
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>								
Total sales (see text).....farms..	61 593	34 979	501	2 187	6 019	6 400	6 709	13 163
.....\$1,000..	9 207 130	7 356 886	52 096	461 581	1 913 278	2 148 143	1 514 959	1 266 830
Average per farm.....dollars..	149 483	210 323	103 984	211 057	317 873	335 647	225 810	96 242
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text).....	6 796	1 661	16	58	161	195	261	970
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....	4 172	944	10	38	109	107	182	498
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	5 068	1 438	30	66	126	146	247	823
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	6 767	2 572	51	134	228	281	402	1 476
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	7 734	3 692	76	216	353	428	587	2 032
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	2 559	1 388	22	77	155	158	263	713
\$25,000 to \$39,999.....	5 272	3 380	72	189	407	449	632	1 631
\$40,000 to \$49,999.....	2 485	1 769	36	119	278	271	351	714
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	7 304	5 785	80	441	1 041	1 052	1 135	2 036
\$100,000 to \$249,999.....	8 016	7 253	72	512	1 837	1 782	1 536	1 514
\$250,000 to \$499,999.....	3 417	3 249	21	214	864	963	711	476
\$500,000 to \$999,999.....	1 324	1 247	9	91	314	395	269	169
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999.....	454	422	5	26	101	114	94	82
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999.....	83	79	—	—	18	29	19	13
\$5,000,000 or more.....	142	100	1	6	27	30	20	16
Grains.....farms..	36 838	26 543	360	1 720	5 004	5 231	5 201	9 027
.....\$1,000..	2 952 786	2 670 020	29 508	173 081	655 968	728 580	574 564	508 320
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	14 515	13 099	137	903	3 191	3 283	2 845	2 740
.....\$1,000..	2 564 720	2 399 343	24 642	155 470	615 503	684 707	525 208	393 813
Corn for grain.....farms..	9 481	7 951	133	660	1 910	1 921	1 564	1 763
.....\$1,000..	828 473	775 716	11 886	58 272	210 270	228 416	159 093	107 780
Wheat.....farms..	30 326	22 862	276	1 433	4 423	4 568	4 485	7 677
.....\$1,000..	1 191 123	1 061 843	8 463	57 824	240 608	273 029	235 496	246 422
Soybeans.....farms..	14 703	10 871	157	749	2 179	2 264	2 235	3 287
.....\$1,000..	466 631	411 996	4 961	27 129	101 183	114 390	87 347	76 986
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	18 874	14 841	212	1 070	3 125	3 139	2 979	4 316
.....\$1,000..	438 010	394 213	3 987	28 375	97 645	104 681	87 041	72 483
Barley.....farms..	98	80	—	6	17	18	15	24
.....\$1,000..	665	576	—	32	97	187	70	190
Oats.....farms..	1 316	1 055	6	63	220	219	193	354
.....\$1,000..	3 609	3 132	14	150	667	855	646	800
Other grains.....farms..	1 174	1 006	9	77	271	275	198	176
.....\$1,000..	24 275	22 545	196	1 298	5 498	7 023	4 871	3 659
Cotton and cottonseed.....farms..	45	41	—	6	8	16	4	7
.....\$1,000..	(D)	(D)	—	198	(D)	1 478	211	336
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	15	15	—	1	2	7	2	3
.....\$1,000..	1 913	1 913	—	(D)	(D)	1 279	(D)	247
Tobacco.....farms..	12	6	—	2	—	1	1	2
.....\$1,000..	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds.....farms..	14 030	8 566	93	576	1 701	1 731	1 651	2 814
.....\$1,000..	209 777	176 592	1 868	10 796	41 183	54 381	34 125	34 239
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	772	696	11	50	189	195	147	104
.....\$1,000..	120 521	108 939	1 233	5 535	25 385	38 777	21 063	16 947
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons.....farms..	398	236	—	12	55	58	50	61
.....\$1,000..	3 454	2 528	—	171	667	655	785	251
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	15	13	—	1	3	4	5	—
.....\$1,000..	(D)	1 159	—	(D)	335	(D)	443	—
Fruits, nuts, and berries.....farms..	205	98	—	3	7	25	16	47
.....\$1,000..	1 621	1 030	—	35	93	389	113	400
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	7	3	—	—	—	1	—	2
.....\$1,000..	765	479	—	—	—	(D)	—	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse crops.....farms..	528	190	—	10	42	59	34	45
.....\$1,000..	49 302	34 180	—	1 599	8 049	5 256	17 715	1 562
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	105	59	—	5	15	22	10	7
.....\$1,000..	45 110	32 714	—	1 492	7 770	4 827	17 352	1 273
Other crops.....farms..	72	52	—	2	7	17	11	15
.....\$1,000..	2 187	2 017	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	6	5	—	—	—	3	1	1
.....\$1,000..	1 957	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Poultry and poultry products.....farms..	901	413	1	20	85	96	75	136
.....\$1,000..	47 976	43 736	(D)	2 805	7 791	28 306	3 213	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	64	56	—	7	13	22	7	7
.....\$1,000..	46 794	43 191	—	2 801	7 670	28 172	3 143	1 405
Dairy products.....farms..	1 073	956	10	56	225	236	196	233
.....\$1,000..	158 909	139 480	317	11 913	47 960	30 797	24 365	24 128
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	703	664	2	36	172	176	131	147
.....\$1,000..	150 638	132 619	(D)	(D)	46 723	29 202	22 578	22 332
Cattle and calves.....farms..	36 207	22 513	293	1 429	4 039	4 221	4 434	8 097
.....\$1,000..	5 456 072	3 988 220	19 622	236 676	1 091 470	1 213 595	804 440	622 418
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	5 750	5 030	47	346	1 133	1 251	1 052	1 201
.....\$1,000..	5 082 804	3 723 477	16 430	219 638	1 041 752	1 163 106	751 463	531 087

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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
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>							
Farms .....	26 614	491	2 339	6 499	7 193	5 452	4 640
number .....							
percent .....	43.2	.8	3.8	10.6	11.7	8.9	7.5
Land in farms .....	7 314 106	174 635	484 879	1 634 463	2 089 677	1 606 483	1 323 969
acres .....							
Average size of farm .....	275	356	207	251	291	295	285
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>							
Total sales (see text) .....	26 614	491	2 339	6 499	7 193	5 452	4 640
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 850 244	7 559	94 849	346 108	593 324	492 577	315 826
Average per farm .....	69 521	15 395	40 551	53 256	82 486	90 348	68 066
dollars .....							
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	5 135	61	333	1 059	1 267	1 089	1 326
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	3 228	61	298	868	877	624	500
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3 630	82	378	884	997	724	565
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4 195	100	381	1 062	1 111	843	698
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	4 042	85	379	961	1 108	864	645
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 171	20	122	273	319	258	179
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	1 892	43	170	496	543	391	249
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	716	11	61	207	209	140	88
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 519	16	133	416	462	278	214
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	763	10	65	209	215	163	101
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	168	2	15	35	40	40	36
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	77	—	3	10	26	18	20
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	32	—	—	10	7	7	8
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	4	—	—	1	—	1	2
\$5,000,000 or more .....	42	—	1	8	12	12	9
Grains .....	10 295	202	895	2 520	2 791	2 196	1 691
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	282 765	3 252	23 132	69 820	79 343	59 603	47 615
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	1 416	13	110	358	411	309	215
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	165 377	951	12 499	40 352	46 959	34 661	29 955
Corn for grain .....	1 530	41	166	403	392	294	234
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	52 757	589	4 756	11 506	14 677	11 600	9 629
Wheat .....	7 464	137	624	1 839	1 983	1 615	1 266
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	129 280	1 360	10 031	31 306	36 253	27 231	23 099
Soybeans .....	3 832	81	367	981	1 019	836	548
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	54 635	(D)	4 016	(D)	15 338	11 725	8 297
Sorghum for grain .....	4 033	79	424	1 084	1 090	812	544
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	43 797	625	4 214	11 844	12 096	8 762	6 256
Barley .....	18	—	3	3	3	6	3
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	89	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	63	7
Oats .....	261	2	15	78	78	63	25
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	476	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	92	62
Other grains .....	168	1	19	42	58	22	26
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 731	(D)	(D)	411	825	130	264
Cotton and cottonseed .....	4	—	2	—	—	1	1
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	(D)	—	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco .....	6	—	—	—	2	2	2
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	5 464	66	469	1 393	1 534	1 198	804
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	33 186	962	3 004	8 688	8 944	5 909	5 679
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	76	3	8	25	22	7	11
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	11 582	675	1 107	3 168	2 787	1 301	2 544
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	162	2	17	47	44	31	21
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	926	(D)	(D)	(D)	181	109	125
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	107	—	9	23	29	21	25
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	591	—	34	79	214	37	226
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	4	—	—	—	2	—	2
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	285	—	—	—	(D)	—	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	338	3	9	103	95	71	57
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	15 122	(D)	(D)	5 146	3 925	2 934	2 851
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	46	—	2	19	16	7	2
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	12 396	—	(D)	4 363	3 227	2 309	(D)
Other crops .....	20	—	1	5	9	4	1
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	171	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Poultry and poultry products .....	488	5	55	163	148	73	44
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	4 241	(D)	161	1 402	1 914	(D)	625
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	8	—	2	2	3	—	1
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	3 604	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Dairy products .....	117	4	14	26	34	20	19
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	19 429	(D)	(D)	1 285	15 494	1 174	692
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	39	1	4	12	9	10	3
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	18 019	(D)	466	1 068	(D)	969	323
Cattle and calves .....	13 694	289	1 396	3 686	3 797	2 665	1 861
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 467 852	2 912	64 611	249 078	476 692	418 542	256 018
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	720	9	57	159	209	154	132
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 359 327	860	54 224	220 441	445 588	396 901	241 312

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			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs .....	farms.. 2 873	1 947	37	178	546	425	361	400
	\$1,000.. 299 836	280 776	631	23 701	56 292	79 373	50 698	70 080
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 754	680	2	70	212	171	123	102
	\$1,000.. 275 846	262 132	(D)	(D)	51 125	75 078	47 658	66 205
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	farms.. 1 505	740	10	38	173	151	165	203
	\$1,000.. 9 971	7 929	130	182	1 679	2 106	2 498	1 334
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 36	33	1	2	11	10	6	3
	\$1,000.. 4 912	4 739	(D)	(D)	1 000	1 382	1 611	540
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	farms.. 2 288	940	9	58	179	233	203	258
	\$1,000.. 12 599	7 813	(D)	(D)	1 818	2 112	1 558	1 901
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 36	31	—	1	5	9	8	8
	\$1,000.. 4 390	3 794	—	(D)	923	1 144	(D)	924
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	farms.. 1 492	666	3	44	151	153	132	183
	\$1,000.. 3 663	2 386	(D)	(D)	518	591	587	579
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>								
Total farm production expenses .....	farms.. 61 591	34 834	530	2 179	5 909	6 206	6 273	13 737
	\$1,000.. 7 290 703	5 659 230	41 765	358 301	1 438 925	1 655 337	1 169 069	995 834
Average per farm .....	dollars.. 118 373	162 463	78 801	164 434	243 514	266 732	186 365	72 493
Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms.. 19 518	12 220	194	917	2 585	2 592	2 308	3 624
	\$1,000.. 2 687 621	1 924 424	8 941	114 335	548 857	571 990	410 840	269 461
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	10 568	5 612	79	359	1 037	1 078	1 032	2 027
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	5 060	3 361	57	299	783	734	618	870
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	2 387	1 927	49	169	457	426	365	461
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	753	662	4	54	152	168	145	139
\$250,000 or more .....	750	658	5	36	156	186	148	127
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms.. 32 955	20 224	267	1 330	3 865	3 962	3 904	6 896
	\$1,000.. 1 506 407	1 104 366	1 630	84 665	293 533	352 172	199 981	172 384
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	22 738	11 978	196	638	2 068	1 963	2 294	4 819
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	7 019	5 397	59	463	1 072	1 256	1 075	1 472
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	2 286	2 048	10	172	518	525	377	446
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	492	449	2	35	118	107	83	104
\$250,000 or more .....	420	352	—	22	89	111	75	55
Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms.. 19 188	11 644	148	759	2 358	2 481	2 257	3 641
	\$1,000.. 330 124	263 808	714	17 151	71 582	100 159	38 065	36 136
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	14 396	7 542	116	429	1 346	1 491	1 511	2 649
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	3 375	2 845	27	220	655	651	512	780
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 075	965	5	91	275	251	181	162
\$100,000 or more .....	342	292	—	19	82	88	53	50
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms.. 36 221	25 808	389	1 720	4 843	5 115	4 993	8 748
	\$1,000.. 167 748	151 249	2 519	11 633	34 617	41 233	33 804	27 444
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	14 572	7 920	98	459	1 067	873	1 367	4 056
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	13 501	10 341	138	647	1 960	2 213	2 047	3 336
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	6 888	6 338	144	533	1 502	1 636	1 312	1 211
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	978	940	3	53	245	303	219	117
\$50,000 or more .....	282	269	6	28	69	90	48	28
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms.. 42 255	27 843	394	1 786	4 986	5 190	5 313	10 174
	\$1,000.. 373 353	331 459	4 766	20 920	76 299	87 260	72 730	69 484
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	25 451	13 168	169	688	1 766	1 638	2 197	6 710
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	13 065	11 100	185	894	2 309	2 531	2 294	2 887
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	2 625	2 517	32	153	639	704	563	426
\$50,000 or more .....	1 114	1 058	8	51	272	317	259	151
Agricultural chemicals .....	farms.. 35 165	23 377	384	1 582	4 286	4 700	4 311	8 114
	\$1,000.. 224 156	199 501	3 514	13 094	47 018	56 896	40 913	38 066
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	24 354	13 655	174	814	2 027	2 110	2 332	6 198
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	8 762	7 757	190	669	1 722	1 963	1 578	1 635
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 461	1 400	13	65	390	435	281	216
\$50,000 or more .....	588	565	7	34	147	192	120	65
Petroleum products .....	farms.. 56 929	33 612	508	2 128	5 764	6 043	6 121	13 048
	\$1,000.. 294 353	252 979	3 003	16 486	56 883	67 837	51 860	56 910
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	42 074	20 199	317	1 227	2 641	2 478	3 340	10 196
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	12 984	11 642	179	793	2 682	3 028	2 390	2 570
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 314	1 253	7	77	309	365	278	217
\$50,000 or more .....	557	518	5	31	132	172	113	65
Gasoline and gasohol .....	farms.. 47 880	29 019	447	1 793	5 079	5 258	5 424	11 018
	\$1,000.. 80 101	65 706	856	3 944	13 744	16 725	13 296	17 141
Diesel fuel .....	farms.. 43 072	28 585	439	1 892	5 207	5 463	5 378	10 206
	\$1,000.. 133 036	115 676	1 393	6 873	26 383	31 155	23 711	26 162
Natural gas .....	farms.. 4 702	4 002	53	324	846	1 016	848	915
	\$1,000.. 49 868	45 789	412	4 026	10 977	13 461	9 858	7 054
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. ....	farms.. 46 073	30 346	450	1 879	5 309	5 650	5 730	11 328
	\$1,000.. 31 349	25 808	342	1 643	5 778	6 497	4 996	6 553

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		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs .. farms..	926	26	114	359	241	118	68
\$1,000..	19 060	260	2 261	8 354	4 167	2 534	1 484
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	74	—	10	34	16	7	7
\$1,000..	13 715	—	1 513	6 396	2 844	1 763	1 198
Sheep, lambs, and wool .. farms..	765	27	70	269	228	120	51
\$1,000..	2 042	41	252	516	598	436	201
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	3	—	—	1	1	1	—
\$1,000..	173	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .. farms..	1 348	8	136	402	448	243	111
\$1,000..	4 786	10	357	1 291	1 814	1 017	296
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	5	—	—	1	3	1	—
\$1,000..	596	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .. farms..	826	10	107	278	234	135	62
\$1,000..	1 278	20	198	416	300	173	170
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
Total farm production expenses .. farms..	26 757	443	2 335	6 560	7 269	5 528	4 622
\$1,000..	1 631 472	4 873	88 688	297 748	531 519	449 027	259 617
Average per farm .. dollars..	60 974	11 001	37 982	45 388	73 121	81 228	56 170
Livestock and poultry purchased .. farms..	7 298	107	859	2 216	2 079	1 270	767
\$1,000..	763 197	904	36 898	116 017	236 494	262 048	110 837
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	4 956	73	604	1 595	1 403	847	434
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 699	25	173	469	489	297	246
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	460	9	77	119	131	74	50
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	91	—	3	18	30	26	14
\$250,000 or more ..	92	—	2	15	26	26	23
Feed for livestock and poultry .. farms..	12 731	213	1 346	3 619	3 747	2 362	1 444
\$1,000..	402 041	625	19 941	71 404	148 601	90 295	71 175
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	10 760	170	1 149	3 119	3 159	1 929	1 234
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 622	36	164	435	482	361	144
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	238	7	29	34	78	49	41
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	43	—	3	16	10	6	8
\$250,000 or more ..	68	—	1	15	18	17	17
Commercially mixed formula feeds .. farms..	7 544	137	821	2 131	2 291	1 424	740
\$1,000..	66 316	364	3 783	19 018	20 061	16 955	6 135
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	6 854	121	754	1 992	2 069	1 258	660
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	530	16	55	108	168	130	53
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	110	—	11	19	40	22	18
\$100,000 or more ..	50	—	1	12	14	14	9
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .. farms..	10 413	185	972	2 762	2 747	2 135	1 612
\$1,000..	16 499	158	1 616	4 340	4 494	3 129	2 761
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 ..	6 652	141	560	1 777	1 700	1 406	1 068
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	3 160	44	349	807	890	614	456
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	550	—	62	167	141	105	75
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	38	—	1	8	13	8	8
\$50,000 or more ..	13	—	—	3	3	2	5
Commercial fertilizer .. farms..	14 412	203	1 314	3 698	4 009	3 016	2 172
\$1,000..	41 894	429	3 435	10 235	12 874	9 122	5 798
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	12 283	187	1 158	3 117	3 297	2 568	1 956
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 965	16	135	553	657	420	184
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	108	—	19	15	39	17	18
\$50,000 or more ..	56	—	2	13	16	11	14
Agricultural chemicals .. farms..	11 788	222	1 067	3 074	3 173	2 392	1 860
\$1,000..	24 656	278	2 128	6 833	6 393	4 913	4 110
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	10 699	217	981	2 749	2 860	2 217	1 675
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 005	5	84	306	280	157	173
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	61	—	2	13	28	11	7
\$50,000 or more ..	23	—	—	6	5	7	5
Petroleum products .. farms..	23 317	391	2 102	5 917	6 359	4 762	3 786
\$1,000..	41 374	429	2 930	10 273	12 597	8 360	6 785
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	21 875	384	2 006	5 568	5 928	4 456	3 533
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 342	7	91	325	405	287	227
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	61	—	4	14	19	7	17
\$50,000 or more ..	39	—	1	10	7	12	9
Gasoline and gasohol .. farms..	18 861	274	1 688	4 838	5 115	3 949	2 997
\$1,000..	14 395	174	1 006	3 516	4 112	3 125	2 461
Diesel fuel .. farms..	14 487	252	1 411	3 567	4 051	2 929	2 277
\$1,000..	17 360	216	1 275	4 185	5 316	3 416	2 952
Natural gas .. farms..	700	8	101	147	188	137	119
\$1,000..	4 079	1	278	1 121	1 473	865	341
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. .. farms..	15 727	209	1 377	3 986	4 400	3 249	2 506
\$1,000..	5 541	40	370	1 451	1 696	953	1 031

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	
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>									
—Con.									
Total farm production expenses—Con.									
Electricity .....	farms ..	40 578	26 656	355	1 531	4 669	5 163	5 092	9 846
	\$1,000 ..	60 077	48 506	357	2 567	11 340	12 832	9 628	11 782
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999 .....		29 131	16 889	264	895	2 549	2 655	3 067	7 459
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....		9 610	8 101	78	575	1 663	2 011	1 676	2 098
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		1 642	1 513	12	55	417	450	312	267
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		110	90	1	2	25	27	26	9
\$50,000 or more .....		85	63	—	4	15	20	11	13
Hired farm labor .....	farms ..	20 660	14 952	193	964	3 103	3 577	2 895	4 220
	\$1,000 ..	306 410	250 694	1 880	14 032	54 828	76 989	56 807	46 158
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		13 643	8 796	126	652	1 676	1 713	1 592	3 037
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		4 813	4 130	49	216	960	1 240	835	830
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....		1 842	1 722	17	83	397	528	397	300
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....		226	201	1	5	49	59	49	38
\$250,000 or more .....		136	103	—	8	21	37	22	15
Workers by days worked:									
150 days or more .....	farms ..	7 344	6 009	61	285	1 263	1 660	1 324	1 416
	workers ..	16 970	13 784	92	788	2 940	4 234	3 115	2 615
Less than 150 days .....	farms ..	18 573	13 083	162	899	2 727	3 038	2 426	3 831
	workers ..	43 461	31 794	433	1 773	7 035	8 616	5 564	8 373
Contract labor .....	farms ..	6 973	4 798	63	270	1 091	996	929	1 449
	\$1,000 ..	29 419	24 480	268	1 337	5 509	7 263	4 651	5 452
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999 .....		2 848	1 511	44	91	299	190	271	616
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....		2 735	2 111	9	130	516	478	415	563
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		1 198	1 004	6	36	228	279	213	242
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		127	117	3	9	36	29	20	20
\$50,000 or more .....		65	55	1	4	12	20	10	8
Repair and maintenance .....	farms ..	50 328	31 050	406	1 951	5 329	5 761	5 781	11 822
	\$1,000 ..	358 071	304 835	2 552	16 134	66 927	80 164	64 150	74 908
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		32 501	15 656	286	1 010	1 995	1 979	2 530	7 856
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		15 071	12 822	99	806	2 707	3 064	2 640	3 506
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		2 008	1 890	13	108	464	523	453	329
\$50,000 or more .....		748	682	8	27	163	195	158	131
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment .....	farms ..	23 546	16 257	240	1 063	2 962	3 160	3 297	5 535
	\$1,000 ..	160 477	134 719	2 032	7 657	27 834	36 204	29 956	31 036
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999 .....		7 447	3 986	26	271	567	514	754	1 854
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....		9 177	6 457	112	465	1 201	1 185	1 253	2 241
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		5 575	4 573	81	260	907	1 101	991	1 233
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		906	837	16	45	188	235	195	158
\$50,000 or more .....		441	404	5	22	99	125	104	49
Interest .....	farms ..	32 648	20 855	370	1 504	4 423	4 746	4 083	5 729
	\$1,000 ..	351 690	286 719	2 720	15 263	66 249	81 271	65 230	55 984
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		17 374	8 827	216	707	1 519	1 576	1 501	3 308
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		12 320	9 303	142	660	2 261	2 401	1 888	1 951
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....		2 699	2 507	11	127	597	701	635	436
\$100,000 or more .....		255	218	1	10	46	68	59	34
Secured by real estate .....	farms ..	23 007	14 335	178	804	3 011	3 293	2 963	4 086
	\$1,000 ..	178 621	142 480	1 309	6 818	29 791	37 218	35 305	32 039
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999 .....		2 993	1 402	1	37	229	202	255	678
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....		10 068	5 132	88	358	1 095	1 050	878	1 663
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		8 693	6 647	84	373	1 457	1 724	1 505	1 504
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		941	868	4	29	155	247	252	181
\$50,000 or more .....		312	286	1	7	75	70	73	60
Not secured by real estate .....	farms ..	20 557	14 232	309	1 061	3 332	3 403	2 798	3 329
	\$1,000 ..	173 069	144 239	1 411	8 446	36 458	44 053	29 925	23 945
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999 .....		5 264	2 757	75	115	492	456	512	1 107
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....		8 269	5 244	142	472	1 169	1 173	1 023	1 265
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		5 907	5 215	85	412	1 408	1 473	1 029	808
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		733	672	3	48	172	195	149	105
\$50,000 or more .....		384	344	4	14	91	106	85	44
Cash rent .....	farms ..	18 302	13 420	270	1 085	3 106	3 061	2 618	3 280
	\$1,000 ..	186 278	167 370	1 987	12 148	44 429	49 496	31 989	27 320
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		10 926	6 940	193	561	1 285	1 312	1 414	2 175
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....		2 712	2 282	6	178	646	610	386	456
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....		3 043	2 638	53	226	733	698	506	422
\$25,000 or more .....		1 621	1 560	18	120	442	441	312	227
Property taxes .....	farms ..	57 280	32 826	388	1 825	5 414	5 853	6 068	13 278
	\$1,000 ..	117 225	88 391	640	3 655	13 873	18 065	19 956	32 202
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		52 467	28 604	366	1 681	4 772	4 876	4 935	11 974
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....		3 459	3 049	13	103	447	698	820	968
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....		1 187	1 033	7	34	171	246	280	295
\$25,000 or more .....		167	140	2	7	24	33	33	41
All other farm production expenses .....	farms ..	56 328	33 584	502	2 141	5 759	6 050	6 116	13 016
	\$1,000 ..	467 416	389 541	4 956	24 375	90 728	115 666	76 574	77 242
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		40 109	19 442	325	1 102	2 603	2 441	3 195	9 776
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		12 879	11 042	144	836	2 383	2 712	2 259	2 708
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		2 099	1 969	24	137	472	561	415	360
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....		813	762	4	46	204	214	175	119
\$100,000 or more .....		428	369	5	20	97	122	72	53

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
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity . . . . . farms . . . . .	13 922	199	1 160	3 691	3 881	2 955	2 036
\$1,000 . . . . .	11 571	71	528	2 968	3 571	2 487	1 947
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	12 242	182	1 065	3 262	3 421	2 536	1 776
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 509	17	82	383	418	382	227
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	129	—	13	36	29	29	22
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	20	—	—	6	7	1	6
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	22	—	—	4	6	7	5
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 708	72	482	1 665	1 732	1 103	654
\$1,000 . . . . .	55 716	88	2 012	12 637	18 455	10 491	12 032
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	4 847	64	426	1 444	1 425	944	544
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	683	8	53	177	256	120	69
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	120	—	2	28	36	27	27
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	25	—	—	9	7	3	6
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	33	—	1	7	8	9	8
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 335	27	99	319	428	278	184
workers . . . . .	3 186	27	114	778	926	779	562
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 490	72	481	1 594	1 664	1 051	628
workers . . . . .	11 667	141	1 024	3 471	3 538	2 077	1 416
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 175	25	207	537	577	486	343
\$1,000 . . . . .	4 939	16	425	730	1 095	1 255	1 418
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 337	20	150	396	339	257	175
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	624	5	31	116	186	189	97
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	194	—	26	23	50	35	60
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	10	—	—	2	1	3	4
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	10	—	—	—	1	2	7
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	19 278	231	1 724	4 959	5 474	4 024	2 866
\$1,000 . . . . .	53 236	297	3 771	13 104	16 150	11 565	8 349
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	16 845	223	1 535	4 346	4 692	3 512	2 537
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	2 249	8	177	565	735	466	298
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	118	—	10	29	35	30	14
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	66	—	2	19	12	16	17
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	7 289	117	694	1 793	2 046	1 525	1 114
\$1,000 . . . . .	25 758	186	2 205	4 689	8 887	6 124	3 668
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	3 461	71	365	963	895	717	450
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 720	36	230	553	845	601	455
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 002	10	93	267	262	169	201
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	69	—	4	8	37	17	3
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	37	—	2	2	7	21	5
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	11 793	162	1 200	3 389	3 546	2 338	1 158
\$1,000 . . . . .	64 971	202	4 541	15 532	23 099	13 529	8 069
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	8 547	154	909	2 477	2 379	1 726	902
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	3 017	8	279	877	1 065	566	222
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	192	—	11	27	92	37	25
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	37	—	1	8	10	9	9
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	8 672	34	736	2 577	2 808	1 723	794
\$1,000 . . . . .	36 141	65	2 500	9 617	13 132	7 320	3 507
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 591	9	135	456	398	428	165
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	4 936	23	432	1 541	1 591	885	464
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	2 046	2	167	563	776	391	147
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	73	—	1	14	35	10	13
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	26	—	1	3	8	9	5
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	6 325	135	721	1 756	1 892	1 164	657
\$1,000 . . . . .	28 831	136	2 041	5 915	9 967	6 209	4 562
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	2 507	91	308	659	674	486	289
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 025	38	321	879	976	528	283
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	692	6	89	203	204	123	67
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	61	—	1	7	26	20	7
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	40	—	2	8	12	7	11
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	4 882	180	682	1 303	1 409	914	394
\$1,000 . . . . .	18 908	361	2 263	5 033	5 784	3 247	2 220
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 986	168	562	1 056	1 141	742	317
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	430	10	52	127	114	101	26
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	405	2	65	99	130	64	45
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	61	—	3	21	24	7	6
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	24 454	250	1 878	5 943	6 738	5 318	4 327
\$1,000 . . . . .	28 835	314	1 618	5 750	8 307	7 357	5 488
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	23 863	243	1 852	5 848	6 534	5 163	4 223
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	410	—	25	77	164	94	50
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	154	7	1	15	34	51	46
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	27	—	—	3	6	10	8
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	22 744	357	2 028	5 671	6 199	4 737	3 752
\$1,000 . . . . .	77 876	515	4 378	18 202	24 717	15 105	14 958
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	20 667	336	1 908	5 141	5 488	4 321	3 473
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 837	21	107	486	633	363	227
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	130	—	10	23	45	25	27
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	51	—	2	9	19	11	10
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	59	—	1	12	14	17	15

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[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
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>								
All farms..... number..	61 591	34 834	530	2 179	5 909	6 206	6 273	13 737
..... \$1,000..	1 877 913	1 652 520	19 487	111 693	436 260	469 756	326 025	289 298
Average per farm..... dollars..	30 490	47 440	36 769	51 259	73 830	75 694	51 973	21 060
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	37 570	25 586	415	1 672	4 660	4 814	4 614	9 411
Average net gain..... dollars..	56 318	70 740	50 609	73 632	101 411	104 087	77 177	35 713
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	3 163	1 148	19	51	160	108	147	663
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	12 407	6 470	137	299	776	882	928	3 448
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	13 355	9 971	148	690	1 868	1 705	1 833	3 727
\$50,000 or more.....	8 645	7 997	111	632	1 856	2 119	1 706	1 573
Farms with net losses..... number..	24 021	9 248	115	507	1 249	1 392	1 659	4 326
Average net loss..... dollars..	9 906	17 024	13 177	22 523	29 076	22 497	18 125	10 818
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	4 626	1 349	15	55	141	114	228	796
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	14 522	5 021	49	241	627	682	856	2 566
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	4 384	2 437	43	181	402	465	475	871
\$50,000 or more.....	489	441	8	30	79	131	100	93
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>								
Government payments..... farms..	39 735	26 418	300	1 526	4 781	5 113	5 168	9 530
..... \$1,000..	343 771	283 538	2 084	13 838	57 159	69 206	60 722	80 529
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	24 249	16 309	276	1 016	2 828	3 109	3 124	5 956
..... \$1,000..	119 958	95 675	2 530	5 961	18 449	21 116	17 813	29 805
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	6 333	4 963	169	588	1 180	1 273	899	854
..... \$1,000..	53 778	48 507	2 391	5 000	12 367	13 501	8 527	6 722
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	8 643	4 619	29	98	458	643	800	2 591
..... \$1,000..	51 224	34 413	52	291	3 526	4 406	6 654	19 484
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	271	157	8	15	17	8	32	77
..... \$1,000..	727	537	1	25	161	24	59	267
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	15 800	11 829	120	700	2 059	2 334	2 370	4 246
..... \$1,000..	14 229	12 218	86	646	2 396	3 185	2 574	3 333
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>								
Total..... farms..	4 406	3 551	71	279	820	821	675	885
..... \$1,000..	91 100	84 092	890	4 933	20 232	24 292	18 517	15 228
Corn..... farms..	960	859	30	78	239	231	146	135
..... \$1,000..	21 830	20 745	228	1 372	6 133	6 033	3 951	3 028
Wheat..... farms..	3 582	2 877	50	227	650	634	545	771
..... \$1,000..	50 721	46 042	313	2 326	10 445	12 446	10 860	9 652
Soybeans..... farms..	550	447	17	43	102	115	91	79
..... \$1,000..	11 228	10 557	286	895	2 118	3 541	1 970	1 748
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	1 237	1 015	25	93	271	237	178	211
..... \$1,000..	7 211	6 636	64	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 678	793
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	12	12	—	1	3	1	4	3
..... \$1,000..	112	112	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	58	8
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>								
Total cropland..... farms..	54 145	32 633	428	2 002	5 674	6 046	6 351	12 132
..... acres..	30 020 580	25 691 700	241 274	1 433 146	5 673 067	6 444 917	5 534 139	6 365 157
Harvested cropland..... farms..	48 280	30 668	400	1 916	5 474	5 800	6 048	11 030
..... acres..	19 839 087	17 458 875	171 567	1 025 464	4 050 616	4 537 462	3 778 135	3 895 631
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	11 251	3 459	48	160	353	379	608	1 911
50 to 99 acres.....	6 569	3 025	46	178	315	356	511	1 619
100 to 199 acres.....	7 321	4 312	81	255	498	549	736	2 193
200 to 499 acres.....	10 358	8 002	123	612	1 352	1 343	1 571	3 001
500 to 999 acres.....	7 265	6 585	64	424	1 602	1 613	1 417	1 465
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	4 128	3 958	24	228	1 002	1 136	914	654
2,000 acres or more.....	1 388	1 327	14	59	352	424	291	187
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	19 579	11 950	124	681	1 965	2 133	2 360	4 687
..... acres..	3 434 056	2 615 386	23 925	161 500	484 244	573 019	533 050	839 648
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	8 591	5 352	48	229	911	1 050	1 114	2 000
..... acres..	1 183 072	840 977	(D)	(D)	133 485	178 167	190 096	307 845
On which all crops failed..... farms..	1 594	1 126	3	56	186	256	239	386
..... acres..	135 452	113 018	(D)	(D)	18 798	32 083	24 899	32 583
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	13 949	10 951	127	658	2 163	2 267	2 159	3 577
..... acres..	4 253 386	3 763 877	34 112	180 464	804 774	941 892	810 464	992 171
Idle..... farms..	8 316	5 283	69	921	1 018	1 018	1 057	1 960
..... acres..	1 175 527	899 567	6 963	34 386	181 150	182 294	197 495	297 279
Total woodland..... farms..	11 457	6 387	40	243	887	1 094	1 409	2 714
..... acres..	679 951	458 202	2 366	16 594	79 962	97 349	112 280	149 651
Woodland pastured..... farms..	5 643	3 168	17	116	402	522	715	1 396
..... acres..	319 572	217 051	714	8 984	35 075	42 705	55 301	74 272
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	7 461	4 260	30	166	623	748	939	1 754
..... acres..	360 379	241 151	1 652	7 610	44 887	54 644	56 979	75 379

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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
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>							
All farms..... number..	26 757	443	2 335	6 560	7 269	5 528	4 622
..... \$1,000..	225 392	1 581	8 420	43 424	66 362	46 128	59 477
Average per farm..... dollars..	8 424	3 568	3 606	6 620	9 129	8 344	12 868
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	11 984	304	1 103	2 856	2 960	2 638	2 123
Average net gain..... dollars..	25 527	7 898	13 764	22 834	31 249	23 439	32 406
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	2 015	47	152	492	514	452	358
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	5 937	174	567	1 407	1 396	1 401	992
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	3 384	75	343	837	860	651	618
\$50,000 or more.....	648	8	41	120	190	134	155
Farms with net losses..... number..	14 773	139	1 232	3 704	4 309	2 890	2 499
Average net loss..... dollars..	5 451	5 900	5 488	5 882	6 065	5 434	3 730
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	3 277	34	233	664	849	688	809
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	9 501	84	861	2 493	2 729	1 835	1 499
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 947	21	132	539	710	358	187
\$50,000 or more.....	48	—	6	8	21	9	4
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>							
Government payments..... farms..	13 317	166	941	3 024	3 498	2 888	2 800
..... \$1,000..	60 232	400	2 687	11 134	16 039	13 776	16 197
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	7 940	50	596	1 734	2 187	1 865	1 508
..... \$1,000..	24 283	24	1 626	3 787	6 767	6 513	5 566
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	1 370	6	246	400	355	205	158
..... \$1,000..	5 271	14	968	1 272	1 239	760	1 018
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	4 024	7	195	727	984	1 079	1 032
..... \$1,000..	16 811	5	562	2 203	4 989	4 779	4 274
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	114	—	—	11	57	25	21
..... \$1,000..	190	—	—	4	73	68	46
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	3 971	37	260	833	1 288	922	631
..... \$1,000..	2 011	5	96	309	467	906	228
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>							
Total..... farms..	855	22	64	243	241	169	116
..... \$1,000..	7 009	118	451	1 976	2 383	1 175	905
Corn..... farms..	101	6	12	34	21	17	11
..... \$1,000..	1 085	43	74	332	431	109	95
Wheat..... farms..	705	15	45	192	203	146	104
..... \$1,000..	4 679	64	251	1 184	1 696	833	651
Soybeans..... farms..	103	4	10	40	25	12	12
..... \$1,000..	670	(D)	72	268	(D)	139	119
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	222	5	24	67	69	31	26
..... \$1,000..	575	(D)	54	193	(D)	94	39
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>							
Total cropland..... farms..	21 512	299	1 756	5 209	5 898	4 542	3 808
..... acres..	4 328 880	47 438	300 768	1 026 490	1 209 211	936 532	808 441
Harvested cropland..... farms..	17 612	261	1 496	4 463	4 964	3 713	2 715
..... acres..	2 380 212	28 951	184 644	602 174	681 457	500 609	382 377
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres.....	7 792	106	649	1 968	2 246	1 589	1 234
50 to 99 acres.....	3 544	64	333	896	909	779	563
100 to 199 acres.....	3 009	54	257	748	842	647	461
200 to 499 acres.....	2 356	29	197	630	698	506	296
500 to 999 acres.....	680	7	47	156	205	150	115
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	170	1	9	54	44	31	31
2,000 acres or more.....	61	—	4	11	20	11	15
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	7 629	76	649	1 850	2 188	1 657	1 209
..... acres..	818 670	9 031	65 407	201 004	239 423	168 982	134 823
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	3 239	19	185	681	852	749	753
..... acres..	342 095	1 419	12 304	60 855	78 727	86 856	101 934
On which all crops failed..... farms..	468	9	29	109	121	128	72
..... acres..	22 434	330	1 428	4 760	5 896	6 465	3 555
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	2 998	38	193	687	815	611	654
..... acres..	489 509	6 286	26 514	106 744	133 328	111 276	105 361
Idle..... farms..	3 033	37	191	633	823	684	655
..... acres..	275 960	1 421	10 471	50 953	70 380	62 344	80 391
Total woodland..... farms..	5 070	35	335	1 232	1 485	1 179	804
..... acres..	221 749	1 493	12 974	44 138	59 386	61 262	42 496
Woodland pastured..... farms..	2 475	19	167	621	736	569	363
..... acres..	102 521	792	6 500	19 420	25 644	34 776	15 389
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	3 201	20	202	748	955	749	527
..... acres..	119 228	701	6 474	24 718	33 742	26 486	27 107

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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
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	29 854	18 243	216	1 042	3 156	3 451	3 717	6 661
acres..	14 062 576	11 623 426	75 861	627 511	2 225 744	2 719 310	2 573 406	3 401 594
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	37 589	22 098	172	1 082	3 458	4 004	4 521	8 861
acres..	1 326 161	1 001 834	7 919	46 403	172 467	223 718	217 408	333 919
Irrigated land ..... farms..	6 135	5 247	76	421	1 269	1 319	1 050	1 112
acres..	2 707 489	2 552 018	28 976	182 568	654 326	754 750	529 851	401 547
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	6 022	5 179	75	413	1 261	1 302	1 035	1 093
acres..	2 664 733	2 518 998	(D)	(D)	650 557	744 399	522 787	392 880
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	271	203	1	16	28	49	54	55
acres..	42 756	33 020	(D)	(D)	3 769	10 351	7 064	8 667
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	16 434	10 528	70	426	1 875	2 054	2 102	4 001
acres..	2 493 625	1 771 302	10 769	59 993	289 172	350 602	386 993	673 773
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	61 591	34 834	530	2 179	5 909	6 206	6 273	13 737
\$1,000..	26 516 960	21 354 728	223 679	1 209 044	4 404 442	5 121 342	4 543 406	5 852 815
Average per farm ..... dollars..	430 533	613 043	422 036	554 862	745 379	825 224	724 280	426 062
Average per acre ..... dollars..	577	557	589	580	555	549	560	556
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	6 177	1 962	76	145	267	296	189	989
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	6 241	2 032	55	117	263	232	286	1 079
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	5 685	2 023	31	134	227	171	316	1 144
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	7 370	2 916	46	222	320	272	450	1 606
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	5 308	2 452	33	137	319	267	336	1 360
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	15 856	10 412	161	709	1 605	1 728	1 884	4 325
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	8 418	7 023	81	350	1 593	1 568	1 430	2 001
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	4 647	4 258	35	284	910	1 200	966	863
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	1 670	1 559	10	75	362	415	375	322
\$5,000,000 or more .....	219	197	2	6	43	57	41	48
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	61 583	34 826	530	2 179	5 907	6 206	6 273	13 731
\$1,000..	4 560 051	3 654 770	46 580	239 312	773 662	870 125	767 039	958 051
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	4 863	1 304	13	60	136	179	164	752
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	7 170	2 264	35	113	253	215	305	1 343
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	10 091	4 095	60	237	523	443	512	2 320
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	15 941	8 288	167	488	1 086	1 164	1 460	3 923
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	9 475	6 706	116	459	1 188	1 246	1 202	2 495
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	7 785	6 537	91	438	1 395	1 475	1 397	1 741
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	5 455	4 863	34	348	1 139	1 253	1 053	1 036
\$500,000 or more .....	803	769	14	36	187	231	180	121
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	57 586	33 654	524	2 107	5 749	6 061	6 103	13 110
number..	157 408	109 558	1 206	5 998	20 022	22 906	22 132	37 294
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	55 247	32 211	413	1 807	5 331	5 817	5 941	12 902
number..	132 332	89 669	919	4 289	14 833	17 702	17 983	33 943
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	20 962	11 111	96	360	1 397	1 770	2 128	5 360
number..	28 464	15 840	109	537	1 879	2 443	3 053	7 819
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	49 406	30 084	376	1 716	5 087	5 570	5 586	11 749
number..	103 868	73 829	810	3 752	12 954	15 259	14 930	26 124
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	36 246	21 610	166	1 050	3 283	3 879	4 114	9 118
number..	56 070	35 833	253	1 593	5 136	6 701	7 153	14 997
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	28 564	21 065	328	1 342	4 161	4 300	4 044	6 890
number..	47 798	37 996	557	2 159	7 818	8 558	7 777	11 127
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	26 046	20 040	210	1 094	3 735	4 073	3 942	6 986
number..	31 844	24 784	272	1 315	4 688	5 109	5 047	8 353
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	20	20	—	9	2	7	2	—
number..	29	29	—	18	(D)	7	(D)	—
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	17 781	12 061	131	657	2 011	2 416	2 434	4 412
number..	19 403	13 167	147	700	2 184	2 641	2 641	4 854
Pickup balers ..... farms..	21 046	14 824	158	773	2 563	2 820	3 058	5 452
number..	26 714	19 092	221	978	3 323	3 770	3 994	6 806
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	42 232	27 841	394	1 786	4 991	5 182	5 314	10 174
acres on which used..	16 399 896	14 430 994	183 820	961 592	3 308 295	3 737 955	3 103 130	3 136 202
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	9 353	7 308	150	558	1 548	1 816	1 352	1 884
acres on which used..	2 535 074	2 334 740	34 909	151 015	556 581	708 059	465 506	418 670
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	469	323	16	19	46	99	60	83
acres on which used..	103 236	87 216	930	3 691	14 380	34 415	13 339	20 461
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	860	559	13	46	86	127	120	167
acres on which used..	151 933	133 363	1 696	4 785	22 374	44 673	32 799	27 036
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	28 499	19 701	326	1 378	3 756	4 110	3 689	6 442
acres on which used..	10 227 934	9 017 700	146 112	637 667	2 142 939	2 429 369	1 842 072	1 819 541
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	653	442	2	46	88	65	105	136
acres on which used..	157 693	128 737	(D)	(D)	33 061	30 281	26 827	29 334

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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
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	11 611	256	1 054	2 989	3 179	2 338	1 795
acres..	2 439 150	123 312	153 697	492 467	734 026	528 067	407 581
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	15 491	143	1 124	3 731	4 340	3 471	2 682
acres..	324 327	2 392	17 440	71 368	87 054	80 622	65 451
Irrigated land ..... farms..	888	12	84	228	242	166	156
acres..	155 471	2 448	12 870	36 216	41 786	34 772	27 379
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	843	12	75	222	230	157	147
acres..	145 735	2 448	12 303	35 477	38 490	30 996	26 021
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	68	—	9	9	22	16	12
acres..	9 736	—	567	739	3 296	3 776	1 358
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	5 906	37	257	1 110	1 542	1 352	1 608
acres..	722 323	3 182	21 092	111 550	178 316	171 038	237 145
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of land and buildings ..... farms..	26 757	443	2 335	6 560	7 269	5 528	4 622
\$1,000..	5 162 231	81 475	378 818	1 156 672	1 564 933	1 132 642	847 690
Average per farm ..... dollars..	192 930	183 916	162 235	176 322	215 289	204 892	183 403
Average per acre ..... dollars..	681	450	707	717	708	659	638
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	4 215	141	404	992	1 015	740	923
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	4 209	64	457	1 039	917	920	812
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	3 662	67	323	1 009	932	709	622
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	4 454	26	400	1 200	1 206	1 062	640
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	2 856	19	212	716	914	447	548
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	5 444	106	418	1 306	1 622	1 221	771
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	1 395	8	86	264	526	301	210
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	389	7	34	87	93	100	68
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	111	5	—	23	39	20	24
\$5,000,000 or more .....	22	—	1	4	5	8	4
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	26 757	443	2 335	6 560	7 269	5 528	4 622
\$1,000..	905 281	12 609	69 415	204 563	251 677	196 615	170 403
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	3 559	45	269	1 046	921	707	571
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4 906	90	455	1 093	1 416	1 007	845
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	5 996	90	639	1 566	1 525	1 203	973
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	7 653	143	660	1 826	2 106	1 641	1 277
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	2 769	62	138	655	775	510	629
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	1 248	8	128	224	371	285	232
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	592	5	45	141	142	170	89
\$500,000 or more .....	34	—	1	9	13	5	6
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	23 932	392	2 079	5 845	6 548	4 948	4 120
number..	47 850	733	3 879	11 344	13 326	10 375	8 193
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	23 036	321	1 790	5 469	6 461	4 925	4 070
number..	42 663	658	3 196	9 752	12 073	9 380	7 604
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	9 851	120	733	2 244	2 697	2 168	1 889
number..	12 624	179	914	2 894	3 349	2 810	2 478
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	18 322	282	1 483	4 269	5 209	3 984	3 095
number..	30 039	479	2 282	6 858	8 724	6 570	5 126
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	14 636	209	1 108	3 345	4 200	3 246	2 528
number..	20 237	294	1 431	4 639	5 741	4 515	3 617
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	7 499	133	675	1 720	2 247	1 541	1 183
number..	9 802	185	851	2 219	2 983	2 055	1 509
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	6 006	109	477	1 378	1 669	1 379	994
number..	7 060	138	543	1 612	1 966	1 676	1 125
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	5 720	67	428	1 471	1 761	1 247	746
number..	6 236	75	467	1 604	1 935	1 364	791
Pickup balers ..... farms..	6 222	55	499	1 657	1 885	1 420	706
number..	7 622	68	641	2 017	2 268	1 746	882
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	14 391	203	1 314	3 698	3 993	3 011	2 172
acres on which used..	1 968 902	26 423	165 227	498 964	582 475	407 877	287 936
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	2 045	40	186	517	531	446	325
acres on which used..	200 334	1 695	19 772	34 274	58 243	40 809	45 541
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	146	—	41	27	34	31	13
acres on which used..	16 020	—	3 910	366	2 254	5 814	3 676
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	301	21	27	109	54	45	45
acres on which used..	18 570	1 847	2 059	3 830	2 774	6 332	1 728
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	8 798	172	900	2 412	2 407	1 674	1 233
acres on which used..	1 210 234	16 234	115 718	338 268	329 080	223 591	187 343
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	211	—	22	52	41	63	33
acres on which used..	28 956	—	667	4 539	2 491	10 137	11 122

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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
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>								
All operators .....	61 593	34 979	501	2 187	6 019	6 400	6 709	13 163
Full owners .....	28 441	12 002	80	381	1 070	1 443	2 101	6 927
Part owners .....	25 423	18 690	154	1 045	3 809	4 166	4 108	5 408
Tenants .....	7 729	4 287	267	761	1 140	791	500	828
White .....	61 241	34 849	498	2 173	5 991	6 384	6 685	13 118
Full owners .....	28 234	11 945	79	378	1 058	1 439	2 092	6 899
Part owners .....	25 320	18 640	154	1 037	3 801	4 159	4 096	5 393
Tenants .....	7 687	4 264	265	758	1 132	786	497	826
Black and other races .....	352	130	3	14	28	16	24	45
Full owners .....	207	57	1	3	12	4	9	28
Part owners .....	103	50	—	8	8	7	12	15
Tenants .....	42	23	2	3	8	5	3	2
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>								
Land owned..... farms..	54 416	31 041	234	1 450	4 924	5 652	6 257	12 524
acres..	24 821 947	19 233 231	94 347	626 259	2 392 104	3 809 387	4 455 220	7 855 914
Owned land in farms .....	53 864	30 692	234	1 426	4 879	5 609	6 209	12 335
acres..	20 824 522	16 641 573	84 217	546 800	2 162 622	3 453 165	4 050 018	6 344 751
Land rented or leased from others .....	33 447	23 151	421	1 813	4 960	4 971	4 645	6 341
farms..	25 694 337	22 468 958	244 760	1 587 697	6 057 095	6 096 802	4 472 432	4 010 172
landlords..	104 777	83 499	1 111	6 195	21 154	21 189	16 804	17 046
Rented or leased land in farms .....	33 152	22 977	421	1 806	4 949	4 957	4 608	6 236
farms..	25 264 746	22 133 589	243 203	1 576 854	5 988 618	6 032 129	4 387 215	3 905 570
acres..	13 240	7 200	25	193	628	942	1 313	4 099
Land rented or leased to others .....	4 427 016	2 927 027	11 687	90 302	297 959	420 895	490 419	1 615 765
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated .....	40 640	25 311	242	1 383	4 347	4 757	5 145	9 437
Not on farm operated .....	16 678	7 172	238	690	1 315	1 172	1 152	2 605
Not reported .....	4 275	2 496	21	114	357	471	412	1 121
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming .....	34 979	34 979	501	2 187	6 019	6 400	6 709	13 163
Other .....	26 614	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None .....	25 892	22 308	211	985	3 248	3 655	4 376	9 833
Any .....	31 891	8 861	256	1 077	2 299	2 166	1 698	1 365
1 to 99 days .....	5 737	4 612	118	521	1 178	1 035	850	910
100 to 199 days .....	4 647	2 047	68	245	523	546	416	249
200 days or more .....	21 507	2 202	70	311	598	585	432	206
Not reported .....	3 810	3 810	34	125	472	579	635	1 965
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less .....	2 595	882	160	204	197	125	100	96
3 or 4 years .....	3 254	1 061	101	290	272	166	137	95
5 to 9 years .....	7 177	2 606	81	676	766	422	324	337
10 years or more .....	38 615	24 818	—	689	4 001	4 769	5 163	10 196
Average years on present farm .....	22.8	27.8	3.2	8.1	15.4	21.8	29.3	40.2
Not reported .....	9 952	5 612	159	328	783	918	985	2 439
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years .....	992	501	501	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	4 526	2 187	—	2 187	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	12 518	6 019	—	—	6 019	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	7 129	3 350	—	—	—	3 350	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	6 464	3 050	—	—	—	3 050	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	5 902	2 935	—	—	—	—	2 935	—
60 to 64 years .....	6 259	3 774	—	—	—	—	3 774	—
65 to 69 years .....	6 083	4 325	—	—	—	—	—	4 325
70 years and over .....	11 720	8 838	—	—	—	—	—	8 838
Average age .....	54.4	57.1	21.6	30.4	40.0	49.3	59.8	73.1
Operators by sex:								
Male .....	57 807	33 362	496	2 151	5 858	6 195	6 416	12 246
Female .....	3 786	1 617	5	36	161	205	293	917
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....								
	332	202	4	13	30	30	46	79
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	53 196	29 518	441	1 846	4 965	5 255	5 645	11 366
farms..	34 447 932	28 704 819	253 168	1 661 100	6 038 563	6 909 567	6 328 727	7 513 694
acres..	5 196	3 168	47	231	601	562	613	1 114
Partnership .....	6 235 625	5 395 203	57 351	281 378	1 132 414	1 262 223	1 109 982	1 551 855
acres..	2 401	1 887	12	93	383	514	393	492
Corporation:	4 628 506	4 211 771	(D)	(D)	883 311	1 241 537	904 951	1 007 634
Family held .....	44	31	—	2	2	7	10	10
More than 10 stockholders .....	2 357	1 856	12	91	381	507	383	482
farms..	175	97	—	2	33	24	16	22
acres..	200 973	140 145	—	(D)	41 054	25 135	(D)	52 468
More than 10 stockholders .....	24	10	—	—	3	3	2	2
farms..	151	87	—	2	30	21	14	20
acres..	625	309	1	15	37	45	42	169
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	576 232	323 224	(D)	(D)	55 898	46 832	(D)	124 670
farms..								
acres..								

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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
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>							
All operators .....	26 614	491	2 339	6 499	7 193	5 452	4 640
Full owners .....	16 439	155	1 011	3 507	4 325	3 709	3 732
Part owners .....	6 733	48	635	1 985	2 107	1 367	591
Tenants .....	3 442	288	693	1 007	761	376	317
White .....	26 392	490	2 329	6 438	7 120	5 414	4 601
Full owners .....	16 289	154	1 005	3 467	4 278	3 683	3 702
Part owners .....	6 680	48	633	1 970	2 087	1 358	584
Tenants .....	3 423	288	691	1 001	755	373	315
Black and other races .....	222	1	10	61	73	38	39
Full owners .....	150	1	6	40	47	26	30
Part owners .....	53	—	2	15	20	9	7
Tenants .....	19	—	2	6	6	3	2
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>							
Land owned..... farms..	23 375	206	1 662	5 538	6 469	5 115	4 385
acres..	5 588 716	28 506	217 883	918 205	1 409 163	1 449 330	1 565 629
Owned land in farms .....	23 172	203	1 646	5 492	6 432	5 076	4 323
farms..	4 182 949	24 126	181 662	761 598	1 079 056	1 086 723	1 049 784
acres..	10 296	337	1 336	3 013	2 897	1 773	940
Land rented or leased from others .....	3 225 379	150 629	313 732	890 260	1 040 258	535 131	295 369
landlords..	21 278	573	2 555	6 500	6 137	3 658	1 855
Rented or leased land in farms .....	10 175	336	1 328	2 992	2 868	1 743	908
farms..	3 131 157	150 509	303 217	872 865	1 010 621	519 760	274 185
acres..	6 040	29	252	1 059	1 519	1 475	1 706
Land rented or leased to others .....	1 499 989	4 500	46 736	174 002	359 744	377 978	537 029
acres..							
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated .....	15 329	191	1 294	4 172	4 567	3 125	1 980
Not on farm operated .....	9 506	256	905	1 927	2 249	1 938	2 231
Not reported .....	1 779	44	140	400	377	389	429
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other .....	26 614	491	2 339	6 499	7 193	5 452	4 640
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None .....	3 584	49	72	192	276	559	2 436
Any .....	23 030	442	2 267	6 307	6 917	4 893	2 204
1 to 99 days .....	1 125	52	51	161	213	243	405
100 to 199 days .....	2 600	74	184	602	653	627	460
200 days or more .....	19 305	316	2 032	5 544	6 051	4 023	1 339
Not reported .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less .....	1 713	107	432	529	346	216	83
3 or 4 years .....	2 193	102	465	739	544	257	86
5 to 9 years .....	4 571	63	759	1 690	1 182	575	302
10 years or more .....	13 797	—	339	2 682	4 247	3 525	3 004
Average years on present farm .....	16.2	3.3	5.9	10.2	14.9	20.5	29.7
Not reported .....	4 340	219	344	859	874	879	1 165
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years .....	491	491	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	2 339	—	2 339	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	6 499	—	—	6 499	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	3 779	—	—	—	3 779	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	3 414	—	—	—	3 414	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	2 967	—	—	—	—	2 967	—
60 to 64 years .....	2 485	—	—	—	—	2 485	—
65 to 69 years .....	1 758	—	—	—	—	—	1 758
70 years and over .....	2 882	—	—	—	—	—	2 882
Average age .....	51.0	21.1	30.6	39.8	49.3	59.1	72.9
Operators by sex:							
Male .....	24 445	440	2 204	6 153	6 776	5 018	3 854
Female .....	2 169	51	135	346	417	434	786
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....	130	1	8	33	35	26	27
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	23 678	427	2 123	5 849	6 493	4 882	3 904
acres..	5 743 113	140 984	424 818	1 311 758	1 605 238	1 304 981	955 334
Partnership .....	2 028	56	180	474	486	370	462
acres..	840 422	30 321	44 347	183 447	228 575	154 504	199 228
Corporation:							
Family held .....	514	3	26	111	128	106	140
acres..	416 735	(D)	(D)	116 996	101 407	77 623	103 609
More than 10 stockholders .....	13	—	—	3	4	4	2
farms..	501	3	26	108	124	102	138
10 or less stockholders .....	78	1	4	22	15	18	18
farms..	60 828	(D)	(D)	13 901	5 606	24 178	15 930
acres..	14	—	—	2	6	5	—
More than 10 stockholders .....	64	1	3	20	9	13	18
farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .... farms..	316	4	6	43	71	76	116
acres..	253 008	223	508	8 361	148 851	45 197	49 868

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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
<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 36 207	22 513	293	1 429	4 039	4 221	4 434	8 097
	number.. 8 271 113	6 112 604	33 510	363 514	1 621 316	1 822 550	1 231 170	1 040 544
	\$1,000.. 5 456 072	3 988 220	19 622	236 676	1 091 470	1 213 595	804 440	622 418
Calves	farms.. 14 469	8 256	105	478	1 303	1 430	1 671	3 269
	number.. 451 745	330 675	5 215	24 979	63 221	67 729	59 367	110 164
	\$1,000.. 141 018	102 272	1 581	8 465	17 587	20 970	18 481	35 189
Cattle	farms.. 29 683	18 884	235	1 217	3 466	3 618	3 772	6 576
	number.. 7 819 368	5 781 929	28 295	338 535	1 558 095	1 754 821	1 171 803	930 380
	\$1,000.. 5 315 054	3 885 948	18 041	228 211	1 073 883	1 192 625	785 959	587 229
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 3 066	1 999	26	141	422	450	359	601
	number.. 5 282 661	3 584 644	3 109	213 205	1 098 523	1 121 990	705 119	442 698
	\$1,000.. 3 957 829	2 703 244	2 278	160 360	830 409	852 772	533 716	323 710
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 2 831	1 889	31	176	534	413	351	384
	number.. 1 585 224	1 487 789	5 178	121 842	287 479	408 030	258 564	406 696
Farms with—								
1 to 24	952	404	7	28	117	70	73	109
25 to 49	274	168	3	12	48	31	37	37
50 to 99	294	198	2	24	47	38	38	49
100 to 199	373	293	8	28	72	70	57	58
200 to 499	486	410	8	39	130	91	69	73
500 or more	452	416	3	45	120	113	77	58
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 1 781	1 296	20	117	378	275	240	266
	number.. 189 919	178 643	620	15 248	32 176	46 462	33 715	50 422
Other	farms.. 2 663	1 797	31	166	501	393	335	371
	number.. 1 395 305	1 309 146	4 558	106 594	255 303	361 568	224 849	356 274
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 2 873	1 947	37	178	546	425	361	400
	number.. 3 184 437	2 992 675	7 286	198 699	532 614	718 958	592 576	942 542
	\$1,000.. 299 836	280 776	631	23 701	56 292	79 373	50 698	70 080
Feeder pigs	farms.. 476	311	2	31	88	72	55	63
	number.. 1 048 407	1 011 682	(D)	27 760	63 201	80 768	269 033	(D)
	\$1,000.. 39 277	37 888	(D)	1 422	2 522	3 304	10 302	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 872	1 355	23	119	395	286	253	279
	number.. 360 967	342 760	871	25 223	52 757	80 063	62 807	121 039
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 1 774	1 303	21	112	381	280	238	271
	number.. 169 635	160 346	405	12 486	26 996	39 344	28 965	52 150
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 672	1 241	22	115	364	265	233	242
	number.. 191 332	182 414	466	12 737	25 761	40 719	33 842	68 889
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 1 478	728	10	39	171	139	166	203
	number.. 119 099	92 434	1 111	1 867	22 519	21 209	29 666	16 062
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 282	644	10	31	152	119	151	181
	number.. 70 039	54 196	806	996	13 464	11 576	19 957	7 397
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 1 454	724	10	32	171	149	163	199
	number.. 108 372	84 634	1 308	1 868	17 025	24 433	25 655	14 345
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 1 228	624	9	30	138	122	146	179
	number.. 81 796	60 979	903	1 567	16 512	15 257	15 468	11 272
	pounds of wool.. 573 460	434 279	7 353	10 989	115 350	108 801	109 059	82 727
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 10 630	5 163	60	368	1 073	1 113	1 079	1 470
	number.. 52 828	26 128	235	1 586	5 010	5 752	6 073	7 472
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 755	706	9	46	135	167	156	193
	number.. 6 474	3 330	40	149	478	959	868	836
Goats inventory	farms.. 790	293	—	22	62	72	60	77
	number.. 7 293	3 400	—	165	318	905	1 206	806
Goats sold	farms.. 251	95	—	8	18	27	20	22
	number.. 2 871	1 478	—	79	183	298	391	527
<b>POULTRY</b>								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 2 019	927	1	48	171	185	179	343
	number.. 1 805 127	1 777 905	(D)	81 902	172 732	(D)	126 667	113 051
Farms with—								
1 to 399	1 980	891	1	45	164	174	175	332
400 to 3,199	15	12	—	—	4	2	1	5
3,200 to 9,999	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
10,000 to 19,999	5	5	—	1	—	—	—	3
20,000 to 49,999	9	9	—	2	1	3	1	2
50,000 to 99,999	6	6	—	—	2	3	1	—
100,000 or more	3	3	—	—	—	3	—	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 1 964	902	1	46	167	181	175	332
	number.. 1 427 290	1 403 118	(D)	(D)	172 295	975 038	126 124	110 850
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 305	124	—	9	25	19	20	51
	number.. 377 837	374 787	—	(D)	437	(D)	543	2 201
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 178	89	—	6	19	21	14	29
	number.. 3 403 008	3 399 128	—	190 994	235 668	2 751 065	110 615	110 786
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 93	35	—	1	14	6	3	11
	number.. 35 018	23 155	—	(D)	6 999	(D)	(D)	9 024
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	87	30	—	1	12	5	3	9
2,000 to 59,999	6	5	—	—	2	1	—	2
60,000 to 99,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 161	51	—	2	11	14	11	13
	number.. 42 656	(D)	—	(D)	28	(D)	31	(D)
Turkeys sold	farms.. 62	40	—	4	16	11	4	5
	number.. 1 617 000	1 318 890	—	(D)	442 062	562 726	129 590	(D)

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<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>							
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 13 694	289	1 396	3 686	3 797	2 665	1 861
	number.. 2 158 509	5 895	103 928	383 110	690 550	588 674	386 352
	\$1,000.. 1 467 852	2 912	64 611	249 078	476 692	418 542	256 018
Calves	farms.. 6 213	102	622	1 657	1 768	1 217	847
	number.. 121 070	1 491	8 571	23 682	37 550	24 842	24 934
	\$1,000.. 38 746	523	2 482	7 513	11 906	8 685	7 638
Cattle	farms.. 10 799	241	1 107	2 919	2 996	2 108	1 428
	number.. 2 037 439	4 404	95 357	359 428	653 000	563 832	361 418
	\$1,000.. 1 429 106	2 389	62 129	241 565	464 786	409 857	248 381
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 1 067	22	115	352	295	179	104
	number.. 1 698 017	(D)	(D)	272 822	568 075	473 250	313 312
	\$1,000.. 1 254 585	(D)	(D)	197 412	421 253	363 556	222 729
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 942	21	118	371	239	112	81
	number.. 97 435	1 994	14 126	37 725	25 754	11 022	6 814
Farms with—							
1 to 24	548	10	59	221	147	59	52
25 to 49	106	2	17	39	19	20	9
50 to 99	96	3	16	36	26	9	6
100 to 199	80	1	9	30	23	11	6
200 to 499	76	4	11	35	14	7	5
500 or more	36	1	6	10	10	6	3
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 485	12	54	178	126	71	44
	number.. 11 276	171	1 098	4 739	3 630	1 009	629
Other	farms.. 866	19	110	346	220	105	66
	number.. 86 159	1 823	13 028	32 986	22 124	10 013	6 185
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 926	26	114	359	241	118	68
	number.. 191 762	2 513	21 954	87 513	44 579	22 113	13 090
	\$1,000.. 19 060	260	2 261	8 354	4 167	2 534	1 484
Feeder pigs	farms.. 165	2	21	72	44	20	6
	number.. 36 725	(D)	1 905	18 785	12 313	3 303	(D)
	\$1,000.. 1 389	(D)	82	785	319	185	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—							
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 517	12	61	189	132	77	46
	number.. 18 207	207	1 432	7 720	5 699	2 117	1 032
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 471	11	56	175	119	73	37
	number.. 9 289	106	733	3 952	2 878	1 120	500
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 431	12	50	160	115	56	38
	number.. 8 918	101	699	3 768	2 821	997	532
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 750	22	72	275	219	113	49
	number.. 26 665	537	2 890	7 328	8 256	5 743	1 911
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 638	16	64	220	190	104	44
	number.. 15 843	244	1 746	4 464	4 867	3 204	1 318
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 730	27	70	252	217	116	48
	number.. 23 738	523	2 770	6 037	6 857	5 431	2 120
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 604	17	53	206	182	98	48
	number.. 20 817	325	1 914	6 598	5 922	3 935	2 123
	pounds of wool.. 139 181	2 081	11 543	40 186	43 769	28 412	13 190
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 5 467	63	532	1 692	1 676	1 024	480
	number.. 26 700	172	2 242	7 473	8 453	6 043	2 314
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 049	7	112	309	359	188	74
	number.. 3 144	12	292	907	974	748	211
Goats inventory	farms.. 497	5	40	177	142	93	40
	number.. 3 893	(D)	(D)	921	1 220	937	552
Goats sold	farms.. 156	—	12	50	43	35	16
	number.. 1 393	—	105	393	329	334	232
<b>POULTRY</b>							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 1 092	11	110	380	318	163	110
	number.. 27 222	476	2 554	8 105	8 576	4 370	3 141
Farms with—							
1 to 399	1 089	11	110	380	317	162	109
400 to 3,199	3	—	—	—	1	1	1
3,200 to 9,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 1 062	11	108	372	312	154	105
	number.. 24 172	305	2 103	7 135	7 866	3 833	2 930
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 181	3	22	58	52	33	13
	number.. 3 050	171	451	970	710	537	211
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 89	1	9	29	33	5	12
	number.. 3 880	(D)	289	677	1 471	(D)	425
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 58	1	7	19	23	5	3
	number.. 11 863	(D)	815	6 580	2 586	(D)	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 1,999	57	1	7	18	23	5	3
2,000 to 59,999	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
60,000 to 99,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 110	3	14	34	31	19	9
	number.. (D)	(D)	38	(D)	143	102	28
Turkeys sold	farms.. 22	2	1	8	6	4	1
	number.. 298 110	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	58	(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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 10 833	9 115	144	739	2 178	2 184	1 812	2 058
	acres.. 2 497 516	2 319 491	31 476	161 121	621 050	668 201	483 363	354 280
	bushels.. 356 413 100	334 295 221	5 135 829	24 732 803	90 497 949	97 734 522	68 431 541	47 762 577
Irrigated	farms.. 4 086	3 730	64	322	926	978	729	711
	acres.. 1 465 920	1 390 699	20 838	105 097	378 922	411 306	282 594	191 942
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	1 529	1 023	16	90	175	151	187	404
25 to 99 acres	3 495	2 758	46	236	618	570	554	734
100 to 249 acres	2 810	2 480	50	209	612	620	468	521
250 to 499 acres	1 593	1 512	14	117	398	439	312	232
500 acres or more	1 406	1 342	18	87	375	404	291	167
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 1 765	1 647	14	121	379	412	339	382
	acres.. 117 472	108 095	737	5 122	26 290	32 594	23 773	19 579
	tons, green.. 2 042 941	1 874 960	12 132	82 237	458 442	585 058	420 481	316 610
Irrigated	farms.. 561	530	2	31	112	158	123	104
	acres.. 55 459	51 243	(D)	(D)	12 274	17 010	12 344	7 469
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	561	510	3	40	124	109	102	132
25 to 99 acres	873	827	7	70	179	203	169	199
100 to 249 acres	264	248	4	10	59	77	54	44
250 to 499 acres	46	44	—	1	12	14	11	6
500 acres or more	21	18	—	—	5	9	3	1
Sorghum for grain or seed	farms.. 20 398	16 099	226	1 143	3 374	3 389	3 233	4 734
	acres.. 3 077 984	2 763 064	29 110	184 830	667 660	737 968	605 339	538 157
	bushels.. 231 561 211	208 994 980	2 266 912	14 657 278	51 635 111	55 683 542	45 709 087	39 043 050
Irrigated	farms.. 1 233	1 122	12	74	273	282	249	232
	acres.. 156 965	149 156	1 024	10 066	36 967	40 204	36 548	24 347
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	2 767	1 590	26	86	198	218	269	793
25 to 99 acres	7 995	5 847	114	433	976	1 004	1 094	2 226
100 to 249 acres	5 976	5 192	58	404	1 300	1 140	1 076	1 214
250 to 499 acres	2 603	2 454	20	164	642	695	565	368
500 acres or more	1 057	1 016	8	56	258	332	229	133
Wheat for grain	farms.. 30 392	22 894	276	1 435	4 428	4 571	4 491	7 693
	acres.. 9 560 615	8 486 053	70 616	442 071	1 893 970	2 129 684	1 868 078	2 081 634
	bushels.. 407 515 802	363 158 898	3 051 720	19 776 583	82 004 959	91 811 156	80 050 885	86 463 595
Irrigated	farms.. 1 963	1 800	24	155	435	467	391	328
	acres.. 493 991	472 078	3 316	33 805	114 909	134 472	102 829	82 747
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	2 740	1 372	19	98	171	183	230	671
25 to 99 acres	7 976	4 932	101	330	733	714	806	2 248
100 to 249 acres	7 702	5 806	75	414	1 058	1 038	1 079	2 142
250 to 499 acres	5 865	5 079	48	321	1 115	1 104	1 045	1 446
500 acres or more	6 109	5 705	33	272	1 351	1 532	1 331	1 186
Barley for grain	farms.. 152	124	—	7	23	27	28	39
	acres.. 8 203	6 914	—	366	1 433	2 175	1 089	1 851
	bushels.. 336 453	292 229	—	14 590	49 068	96 221	45 183	87 167
Irrigated	farms.. 8	7	—	—	1	3	2	1
	acres.. 638	(D)	—	—	(D)	512	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain	farms.. 2 603	2 121	14	104	410	448	415	730
	acres.. 79 163	68 733	368	3 211	14 047	17 611	13 492	20 004
	bushels.. 4 530 823	3 980 841	26 900	178 594	869 574	1 071 889	768 461	1 065 423
Irrigated	farms.. 37	32	—	1	8	12	6	5
	acres.. 3 077	2 721	—	(D)	504	630	1 348	(D)
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 14 733	10 888	157	750	2 181	2 267	2 237	3 296
	acres.. 2 208 642	1 929 502	24 286	129 101	469 333	529 212	406 647	370 923
	bushels.. 78 563 054	69 280 082	908 849	4 578 071	17 121 510	19 117 499	14 625 571	12 928 582
Irrigated	farms.. 1 665	1 490	13	114	389	391	304	279
	acres.. 222 420	206 759	976	13 099	59 870	59 475	40 561	32 778
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	2 464	1 316	17	87	186	162	242	622
25 to 99 acres	5 997	4 095	77	264	675	723	826	1 530
100 to 249 acres	3 787	3 167	44	243	695	722	670	793
250 to 499 acres	1 592	1 456	7	108	394	384	317	246
500 acres or more	893	854	12	48	231	276	182	105
Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas	farms.. 118	107	—	5	28	23	23	28
	acres.. 17 767	16 625	—	1 030	4 330	3 212	3 635	4 418
	cwt.. 362 021	343 365	—	17 160	90 524	69 075	76 393	90 213
Irrigated	farms.. 95	89	—	5	22	22	17	23
	acres.. 15 416	14 565	—	1 030	3 467	3 018	3 242	3 808
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 68	50	—	3	5	15	11	16
	acres.. 924	(D)	—	(D)	8	(D)	(D)	9
	cwt.. 278 751	(D)	—	248	375	(D)	(D)	1 499
Irrigated	farms.. 20	16	—	—	2	4	7	3
	acres.. 874	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	1

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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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>							
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms.. 1 718	43	178	447	453	332	265
	acres.. 178 025	2 355	14 505	41 555	50 826	37 626	31 158
	bushels.. 22 117 879	251 848	1 974 581	4 807 407	6 168 705	4 894 974	4 020 364
Irrigated .....	farms.. 356	7	43	84	90	71	61
	acres.. 75 221	687	6 861	15 653	19 510	17 479	15 031
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	506	9	47	120	156	91	83
25 to 99 acres .....	737	26	88	215	166	139	103
100 to 249 acres .....	330	8	33	82	85	68	54
250 to 499 acres .....	81	—	5	17	23	21	15
500 acres or more .....	64	—	5	13	23	13	10
Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms.. 118	1	9	45	29	20	14
	acres.. 9 377	(D)	(D)	4 927	1 365	771	1 974
	tons, green.. 167 981	(D)	(D)	88 458	25 608	11 454	37 095
Irrigated .....	farms.. 31	—	3	10	8	5	5
	acres.. 4 216	—	117	2 107	594	183	1 215
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	51	1	4	23	12	8	3
25 to 99 acres .....	46	—	5	13	12	10	6
100 to 249 acres .....	16	—	—	6	5	2	3
250 to 499 acres .....	2	—	—	1	—	—	1
500 acres or more .....	3	—	—	2	—	—	1
Sorghum for grain or seed .....	farms.. 4 299	82	438	1 162	1 150	889	578
	acres.. 314 920	4 080	30 141	85 072	89 353	66 088	40 186
	bushels.. 22 566 231	308 664	2 218 311	6 113 343	6 278 486	4 595 437	3 051 990
Irrigated .....	farms.. 111	4	13	35	19	23	17
	acres.. 7 809	80	881	2 456	1 637	1 702	1 053
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	1 177	24	111	335	283	240	184
25 to 99 acres .....	2 148	47	222	570	580	440	289
100 to 249 acres .....	784	10	92	200	230	173	79
250 to 499 acres .....	149	1	12	47	45	27	17
500 acres or more .....	41	—	1	10	12	9	9
Wheat for grain .....	farms.. 7 498	138	626	1 851	1 993	1 620	1 270
	acres.. 1 074 562	12 598	78 821	256 949	304 202	225 990	196 002
	bushels.. 44 356 904	451 559	3 336 014	10 841 231	12 523 607	9 340 114	7 864 379
Irrigated .....	farms.. 163	5	14	33	38	36	37
	acres.. 21 913	356	2 295	6 382	5 395	3 914	3 571
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	1 368	37	128	345	341	287	230
25 to 99 acres .....	3 044	72	278	762	755	651	526
100 to 249 acres .....	1 896	22	138	447	550	424	315
250 to 499 acres .....	786	3	54	198	224	184	123
500 acres or more .....	404	4	28	99	123	74	76
Barley for grain .....	farms.. 28	—	6	3	3	12	4
	acres.. 1 289	—	117	123	(D)	793	(D)
	bushels.. 44 224	—	3 367	(D)	(D)	28 992	6 320
Irrigated .....	farms.. 1	—	—	1	—	—	—
	acres.. (D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
Oats for grain .....	farms.. 482	4	32	136	140	113	57
	acres.. 10 430	67	600	3 022	2 761	2 044	1 936
	bushels.. 549 982	2 750	29 677	167 840	152 370	108 900	88 445
Irrigated .....	farms.. 5	—	—	2	1	2	—
	acres.. 356	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Soybeans for beans .....	farms.. 3 845	81	368	983	1 022	839	552
	acres.. 279 140	3 914	21 927	76 009	79 147	59 398	38 745
	bushels.. 9 282 972	120 479	684 423	2 511 051	2 607 184	1 983 126	1 376 709
Irrigated .....	farms.. 175	2	17	43	43	32	38
	acres.. 15 661	(D)	(D)	3 995	4 241	3 653	2 855
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	1 148	34	107	253	281	267	206
25 to 99 acres .....	1 902	36	198	493	517	410	248
100 to 249 acres .....	620	10	55	189	173	124	69
250 to 499 acres .....	136	1	6	39	40	28	22
500 acres or more .....	39	—	2	9	11	10	7
Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas .....	farms.. 11	—	—	2	3	3	3
	acres.. 1 142	—	—	(D)	(D)	210	165
	cwt.. 18 656	—	—	(D)	(D)	4 840	2 425
Irrigated .....	farms.. 6	—	—	2	1	2	1
	acres.. 851	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms.. 18	—	1	7	7	2	1
	acres.. (D)	—	(D)	2	14	(D)	(D)
	cwt.. (D)	—	(D)	431	774	(D)	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms.. 4	—	—	1	2	1	—
	acres.. (D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—</b>							
<b>Con.</b>							
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . .	farms . . . 11 223	118	923	3 005	3 294	2 389	1 494
	acres . . . 554 801	6 185	42 209	146 738	167 781	116 764	75 124
	tons, dry . . . 1 050 650	17 130	86 767	277 608	312 214	221 365	135 566
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 152	2	14	36	48	30	22
	acres . . . 18 648	(D)	(D)	4 603	6 207	3 010	2 036
Farms by acres harvested:							
	1 to 24 acres . . . . . 5 002	56	432	1 347	1 445	1 006	716
	25 to 99 acres . . . . . 4 922	50	405	1 319	1 432	1 096	620
	100 to 249 acres . . . . . 1 092	7	70	284	347	252	132
	250 to 499 acres . . . . . 150	3	12	39	50	27	19
	500 acres or more . . . . . 57	2	4	16	20	8	7
Alfalfa hay . . . . .	farms . . . 3 234	44	286	856	934	668	446
	acres . . . 104 121	2 140	9 271	27 799	30 658	19 863	14 390
	tons, dry . . . 353 613	10 498	34 472	91 778	103 294	66 886	46 685
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 121	2	11	31	37	22	18
	acres . . . 16 218	(D)	(D)	3 439	5 519	2 776	1 737
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . .	farms . . . 162	2	17	47	44	31	21
	acres . . . 922	(D)	(D)	273	218	135	207
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 46	1	7	13	12	7	6
	acres . . . 154	(D)	35	43	24	28	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
	0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . . 116	—	14	39	30	19	14
	5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . . 38	2	3	6	13	11	3
	25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . . 8	—	—	2	1	1	4
	100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . . —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	250.0 acres or more . . . . . —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Field seed and grass seed crops . . . . .	farms . . . 110	—	9	41	28	16	16
	acres . . . 4 826	—	177	1 698	1 985	516	450
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 1	—	—	—	1	—	—
	acres . . . (D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Land in orchards . . . . .	farms . . . 249	1	18	54	68	54	54
	acres . . . 3 838	(D)	(D)	535	464	479	2 099
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 26	—	2	5	6	4	9
	acres . . . 148	—	(D)	5	10	(D)	19
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:							
	0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . . 154	1	11	39	43	29	31
	5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . . 68	—	3	10	18	19	18
	25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . . 22	—	3	4	7	6	2
	100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . . 3	—	1	1	—	—	1
	250.0 acres or more . . . . . 2	—	—	—	—	—	2

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

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