

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 ¹		
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987
Tenure of operator:						
All operators	82 273	90 281	92 453	706	714	747
Harvested cropland	13 334 234	13 665 798	14 012 700	65 324	49 601	52 222
Full owners	68 953	79 590	83 097	577	620	651
Harvested cropland	4 678 622	4 417 651	4 250 284	16 376	12 565	12 976
Part owners	58 840	63 398	66 044	546	560	597
Harvested cropland	7 211 730	7 667 482	8 142 925	44 280	37 632	37 365
Tenants	47 084	54 250	57 872	435	478	508
Harvested cropland	1 650 508	1 691 786	1 780 857	9 254	8 231	7 827
Not reported	17 222	18 779	18 105	104	107	107
Harvested cropland	5 323 220	5 079 120	4 825 713	16 727	9 167	11 798
Not reported	16 323	17 911	17 473	92	96	105
Harvested cropland	2 676 330	2 365 352	2 069 329	6 259	3 296	4 548
Not reported	6 211	8 104	8 304	56	47	43
Harvested cropland	799 284	919 196	1 044 062	4 317	2 802	3 059
Not reported	5 546	7 429	7 752	50	46	38
Harvested cropland	351 784	360 513	400 098	863	1 038	601
Percent of tenancy	7.5	9.0	9.0	7.9	6.6	5.8
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	58 367	62 363	62 607	451	418	421
Not on farm operated	17 566	19 724	20 649	195	207	233
Not reported	6 340	8 194	9 197	60	89	93
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	33 841	40 175	41 451	265	324	340
Other	48 432	50 106	51 002	441	390	407
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	28 911	32 526	32 743	234	255	266
Any	48 491	51 075	54 464	411	391	406
1 to 49 days	3 893	4 643	5 791	32	53	61
50 to 99 days	2 326	2 456	2 944	17	21	30
100 to 149 days	2 448	2 642	3 024	43	29	31
150 to 199 days	4 724	4 837	4 812	48	29	39
200 days or more	35 100	36 497	37 893	271	259	245
Not reported	4 871	6 680	5 246	61	68	75
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	4 514	5 731	5 157	37	43	36
3 or 4 years	5 393	6 784	5 784	43	50	50
5 to 9 years	12 177	11 644	12 436	106	76	84
10 years or more	43 733	46 052	47 394	327	285	343
Average years on present farm	18.9	18.2	18.0	18.1	17.6	19.8
Not reported	16 456	20 070	21 682	193	260	234
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	1 025	1 448	1 703	2	3	10
25 to 34 years	6 071	8 711	10 713	27	44	31
35 to 44 years	15 920	17 738	18 309	109	111	117
45 to 49 years	9 916	10 176	10 206	68	58	50
50 to 54 years	10 352	10 667	10 131	82	76	77
55 to 59 years	9 719	9 603	10 361	96	80	87
60 to 64 years	8 393	9 180	9 999	73	89	113
65 to 69 years	7 350	8 402	8 128	80	78	83
70 years and over	13 527	14 356	12 903	169	175	179
Average age	54.0	53.2	52.2	58.3	57.9	58.3
Operators by sex:						
Male	74 862	82 523	85 750	633	635	679
Female	12 457 336	12 752 127	13 229 889	58 970	45 953	47 645
Not reported	7 411	7 758	6 703	73	79	68
Harvested cropland	876 898	913 671	782 811	6 354	3 648	4 577
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	405	207	143	26	15	4
Not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	65 492	26 804	20 061	1 640	1 005	307
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	69 057	61 360	61 690	532	362	379
Not reported	12 811	28 714	30 620	148	337	364
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	71 307	76 712	78 463	612	611	664
Partnership	10 333 608	10 520 460	10 779 059	51 760	37 689	41 541
Corporation	9 353	12 135	12 717	77	96	79
Family held:	2 327 799	2 589 048	2 742 015	9 291	10 148	10 162
More than 10 stockholders	1 266	1 064	817	15	6	2
10 or less stockholders	565 485	466 226	385 050	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:	22	19	8	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	10 825	9 428	7 296	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	1 076	852	690	14	1	2
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	483 772	403 209	329 278	3 839	(D)	(D)
Not reported	9	16	8	—	1	—
More than 10 stockholders	18 047	8 458	17 111	—	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	159	177	111	1	4	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	52 841	45 131	31 365	(D)	1 747	—
Not reported	347	370	456	2	1	2
Harvested cropland	107 342	90 064	106 576	(D)	(D)	(D)

¹For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.