

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	82 273	33 841	452	1 842	4 646	5 959	7 710	13 232
number ..	100.0	41.1	.5	2.2	5.6	7.2	9.4	16.1
Land in farms	13 334 234	8 167 650	76 968	460 784	1 443 715	1 831 902	1 925 073	2 429 208
Average size of farm	162	241	170	250	311	307	250	184
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD								
Total sales (see text)	82 273	33 841	452	1 842	4 646	5 959	7 710	13 232
\$1,000 ..	3 064 460	2 276 122	25 553	167 385	561 086	641 525	469 964	410 609
Average per farm	37 247	67 259	56 532	90 871	120 768	107 656	60 955	31 032
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text)	9 351	1 731	18	59	163	235	344	912
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9 792	2 165	14	78	198	301	486	1 088
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12 566	3 640	40	123	302	497	802	1 876
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14 393	4 974	60	207	464	612	1 108	2 523
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13 696	6 082	85	271	665	879	1 415	2 767
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3 692	1 889	21	97	240	312	472	747
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6 086	3 518	61	202	453	688	878	1 236
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2 253	1 462	25	99	259	282	335	462
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4 843	3 569	64	283	663	815	867	877
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3 528	2 987	47	284	741	799	608	508
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1 245	1 115	12	88	306	322	244	143
\$500,000 to \$999,999	553	487	4	32	134	138	107	72
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999	219	184	1	17	40	66	40	20
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999	36	24	—	—	14	7	3	—
\$5,000,000 or more	20	14	—	2	4	6	1	1
Grains	10 575	6 697	128	476	1 309	1 442	1 486	1 856
\$1,000 ..	624 432	561 637	6 565	38 498	140 698	168 022	123 989	83 867
Sales of \$50,000 or more	2 339	2 089	31	184	499	573	465	337
\$1,000 ..	539 679	507 127	5 368	34 576	130 453	156 264	112 161	68 305
Corn for grain	7 510	5 043	87	384	1 017	1 130	1 110	1 315
\$1,000 ..	273 075	246 521	2 610	16 938	63 929	72 084	53 973	36 987
Wheat	3 053	2 423	51	190	544	584	509	545
\$1,000 ..	70 018	64 868	(D)	(D)	15 840	21 008	14 259	9 154
Soybeans	6 609	4 488	95	358	924	1 026	982	1 103
\$1,000 ..	273 779	243 685	2 971	17 017	59 537	72 119	54 800	37 240
Sorghum for grain	110	75	1	6	21	26	9	12
\$1,000 ..	1 091	911	(D)	(D)	252	345	(D)	144
Barley	85	73	1	3	20	20	16	13
\$1,000 ..	822	787	(D)	(D)	(D)	308	154	92
Oats	27	19	—	—	5	8	3	3
\$1,000 ..	56	51	—	—	(D)	13	(D)	5
Other grains	135	103	—	14	21	32	21	15
\$1,000 ..	5 592	4 814	—	815	952	2 144	660	244
Cotton and cottonseed	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
\$1,000 ..	(D)	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	44 915	21 317	309	1 294	3 245	4 050	4 978	7 441
\$1,000 ..	828 038	565 621	8 203	48 569	127 330	136 774	123 070	121 675
Sales of \$50,000 or more	3 506	2 871	40	302	727	758	622	422
\$1,000 ..	358 658	304 646	3 872	31 556	84 044	83 617	60 954	40 603
Hay, silage, and field seeds	16 005	6 463	59	351	864	1 051	1 370	2 768
\$1,000 ..	58 578	30 763	211	2 041	5 501	5 889	6 060	11 060
Sales of \$50,000 or more	50	40	—	2	11	9	6	12
\$1,000 ..	3 645	2 893	—	(D)	630	739	(D)	816
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1 007	600	13	57	136	126	120	148
\$1,000 ..	7 984	5 876	92	519	1 216	1 605	1 265	1 178
Sales of \$50,000 or more	23	20	—	3	3	6	5	3
\$1,000 ..	2 894	2 224	—	232	252	717	635	389
Fruits, nuts, and berries	450	227	—	14	35	45	42	91
\$1,000 ..	2 450	1 754	—	16	361	430	416	531
Sales of \$50,000 or more	8	7	—	—	1	2	2	2
\$1,000 ..	864	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1 103	524	7	33	136	152	107	89
\$1,000 ..	56 018	40 781	355	641	11 421	15 532	8 292	4 540
Sales of \$50,000 or more	200	135	2	3	29	46	34	21
\$1,000 ..	46 712	35 640	(D)	(D)	9 878	14 025	7 436	3 785
Other crops	320	181	1	21	29	44	41	45
\$1,000 ..	(D)	(D)	(D)	52	117	266	174	197
Sales of \$50,000 or more	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
\$1,000 ..	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Poultry and poultry products	903	435	5	67	120	89	88	66
\$1,000 ..	240 744	159 589	(D)	26 342	(D)	65 761	20 687	5 127
Sales of \$50,000 or more	284	192	2	40	62	49	32	7
\$1,000 ..	239 705	158 929	(D)	26 201	40 614	65 548	20 510	(D)
Dairy products	2 600	2 260	46	153	487	534	560	480
\$1,000 ..	237 849	217 947	3 082	14 324	52 809	57 092	50 799	39 840
Sales of \$50,000 or more	1 587	1 469	25	103	368	387	331	255
\$1,000 ..	213 114	197 586	2 506	12 892	49 442	53 484	44 737	34 526
Cattle and calves	47 355	22 304	231	1 055	2 903	3 754	5 265	9 096
\$1,000 ..	553 436	365 801	5 033	17 460	62 258	96 234	81 072	103 744
Sales of \$50,000 or more	1 374	1 057	11	46	211	257	234	298
\$1,000 ..	221 317	173 445	3 128	8 466	35 470	62 348	34 495	29 538

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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
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS							
Farms number..	48 432	573	4 229	11 274	14 309	10 402	7 645
..... percent..	58.9	.7	5.1	13.7	17.4	12.6	9.3
Land in farms acres..	5 166 584	41 614	328 327	1 059 110	1 550 485	1 246 990	940 058
Average size of farm acres..	107	73	78	94	108	120	123
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICUL- TURAL PRODUCTS SOLD							
Total sales (see text) farms..	48 432	573	4 229	11 274	14 309	10 402	7 645
..... \$1,000..	788 338	9 381	57 003	177 187	229 460	177 860	137 448
Average per farm dollars..	16 277	16 372	13 479	15 716	16 036	17 099	17 979
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text)	7 620	46	579	1 801	2 290	1 608	1 296
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7 627	102	656	1 866	2 244	1 551	1 208
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8 926	112	827	2 002	2 546	1 963	1 476
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9 419	127	863	2 147	2 758	2 029	1 495
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7 614	88	663	1 744	2 340	1 661	1 118
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1 803	25	175	426	527	388	262
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2 568	42	241	599	765	571	350
\$40,000 to \$49,999	791	4	67	183	234	187	116
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1 274	17	102	311	394	258	192
\$100,000 to \$249,999	541	7	36	134	156	118	90
\$250,000 to \$499,999	130	1	10	34	30	40	15
\$500,000 to \$999,999	66	1	9	17	14	14	11
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999	35	1	1	7	7	10	9
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999	12	—	—	2	3	3	4
\$5,000,000 or more	6	—	—	1	1	1	3
Grains..... farms..	3 878	58	318	933	1 096	827	646
..... \$1,000..	62 795	1 251	5 426	13 350	19 752	12 792	10 224
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	250	6	25	63	76	51	29
..... \$1,000..	32 552	809	2 874	6 292	11 120	6 036	5 421
Corn for grain farms..	2 467	36	202	621	699	504	405
..... \$1,000..	26 554	536	2 149	5 756	8 377	5 082	4 653
Wheat..... farms..	630	10	65	166	156	132	101
..... \$1,000..	5 150	172	505	1 194	1 583	924	773
Soybeans..... farms..	2 121	36	202	500	595	468	320
..... \$1,000..	30 094	543	2 766	6 287	9 613	6 487	4 397
Sorghum for grain farms..	35	—	2	3	14	6	10
..... \$1,000..	179	—	(D)	(D)	76	23	(D)
Barley..... farms..	12	—	2	3	3	2	2
..... \$1,000..	35	—	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	(D)
Oats farms..	8	—	1	4	2	1	—
..... \$1,000..	5	—	(D)	3	(D)	(D)	—
Other grains farms..	32	—	—	3	8	9	12
..... \$1,000..	778	—	—	(D)	(D)	274	330
Cotton and cottonseed farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco..... farms..	23 598	362	2 297	5 557	6 810	4 991	3 581
..... \$1,000..	262 417	4 015	25 436	64 103	77 064	53 699	38 099
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	635	11	55	164	182	119	104
..... \$1,000..	54 012	794	4 348	13 200	15 892	10 867	8 910
Hay, silage, and field seeds farms..	9 542	79	826	2 197	2 912	1 980	1 548
..... \$1,000..	27 815	259	2 229	6 192	8 136	6 212	4 786
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	10	—	—	3	2	3	2
..... \$1,000..	752	—	—	278	(D)	183	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons farms..	407	1	59	136	123	57	31
..... \$1,000..	2 109	(D)	359	440	401	772	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	3	—	—	—	1	2	—
..... \$1,000..	670	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	—
Fruits, nuts, and berries farms..	223	—	11	46	83	54	29
..... \$1,000..	696	—	24	106	271	212	83
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Nursery and greenhouse crops farms..	579	—	50	174	184	114	57
..... \$1,000..	15 237	—	513	4 067	5 248	4 065	1 344
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	65	—	1	14	27	17	6
..... \$1,000..	11 072	—	(D)	2 762	4 127	3 182	(D)
Other crops farms..	139	—	19	28	33	38	21
..... \$1,000..	543	—	101	101	99	151	90
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poultry and poultry products..... farms..	468	6	55	138	149	83	37
..... \$1,000..	81 155	(D)	8 072	17 503	39 450	7 756	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	92	2	21	32	20	15	2
..... \$1,000..	80 776	(D)	8 024	17 380	39 326	7 717	(D)
Dairy products..... farms..	340	3	23	73	82	91	68
..... \$1,000..	19 902	192	694	3 314	4 351	7 399	3 953
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	118	2	3	21	26	38	28
..... \$1,000..	15 528	(D)	(D)	2 277	3 234	6 357	3 171
Cattle and calves farms..	25 051	246	2 021	5 852	7 569	5 621	3 742
..... \$1,000..	187 634	1 386	10 914	37 752	59 952	44 278	33 352
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	317	3	14	69	86	75	70
..... \$1,000..	47 872	317	1 595	8 309	16 915	10 531	10 204

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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..	1 523	1 025	12	80	235	222	203	273
\$1,000..	114 322	96 045	599	9 458	28 126	26 414	19 263	12 186
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	360	326	3	26	97	87	70	43
\$1,000..	104 654	88 978	516	8 696	26 577	24 765	18 096	10 328
Sheep, lambs, and wool farms..	654	255	2	11	70	49	50	73
\$1,000..	1 245	720	(D)	55	(D)	133	106	221
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) farms..	3 689	1 302	20	78	285	353	282	284
\$1,000..	338 004	228 770	418	9 411	90 356	67 372	34 771	26 443
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms..	364	239	1	11	53	79	51	44
\$1,000..	323 688	222 317	(D)	(D)	88 963	65 437	33 424	25 107
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) farms..	1 748	823	21	65	166	162	161	248
\$1,000..	4 761	3 237	71	193	845	752	751	624
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
Total farm production expenses farms..	82 263	33 850	389	2 144	4 483	5 982	7 380	13 472
\$1,000..	2 033 070	1 455 986	16 232	111 910	348 635	427 334	290 917	260 958
Average per farm dollars..	24 714	43 013	41 728	52 197	77 768	71 437	39 420	19 370
Livestock and poultry purchased farms..	19 647	9 510	103	800	1 583	1 843	1 937	3 244
\$1,000..	236 935	165 606	1 701	12 061	38 558	60 567	26 529	26 190
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	15 113	6 542	68	516	931	1 232	1 397	2 398
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 199	1 977	21	207	420	372	343	614
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 016	743	13	57	166	160	152	195
\$100,000 to \$249,999	217	171	—	17	46	48	32	28
\$250,000 or more	102	77	1	3	20	31	13	9
Feed for livestock and poultry farms..	39 926	18 271	131	1 093	2 604	3 368	4 254	6 821
\$1,000..	341 123	253 416	2 438	28 041	67 985	72 108	49 039	33 804
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	34 050	13 807	87	743	1 622	2 198	3 325	5 832
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 960	2 822	28	216	566	745	527	740
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 390	1 241	12	92	290	315	322	210
\$100,000 to \$249,999	277	230	1	14	81	58	48	28
\$250,000 or more	249	171	3	28	45	52	32	11
Commercially mixed formula feeds farms..	21 539	9 911	80	675	1 465	2 008	2 199	3 484
\$1,000..	232 290	172 826	1 360	23 839	49 662	46 818	31 728	19 420
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	18 197	7 209	51	462	879	1 260	1 634	2 923
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 144	1 684	20	119	316	480	320	429
\$25,000 to \$99,999	851	774	6	61	188	198	204	117
\$100,000 or more	347	244	3	33	82	70	41	15
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees farms..	44 944	21 612	291	1 649	3 410	4 319	4 813	7 130
\$1,000..	82 095	65 482	787	5 027	15 687	19 219	14 255	10 507
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	32 741	13 281	164	918	1 650	2 225	2 941	5 383
\$1,000 to \$4,999	9 137	5 693	87	462	1 086	1 320	1 355	1 383
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 475	2 080	35	234	543	592	384	292
\$25,000 to \$49,999	424	400	3	30	94	128	93	52
\$50,000 or more	167	158	2	5	37	54	40	20
Commercial fertilizer farms..	63 592	28 773	351	1 935	3 964	5 259	6 386	10 878
\$1,000..	183 802	140 707	1 485	10 063	31 108	36 467	33 247	28 339
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	57 286	23 716	269	1 521	2 949	3 903	5 180	9 894
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 031	3 854	70	329	695	1 021	927	812
\$25,000 to \$49,999	750	699	6	57	183	188	155	110
\$50,000 or more	525	504	6	28	137	147	124	62
Agricultural chemicals farms..	42 350	20 406	285	1 617	3 196	4 115	4 449	6 744
\$1,000..	84 326	71 038	898	5 512	16 823	21 221	15 638	10 945
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	39 665	18 070	237	1 408	2 650	3 411	3 962	6 402
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 947	1 631	41	154	370	482	321	263
\$25,000 to \$49,999	426	403	5	37	102	124	93	42
\$50,000 or more	312	302	2	18	74	98	73	37
Petroleum products farms..	77 810	32 799	380	2 120	4 385	5 813	7 196	12 905
\$1,000..	105 514	73 784	950	5 646	14 872	19 681	15 947	16 687
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	73 960	29 529	324	1 828	3 639	4 886	6 489	12 363
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 536	2 987	53	275	677	826	652	504
\$25,000 to \$49,999	250	229	2	16	58	75	44	34
\$50,000 or more	64	54	1	1	11	26	11	4
Gasoline and gasohol farms..	57 384	25 447	292	1 650	3 615	4 599	5 508	9 783
\$1,000..	39 652	26 756	331	2 061	5 064	6 620	5 784	6 895
Diesel fuel farms..	59 128	26 324	317	1 753	3 644	4 888	5 927	9 795
\$1,000..	45 679	32 352	416	2 317	6 646	8 617	7 222	7 133
Natural gas farms..	1 646	1 005	28	75	169	262	188	283
\$1,000..	3 077	2 473	30	174	392	1 098	380	399
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. farms..	49 614	24 372	302	1 661	3 546	4 743	5 402	8 718
\$1,000..	17 106	12 203	173	1 094	2 771	3 346	2 561	2 259

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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICUL- TURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs	farms.. 498	4	54	133	150	92	65
	\$1,000.. 18 277	9	1 022	4 119	1 907	9 686	1 535
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 34	—	3	10	8	10	3
	\$1,000.. 15 676	—	640	3 576	1 184	9 245	1 031
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms.. 399	2	32	137	125	72	31
	\$1,000.. 525	(D)	41	188	114	136	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms.. 2 387	21	244	751	755	436	180
	\$1,000.. 109 233	236	2 170	25 951	12 716	30 700	37 459
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 125	1	7	30	29	37	21
	\$1,000.. 101 370	(D)	(D)	23 800	10 110	29 081	36 589
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)	farms.. 925	5	89	298	320	155	58
	\$1,000.. 1 524	11	158	410	497	339	110
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
Total farm production expenses	farms.. 48 413	676	4 258	11 409	13 961	10 317	7 792
	\$1,000.. 577 084	6 517	49 720	137 369	171 979	126 052	85 448
Average per farm	dollars.. 11 920	9 640	11 677	12 040	12 319	12 218	10 966
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms.. 10 137	155	1 049	2 831	3 051	1 951	1 100
	\$1,000.. 71 329	756	4 174	13 361	20 980	19 536	12 521
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	8 571	140	904	2 470	2 499	1 701	857
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 222	5	119	278	453	192	175
\$25,000 to \$99,999	273	8	22	68	83	37	55
\$100,000 to \$249,999	46	2	4	12	9	11	8
\$250,000 or more	25	—	—	3	7	10	5
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms.. 21 655	292	1 902	5 730	6 810	4 383	2 538
	\$1,000.. 87 707	1 761	8 312	24 155	23 104	19 666	10 708
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	20 243	288	1 796	5 403	6 427	4 002	2 327
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 138	2	82	248	338	308	160
\$25,000 to \$99,999	149	—	6	40	21	45	37
\$100,000 to \$249,999	47	—	6	14	9	11	7
\$250,000 or more	78	2	12	25	15	17	7
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms.. 11 628	122	1 052	3 311	3 771	2 169	1 203
	\$1,000.. 59 464	1 540	6 530	17 888	16 404	12 207	4 895
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	10 988	118	1 000	3 158	3 609	2 030	1 073
\$5,000 to \$24,999	460	2	32	105	128	91	102
\$25,000 to \$99,999	77	—	4	16	11	27	19
\$100,000 or more	103	2	16	32	23	21	9
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms.. 23 332	329	2 515	6 001	6 766	4 657	3 064
	\$1,000.. 16 612	489	1 751	4 221	5 173	3 086	1 892
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	19 460	236	2 074	4 907	5 652	3 956	2 635
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 444	75	397	981	967	651	373
\$5,000 to \$24,999	395	17	43	108	135	42	50
\$25,000 to \$49,999	24	1	—	4	8	6	5
\$50,000 or more	9	—	1	1	4	2	1
Commercial fertilizer	farms.. 34 819	514	3 273	8 333	9 958	7 518	5 223
	\$1,000.. 43 095	464	3 698	9 905	13 463	9 129	6 437
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	33 570	498	3 170	8 071	9 515	7 279	5 037
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 177	15	99	252	414	224	173
\$25,000 to \$49,999	51	—	3	8	22	11	7
\$50,000 or more	21	1	1	2	7	4	6
Agricultural chemicals	farms.. 21 944	382	2 327	5 706	6 307	4 329	2 893
	\$1,000.. 13 287	188	1 393	3 001	4 130	2 504	2 073
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	21 595	382	2 280	5 658	6 188	4 250	2 837
\$5,000 to \$24,999	316	—	46	43	107	72	48
\$25,000 to \$49,999	23	—	—	4	9	5	5
\$50,000 or more	10	—	1	1	3	2	3
Petroleum products	farms.. 45 011	645	4 032	10 726	13 075	9 576	6 957
	\$1,000.. 31 731	376	2 762	7 570	9 691	6 659	4 671
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	44 431	642	3 997	10 574	12 926	9 446	6 846
\$5,000 to \$24,999	549	2	34	147	140	123	103
\$25,000 to \$49,999	21	1	—	4	6	5	5
\$50,000 or more	10	—	1	1	3	2	3
Gasoline and gasohol	farms.. 31 937	462	2 956	8 012	9 338	6 489	4 680
	\$1,000.. 12 896	169	1 173	3 254	3 744	2 645	1 912
Diesel fuel	farms.. 32 804	503	3 026	7 733	9 642	7 041	4 859
	\$1,000.. 13 327	153	1 099	2 984	4 245	2 878	1 969
Natural gas	farms.. 641	11	84	141	168	129	108
	\$1,000.. 604	(Z)	50	137	108	133	176
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms.. 25 242	352	2 390	6 267	7 374	5 345	3 514
	\$1,000.. 4 903	54	440	1 196	1 595	1 003	614

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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 ..	47 619	22 660	238	1 354	3 129	4 437	5 093	8 409		
\$1,000 ..	29 183	20 456	199	1 367	4 385	5 458	4 494	4 553		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$999 ..	41 993	18 244	194	1 015	2 130	3 306	4 113	7 486		
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	4 774	3 680	34	278	810	929	814	815		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	792	691	10	60	176	187	152	106		
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	46	35	—	1	8	11	14	1		
\$50,000 or more ..	14	10	—	—	5	4	—	1		
Hired farm labor farms ..	33 464	16 581	228	1 255	2 736	3 536	3 703	5 123		
\$1,000 ..	209 578	155 342	2 127	9 372	40 047	47 167	28 439	28 189		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	27 079	11 618	142	788	1 514	2 306	2 715	4 153		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	4 866	3 651	55	390	898	852	730	726		
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	1 287	1 128	30	71	277	308	225	217		
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	158	132	1	5	30	52	23	21		
\$250,000 or more ..	74	52	—	1	17	18	10	6		
Workers by days worked:										
150 days or more .. farms ..	7 706	4 730	49	312	900	1 071	998	1 400		
workers ..	14 600	10 226	75	626	2 164	3 199	1 912	2 250		
Less than 150 days .. farms ..	32 185	15 568	223	1 208	2 514	3 352	3 498	4 773		
workers ..	139 002	76 799	1 351	6 891	15 796	16 664	17 247	18 850		
Contract labor farms ..	11 693	6 116	114	506	1 104	1 408	1 233	1 751		
\$1,000 ..	49 793	35 093	604	2 995	9 368	9 997	6 381	5 748		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$999 ..	4 611	1 694	25	108	189	304	407	661		
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	4 735	2 609	38	241	457	632	443	798		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	2 006	1 539	51	139	360	385	341	263		
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	239	190	—	10	72	59	31	18		
\$50,000 or more ..	102	84	—	8	26	28	11	11		
Repair and maintenance .. farms ..	63 768	27 992	342	1 783	3 922	5 177	6 119	10 649		
\$1,000 ..	156 916	102 393	1 028	6 388	21 640	26 509	22 001	24 827		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	56 750	22 906	267	1 452	2 798	3 800	5 039	9 550		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	6 372	4 516	73	303	961	1 202	961	1 016		
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	474	423	2	23	128	124	84	62		
\$50,000 or more ..	172	147	—	5	35	51	35	21		
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment .. farms ..	20 304	10 532	157	695	1 545	2 001	2 292	3 842		
\$1,000 ..	31 027	21 485	267	1 221	4 668	5 900	4 285	5 144		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$999 ..	13 251	6 012	65	392	737	1 042	1 333	2 443		
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	5 832	3 621	77	242	572	687	796	1 247		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 134	817	15	59	214	242	148	139		
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	65	61	—	2	15	21	13	10		
\$50,000 or more ..	22	21	—	—	7	9	2	3		
Interest farms ..	31 739	14 078	203	1 315	2 834	3 720	3 118	2 888		
\$1,000 ..	179 810	112 091	1 200	8 891	27 224	33 458	24 096	17 220		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	21 868	8 369	122	800	1 325	2 100	1 894	2 128		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	8 792	4 777	74	455	1 254	1 313	1 032	649		
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	1 008	874	7	58	245	284	179	101		
\$100,000 or more ..	71	58	—	2	10	23	13	10		
Secured by real estate .. farms ..	24 789	10 623	101	900	2 185	2 861	2 519	2 057		
\$1,000 ..	137 429	81 009	570	5 315	19 984	23 553	18 968	12 619		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$999 ..	4 104	1 614	2	125	217	349	436	485		
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	12 764	4 582	53	448	811	1 221	1 075	974		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	7 188	3 816	43	303	1 098	1 003	859	510		
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	548	452	3	20	111	145	112	61		
\$50,000 or more ..	185	159	—	4	43	48	37	27		
Not secured by real estate .. farms ..	13 877	7 050	140	790	1 598	1 869	1 288	1 365		
\$1,000 ..	42 380	31 082	630	3 575	7 241	9 906	5 128	4 601		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$999 ..	5 903	2 408	20	189	392	665	466	676		
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	6 082	3 087	89	379	781	758	557	523		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 679	1 372	26	193	382	385	238	148		
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	162	144	3	26	34	49	19	13		
\$50,000 or more ..	51	39	2	3	9	12	8	5		
Cash rent farms ..	9 031	5 321	140	587	1 285	1 482	988	839		
\$1,000 ..	62 085	53 380	980	4 574	15 958	16 697	9 407	5 764		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	6 862	3 464	99	388	780	885	699	613		
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ..	869	682	18	75	162	232	88	107		
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ..	762	675	18	76	185	214	108	74		
\$25,000 or more ..	538	500	5	48	158	151	93	45		
Property taxes farms ..	77 459	31 886	261	1 853	4 118	5 684	7 144	12 826		
\$1,000 ..	59 942	31 118	260	1 580	4 859	6 557	7 409	10 452		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	76 493	31 188	250	1 819	3 967	5 515	7 014	12 623		
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ..	692	482	10	17	113	104	86	152		
\$10,000 to \$24,999 ..	217	173	1	16	23	55	34	44		
\$25,000 or more ..	57	43	—	1	15	10	10	7		
All other farm production expenses .. farms ..	70 738	31 122	361	2 031	4 202	5 623	6 821	12 084		
\$1,000 ..	220 941	154 594	1 309	9 171	35 451	46 326	29 749	32 588		
Farms with expenses of—										
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	63 717	25 747	305	1 633	2 962	4 076	5 690	11 081		
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	5 872	4 355	47	320	979	1 247	912	850		
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	702	634	7	57	154	175	142	99		
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ..	283	253	1	14	69	77	53	39		
\$100,000 or more ..	164	133	1	7	38	48	24	15		

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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..	82 264	33 851	389	2 144	4 484	5 982	7 380	13 472
	\$1,000..	979 715	776 224	10 198	61 858	195 484	202 054	154 987	151 644
Average per farm	dollars..	11 909	22 931	26 215	28 852	43 596	33 777	21 001	11 256
Farms with net gains ²	number..	52 475	25 124	300	1 679	3 252	4 363	5 523	10 007
Average net gain	dollars..	21 826	33 566	35 127	38 988	64 276	50 505	30 036	17 193
Gain of—									
Less than \$1,000		6 639	1 822	9	98	147	203	450	915
\$1,000 to \$9,999		27 155	10 786	95	552	976	1 541	2 428	5 194
\$10,000 to \$49,999		14 540	8 976	113	705	1 248	1 669	1 956	3 285
\$50,000 or more		4 141	3 540	83	324	881	950	689	613
Farms with net losses	number..	29 789	8 727	89	465	1 232	1 619	1 857	3 465
Average net loss	dollars..	5 559	7 688	3 824	7 749	10 993	11 301	5 869	5 891
Loss of—									
Less than \$1,000		7 398	1 873	14	90	171	228	430	940
\$1,000 to \$9,999		19 238	5 573	72	285	802	1 069	1 159	2 186
\$10,000 to \$49,999		3 023	1 192	3	85	243	284	252	325
\$50,000 or more		130	89	—	5	16	38	16	14
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME									
Government payments	farms..	20 965	10 658	112	515	1 561	2 006	2 504	3 960
	\$1,000..	54 741	36 982	251	2 064	7 282	9 451	9 078	8 857
Other farm-related income ¹	farms..	19 976	9 330	106	513	1 229	1 634	2 220	3 628
	\$1,000..	70 717	44 507	372	2 303	7 609	9 303	12 047	12 872
Customwork and other agricultural services	farms..	5 129	2 656	69	310	474	544	665	594
	\$1,000..	30 224	21 053	275	1 474	4 774	4 669	5 599	4 261
Gross cash rent or share payments	farms..	9 234	3 417	28	73	360	479	782	1 695
	\$1,000..	26 391	14 007	71	428	1 453	2 312	4 263	5 481
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products	farms..	1 645	818	8	40	114	113	210	333
	\$1,000..	9 563	5 791	7	311	381	953	1 658	2 481
Other farm-related income sources	farms..	7 260	4 463	48	176	565	901	1 036	1 737
	\$1,000..	4 538	3 655	19	91	1 001	1 369	527	648
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS									
Total	farms..	1 603	1 142	16	86	219	234	243	344
	\$1,000..	22 923	20 502	329	781	5 540	4 830	4 292	4 729
Corn	farms..	1 048	790	6	62	168	181	172	201
	\$1,000..	11 789	10 976	69	513	2 765	3 164	2 168	2 297
Wheat	farms..	188	153	3	10	43	30	29	38
	\$1,000..	1 907	1 778	(D)	11	592	(D)	363	553
Soybeans	farms..	247	192	3	19	44	46	38	42
	\$1,000..	6 039	5 407	(D)	100	1 843	1 189	1 270	(D)
Sorghum, barley, and oats	farms..	5	5	—	—	—	3	—	2
	\$1,000..	1	1	—	—	—	(D)	—	(D)
Cotton	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco	farms..	409	252	8	13	28	32	54	117
	\$1,000..	3 187	2 339	90	156	341	220	492	1 040
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE									
Total cropland	farms..	77 784	32 559	432	1 773	4 480	5 747	7 483	12 644
	acres..	8 549 027	5 683 331	59 457	343 122	1 079 688	1 332 037	1 310 017	1 559 010
Harvested cropland	farms..	68 953	30 452	420	1 709	4 277	5 432	7 017	11 597
	acres..	4 678 622	3 510 263	41 799	237 863	762 869	904 925	792 381	770 426
Farms by acres harvested:									
1 to 49 acres		50 548	18 418	250	921	2 159	2 844	4 226	8 018
50 to 99 acres		9 197	5 113	75	276	672	917	1 199	1 974
100 to 199 acres		4 869	3 254	50	203	580	692	794	935
200 to 499 acres		2 807	2 240	27	190	489	564	498	472
500 to 999 acres		873	794	14	75	209	223	152	121
1,000 to 1,999 acres		475	455	2	38	119	132	105	59
2,000 acres or more		184	178	2	6	49	60	43	18
Cropland:									
Pasture or grazing only	farms..	46 723	21 046	194	992	2 726	3 652	5 025	8 457
	acres..	3 101 480	1 808 759	15 638	87 005	261 830	364 353	430 941	648 992
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured	farms..	11 367	5 105	48	256	676	912	1 207	2 006
	acres..	261 322	125 525	736	6 151	17 732	25 325	29 354	46 227
On which all crops failed	farms..	1 958	994	16	64	187	197	227	303
	acres..	27 911	17 678	273	1 095	3 333	3 786	4 267	4 924
In cultivated summer fallow	farms..	2 575	1 422	17	73	197	219	371	545
	acres..	32 903	21 334	148	1 112	3 708	3 360	5 632	7 374
Idle	farms..	12 678	4 795	35	225	593	795	1 128	2 019
	acres..	446 789	199 772	863	9 896	30 216	30 288	47 442	81 067
Total woodland	farms..	47 699	20 289	176	979	2 684	3 638	4 867	7 945
	acres..	3 012 001	1 480 784	9 606	68 928	206 663	277 989	374 565	543 033
Woodland pastured	farms..	25 068	11 523	108	562	1 538	1 978	2 768	4 569
	acres..	909 167	482 620	3 978	19 038	70 523	85 654	127 081	176 346
Woodland not pastured	farms..	33 415	14 003	111	701	1 899	2 578	3 366	5 348
	acres..	2 102 834	998 164	5 628	49 890	136 140	192 335	247 484	366 687

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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..	48 413	676	4 258	11 409	13 961	10 317	7 792
\$1,000..	203 490	2 975	10 419	42 093	51 883	43 658	52 462
Average per farm dollars..	4 203	4 401	2 447	3 689	3 716	4 232	6 733
Farms with net gains ² number..	27 351	444	2 547	5 858	7 432	6 142	4 928
Average net gain dollars..	11 041	8 090	7 924	11 332	11 351	10 492	12 790
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000	4 817	49	407	1 019	1 484	1 112	746
\$1,000 to \$9,999	16 369	293	1 558	3 448	4 215	3 803	3 052
\$10,000 to \$49,999	5 564	93	567	1 234	1 584	1 061	1 025
\$50,000 or more	601	9	15	157	149	166	105
Farms with net losses number..	21 062	232	1 711	5 551	6 529	4 175	2 864
Average net loss dollars..	4 677	2 659	5 707	4 375	4 974	4 979	3 690
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000	5 525	62	398	1 404	1 360	1 224	1 077
\$1,000 to \$9,999	13 665	163	1 212	3 560	4 453	2 644	1 633
\$10,000 to \$49,999	1 831	7	100	572	703	300	149
\$50,000 or more	41	—	1	15	13	7	5
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME							
Government payments farms..	10 307	86	691	2 194	2 955	2 390	1 991
\$1,000..	17 759	140	825	2 913	4 989	4 540	4 353
Other farm-related income ¹ farms..	10 646	108	818	2 226	3 316	2 397	1 781
\$1,000..	26 210	211	1 480	5 519	8 064	5 831	5 106
Customwork and other agricultural services farms..	2 473	43	240	621	673	585	311
\$1,000..	9 171	136	746	2 141	2 136	2 205	1 807
Gross cash rent or share payments farms..	5 817	33	334	1 086	1 856	1 362	1 146
\$1,000..	12 384	26	404	2 167	4 154	2 890	2 743
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products farms..	827	—	112	203	254	178	80
\$1,000..	3 772	—	317	1 050	1 377	638	391
Other farm-related income sources farms..	2 797	46	205	559	960	600	427
\$1,000..	883	49	13	161	397	99	165
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS							
Total farms..	461	6	31	106	117	108	93
\$1,000..	2 422	17	137	463	897	474	434
Corn farms..	258	—	17	81	77	52	31
\$1,000..	812	—	15	199	395	77	126
Wheat farms..	35	—	3	15	6	4	7
\$1,000..	129	—	(D)	29	25	(D)	73
Soybeans farms..	55	1	7	15	11	14	7
\$1,000..	632	(D)	(D)	146	312	(D)	12
Sorghum, barley, and oats farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco farms..	157	5	8	16	32	39	57
\$1,000..	849	(D)	(D)	88	164	279	222
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE							
Total cropland farms..	45 225	537	3 938	10 491	13 392	9 745	7 122
acres..	2 865 696	27 571	193 289	598 277	863 442	681 953	501 164
Harvested cropland farms..	38 501	491	3 476	9 001	11 442	8 221	5 870
acres..	1 168 359	13 800	89 416	260 020	358 146	261 867	185 110
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres	32 130	416	2 994	7 558	9 486	6 758	4 918
50 to 99 acres	4 084	34	316	913	1 270	940	611
100 to 199 acres	1 615	36	117	376	478	361	247
200 to 499 acres	567	4	44	136	181	135	67
500 to 999 acres	79	—	4	14	21	22	18
1,000 to 1,999 acres	20	1	—	4	4	5	6
2,000 acres or more	6	—	1	—	2	—	3
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only farms..	25 677	224	2 044	6 006	7 950	5 684	3 769
acres..	1 292 721	10 572	83 593	269 751	391 117	315 249	222 439
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured farms..	6 262	56	467	1 316	1 900	1 457	1 066
acres..	135 797	890	7 283	21 829	42 324	33 570	29 901
On which all crops failed farms..	964	7	90	262	318	161	126
acres..	10 233	198	827	2 132	3 605	1 730	1 741
In cultivated summer fallow farms..	1 153	14	99	245	313	282	200
acres..	11 569	418	657	2 023	2 408	3 369	2 694
Idle farms..	7 883	67	525	1 633	2 226	1 874	1 558
acres..	247 017	1 693	11 513	42 522	65 842	66 168	59 279
Total woodland farms..	27 410	204	2 057	6 292	8 482	6 113	4 262
acres..	1 531 217	8 121	86 198	311 257	465 120	375 771	284 750
Woodland pastured farms..	13 545	125	1 057	3 155	4 230	3 010	1 968
acres..	426 547	3 172	23 847	89 550	128 533	104 401	77 044
Woodland not pastured farms..	19 412	132	1 409	4 393	6 008	4 352	3 118
acres..	1 104 670	4 949	62 351	221 707	336 587	271 370	207 706

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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..	16 010	7 246	80	355	1 065	1 312	1 698	2 736
acres..	1 127 746	668 832	5 716	34 003	111 800	154 956	160 263	202 094
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	53 434	22 733	210	1 104	3 055	4 057	5 268	9 039
acres..	645 460	334 703	2 189	14 731	45 564	66 920	80 228	125 071
Irrigated land farms..	4 104	2 525	49	216	537	536	545	642
acres..	58 490	47 479	939	3 818	11 404	14 645	9 038	7 635
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	3 971	2 457	49	213	527	521	527	620
acres..	54 948	45 408	(D)	(D)	11 082	13 945	8 637	7 141
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	229	130	1	12	18	26	31	42
acres..	3 542	2 071	(D)	(D)	322	700	401	494
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	6 189	2 356	12	106	270	376	561	1 031
acres..	330 431	138 777	492	5 040	15 240	24 451	37 076	56 478
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS ¹								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	82 264	33 851	389	2 144	4 484	5 982	7 380	13 472
\$1,000..	18 943 221	10 999 715	115 537	637 595	2 002 804	2 636 111	2 424 199	3 183 469
Average per farm dollars..	230 274	324 945	297 009	297 386	446 656	440 674	328 482	236 303
Average per acre dollars..	1 450	1 374	1 580	1 246	1 483	1 454	1 321	1 314
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999 farms..	12 794	4 026	86	347	513	610	833	1 637
\$40,000 to \$69,999 farms..	12 684	4 260	41	314	509	558	800	2 038
\$70,000 to \$99,999 farms..	10 463	3 747	40	187	390	597	821	1 712
\$100,000 to \$149,999 farms..	12 766	4 810	43	217	600	816	1 007	2 127
\$150,000 to \$199,999 farms..	8 699	3 516	24	160	351	583	833	1 565
\$200,000 to \$499,999 farms..	17 098	8 322	96	577	1 083	1 544	2 015	3 007
\$500,000 to \$999,999 farms..	4 880	2 962	36	215	531	654	618	908
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 farms..	1 941	1 425	17	89	318	369	278	354
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 farms..	803	673	6	36	164	208	147	112
\$5,000,000 or more farms..	136	110	—	2	25	43	28	12
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ¹								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	82 263	33 850	389	2 143	4 484	5 982	7 380	13 472
\$1,000..	2 741 593	1 561 792	20 678	111 819	280 711	371 458	339 945	437 180
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999 farms..	8 229	2 555	18	124	268	297	521	1 327
\$5,000 to \$9,999 farms..	13 923	4 260	26	152	485	633	828	2 136
\$10,000 to \$19,999 farms..	19 918	7 196	83	430	831	986	1 640	3 226
\$20,000 to \$49,999 farms..	25 534	10 756	137	721	1 283	1 945	2 330	4 340
\$50,000 to \$99,999 farms..	9 074	5 135	70	390	748	1 137	1 239	1 551
\$100,000 to \$199,999 farms..	3 977	2 647	39	233	559	618	531	667
\$200,000 to \$499,999 farms..	1 373	1 093	11	80	263	287	250	202
\$500,000 or more farms..	235	208	5	13	47	79	41	23
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ¹								
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	70 910	30 529	346	1 900	4 126	5 613	6 845	11 699
number..	120 154	59 183	693	3 839	9 332	12 669	13 080	19 570
Wheel tractors farms..	76 017	31 722	362	1 970	4 113	5 630	7 030	12 617
number..	150 260	72 616	866	4 521	10 220	14 073	16 452	26 484
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	45 688	19 380	276	1 128	2 493	3 318	4 444	7 721
number..	61 898	27 567	378	1 565	3 575	4 941	6 115	10 993
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	56 794	25 360	274	1 676	3 427	4 694	5 681	9 608
number..	88 362	45 049	488	2 956	6 645	9 132	10 337	15 491
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	53 615	23 746	237	1 548	3 184	4 417	5 349	9 011
number..	75 651	36 827	344	2 365	5 181	7 061	8 397	13 479
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	9 227	5 454	93	411	911	1 238	1 286	1 515
number..	12 711	8 222	144	591	1 464	2 071	1 940	2 012
Grain and bean combines farms..	6 105	4 442	62	350	838	1 060	1 080	1 052
number..	6 958	5 120	78	385	961	1 265	1 266	1 165
Cotton pickers and strippers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	25 095	12 829	111	832	1 649	2 133	3 120	4 984
number..	28 539	14 792	139	918	1 905	2 582	3 590	5 658
Pickup balers farms..	28 204	14 891	131	918	1 953	2 735	3 512	5 642
number..	35 486	19 305	189	1 137	2 596	3 710	4 576	7 097
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS ¹								
Commercial fertilizer farms..	63 439	28 734	351	1 934	3 953	5 252	6 382	10 862
acres on which used..	3 753 370	2 832 574	33 879	206 040	604 473	742 942	643 202	602 038
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	25 302	12 558	188	1 082	2 077	2 573	2 929	3 709
acres on which used..	749 516	633 788	10 622	44 472	162 639	184 699	134 302	97 054
Nematodes in crops farms..	1 732	867	18	83	135	170	194	267
acres on which used..	40 547	31 432	237	4 495	5 147	7 535	6 725	7 293
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	9 025	4 229	105	475	789	901	865	1 094
acres on which used..	166 526	132 933	4 014	10 603	31 094	40 241	28 195	18 786
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	17 730	9 468	171	758	1 877	1 903	2 057	2 702
acres on which used..	2 015 073	1 745 232	19 474	120 193	422 786	529 291	376 531	276 957
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	3 116	1 571	20	152	329	320	387	363
acres on which used..	64 028	50 677	594	3 439	12 343	16 781	11 932	5 588

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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
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	8 764	104	750	2 092	2 641	1 811	1 366
acres..	458 914	4 300	29 817	93 817	130 302	114 433	86 245
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	30 701	246	2 401	7 060	9 339	6 736	4 919
acres..	310 757	1 622	19 023	55 759	91 621	74 833	67 899
Irrigated land farms..	1 579	36	202	423	448	281	189
acres..	11 011	193	1 230	2 333	3 227	2 392	1 636
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	1 514	35	197	407	435	267	173
acres..	9 540	(D)	(D)	2 166	2 845	2 002	1 328
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	99	1	11	26	23	19	19
acres..	1 471	(D)	(D)	167	382	390	308
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	3 833	20	196	686	1 010	955	966
acres..	191 654	1 345	7 655	27 411	52 862	52 140	50 241
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS ¹							
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	48 413	676	4 258	11 409	13 961	10 317	7 792
\$1,000..	7 943 506	56 793	532 600	1 804 387	2 397 981	1 750 491	1 401 253
Average per farm dollars..	164 078	84 014	125 082	158 155	171 763	169 671	179 832
Average per acre dollars..	1 572	1 232	1 630	1 740	1 600	1 452	1 492
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999 farms..	8 768	250	1 108	2 095	2 098	1 771	1 446
\$40,000 to \$69,999 farms..	8 424	136	793	1 900	2 277	1 956	1 362
\$70,000 to \$99,999 farms..	6 716	79	592	1 736	1 872	1 408	1 029
\$100,000 to \$149,999 farms..	7 956	105	604	1 933	2 587	1 467	1 260
\$150,000 to \$199,999 farms..	5 183	54	464	1 239	1 520	1 182	724
\$200,000 to \$499,999 farms..	8 776	38	569	1 969	2 847	1 905	1 448
\$500,000 to \$999,999 farms..	1 918	13	105	368	541	484	407
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 farms..	516	1	18	130	176	106	85
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 farms..	130	—	5	34	36	33	22
\$5,000,000 or more farms..	26	—	—	5	7	5	9
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ¹							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	48 413	676	4 258	11 409	13 961	10 317	7 792
\$1,000..	1 179 801	16 083	103 655	267 186	351 864	240 233	200 780
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999 farms..	5 674	75	554	1 248	1 459	1 290	1 048
\$5,000 to \$9,999 farms..	9 663	123	837	2 373	2 606	2 138	1 586
\$10,000 to \$19,999 farms..	12 722	227	1 164	3 097	3 770	2 491	1 973
\$20,000 to \$49,999 farms..	14 778	183	1 246	3 429	4 525	3 190	2 205
\$50,000 to \$99,999 farms..	3 939	41	299	926	1 108	922	643
\$100,000 to \$199,999 farms..	1 330	16	113	293	402	233	273
\$200,000 to \$499,999 farms..	280	11	38	41	82	49	59
\$500,000 or more farms..	27	—	7	2	9	4	5
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ¹							
Motortrucks, including pickups..... farms..	40 381	541	3 581	9 633	11 795	8 585	6 246
number..	60 971	773	5 478	14 451	18 174	12 864	9 231
Wheel tractors..... farms..	44 295	548	3 627	10 456	12 969	9 596	7 099
number..	77 644	927	6 248	18 007	22 937	17 168	12 357
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	26 308	295	2 068	6 225	7 661	5 735	4 324
number..	34 331	384	2 712	7 833	10 056	7 637	5 709
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	31 434	432	2 701	7 484	9 215	6 790	4 812
number..	43 313	543	3 536	10 174	12 881	9 531	6 648
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	29 869	409	2 524	7 067	8 866	6 471	4 532
number..	38 824	498	3 124	9 018	11 696	8 599	5 889
100 horsepower (PTO) or more..... farms..	3 773	45	373	1 011	950	789	605
number..	4 489	45	412	1 156	1 185	932	759
Grain and bean combines..... farms..	1 663	36	152	417	525	343	190
number..	1 838	36	175	455	580	379	213
Cotton pickers and strippers..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	12 266	123	935	2 939	3 780	2 740	1 749
number..	13 747	129	1 045	3 300	4 236	3 037	2 000
Pickup balers..... farms..	13 313	121	983	3 284	4 203	3 014	1 708
number..	16 181	157	1 134	4 013	5 100	3 671	2 106
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS ¹							
Commercial fertilizer farms..	34 705	507	3 259	8 331	9 923	7 472	5 213
acres on which used..	920 796	10 175	73 446	205 225	296 191	206 666	129 093
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	12 744	253	1 646	3 577	3 532	2 379	1 357
acres on which used..	115 728	2 156	10 031	30 746	30 923	18 780	23 092
Nematodes in crops farms..	865	21	126	228	231	130	129
acres on which used..	9 115	665	856	1 498	2 095	3 249	752
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	4 796	109	700	1 388	1 172	876	551
acres on which used..	33 593	1 052	4 196	7 342	9 228	6 989	4 786
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	8 262	186	996	2 422	2 352	1 448	858
acres on which used..	269 841	3 798	26 257	59 977	93 399	48 282	38 128
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	1 545	30	266	457	410	239	143
acres on which used..	13 351	116	942	3 387	5 535	2 716	655

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			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR								
All operators	82 273	33 841	452	1 842	4 646	5 959	7 710	13 232
Full owners	58 840	22 084	143	684	2 045	3 135	5 108	10 969
Part owners	17 222	9 049	111	723	2 037	2 287	2 172	1 719
Tenants	6 211	2 708	198	435	564	537	430	544
White	81 567	33 576	451	1 838	4 624	5 918	7 648	13 097
Full owners	58 294	21 898	142	683	2 036	3 115	5 064	10 858
Part owners	17 118	8 990	111	722	2 028	2 267	2 159	1 703
Tenants	6 155	2 688	198	433	560	536	425	536
Black and other races	706	265	1	4	22	41	62	135
Full owners	546	186	1	1	9	20	44	111
Part owners	104	59	—	1	9	20	13	16
Tenants	56	20	—	2	4	1	5	8
OWNED AND RENTED LAND								
Land owned..... farms..	76 183	31 188	258	1 416	4 087	5 431	7 297	12 699
acres..	10 374 528	5 767 756	34 593	205 870	713 446	1 107 140	1 482 369	2 224 338
Owned land in farms	76 062	31 133	254	1 407	4 082	5 422	7 280	12 688
acres..	9 682 939	5 424 062	32 676	196 117	681 843	1 059 987	1 387 200	2 066 239
Land rented or leased from others	23 642	11 854	310	1 165	2 620	2 832	2 633	2 294
farms..	3 693 021	2 766 305	44 488	266 634	765 060	779 288	541 667	369 168
landlords..	50 246	30 622	713	3 335	7 896	8 091	6 177	4 410
Rented or leased land in farms	23 433	11 757	309	1 158	2 601	2 824	2 602	2 263
acres..	3 651 295	2 743 588	44 292	264 667	761 872	771 915	537 873	362 969
Land rented or leased to others..... farms..	11 365	4 935	40	139	386	569	1 000	2 801
acres..	733 315	366 411	2 113	11 720	34 791	54 526	98 963	164 298
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated	58 367	25 793	237	1 225	3 377	4 534	6 129	10 291
Not on farm operated	17 566	5 104	171	466	913	961	1 033	1 560
Not reported	6 340	2 944	44	151	356	464	548	1 381
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	33 841	33 841	452	1 842	4 646	5 959	7 710	13 232
Other	48 432	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None	28 911	20 970	187	774	2 304	3 154	4 949	9 602
Any	48 491	8 000	216	870	1 844	2 130	1 835	1 105
1 to 99 days	6 219	3 831	100	386	746	927	937	735
100 to 199 days	7 172	1 934	48	199	495	510	472	210
200 days or more	35 100	2 235	68	285	603	693	426	160
Not reported	4 871	4 871	49	198	498	675	926	2 525
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less	4 514	1 319	121	236	326	289	200	147
3 or 4 years	5 393	1 336	77	238	351	313	201	156
5 to 9 years	12 177	3 521	70	569	946	719	728	489
10 years or more	43 733	20 423	—	397	2 151	3 521	5 176	9 178
Average years on present farm	18.9	24.0	3.3	7.2	12.3	17.7	23.6	34.7
Not reported	16 456	7 242	184	402	872	1 117	1 405	3 262
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years	1 025	452	452	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	6 071	1 842	—	1 842	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	15 920	4 646	—	—	4 646	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	9 916	2 690	—	—	—	2 690	—	—
50 to 54 years	10 352	3 269	—	—	—	3 269	—	—
55 to 59 years	9 719	3 646	—	—	—	—	3 646	—
60 to 64 years	8 393	4 064	—	—	—	—	4 064	—
65 to 69 years	7 350	4 384	—	—	—	—	—	4 384
70 years and over	13 527	8 848	—	—	—	—	—	8 848
Average age	54.0	58.4	21.7	30.5	39.8	49.8	59.6	73.3
Operators by sex:								
Male	74 862	30 872	438	1 736	4 344	5 513	7 150	11 691
Female	7 411	2 969	14	106	302	446	560	1 541
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	405	197	5	16	37	45	34	60
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	71 307	28 587	365	1 487	3 785	4 953	6 663	11 334
acres..	10 333 608	6 092 533	56 979	339 315	1 018 222	1 331 444	1 472 945	1 873 628
Partnership	9 353	4 451	75	316	695	787	900	1 678
acres..	2 327 799	1 625 980	17 341	105 337	336 695	365 633	346 239	454 735
Corporation:								
Family held	1 098	586	6	29	129	171	113	138
acres..	494 597	344 862	1 415	14 314	72 902	108 338	65 784	82 109
More than 10 stockholders	22	6	—	—	—	2	3	1
10 or less stockholders	1 076	580	6	29	129	169	110	137
Other than family held	168	75	3	5	16	20	14	17
acres..	70 888	42 254	(D)	1 574	8 113	11 511	(D)	3 704
More than 10 stockholders	9	4	—	—	—	1	2	1
10 or less stockholders	159	71	3	5	16	19	12	16
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. farms..	347	142	3	5	21	28	20	65
acres..	107 342	62 021	(D)	244	7 783	14 976	(D)	15 032

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TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR							
All operators	48 432	573	4 229	11 274	14 309	10 402	7 645
Full owners	36 756	208	2 471	7 765	10 888	8 647	6 777
Part owners	8 173	120	965	2 540	2 652	1 364	532
Tenants	3 503	245	793	969	769	391	336
White	47 991	572	4 206	11 187	14 200	10 295	7 531
Full owners	36 396	208	2 454	7 698	10 799	8 554	6 683
Part owners	8 128	120	963	2 531	2 636	1 356	522
Tenants	3 467	244	789	958	765	385	326
Black and other races	441	1	23	87	109	107	114
Full owners	360	—	17	67	89	93	94
Part owners	45	—	2	9	16	8	10
Tenants	36	1	4	11	4	6	10
OWNED AND RENTED LAND							
Land owned..... farms..	44 995	330	3 444	10 322	13 552	10 024	7 323
acres..	4 606 772	21 798	225 399	858 150	1 354 748	1 187 246	959 431
Owned land in farms..... farms..	44 929	328	3 436	10 305	13 540	10 011	7 309
acres..	4 258 877	20 877	215 372	785 746	1 271 241	1 100 520	865 121
Land rented or leased from others..... farms..	11 788	366	1 766	3 536	3 445	1 782	893
acres..	926 716	20 747	114 075	277 287	282 563	153 357	78 687
landlords..	19 624	551	2 824	5 930	5 870	2 984	1 465
Rented or leased land in farms..... farms..	11 676	365	1 758	3 509	3 421	1 755	868
acres..	907 707	20 737	112 955	273 364	279 244	146 470	74 937
Land rented or leased to others..... farms..	6 430	25	289	1 078	1 685	1 600	1 753
acres..	366 904	931	11 147	76 327	86 826	93 613	98 060
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated	32 574	261	2 734	8 075	10 064	6 945	4 495
Not on farm operated	12 462	272	1 214	2 601	3 407	2 697	2 271
Not reported	3 396	40	281	598	838	760	879
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	48 432	573	4 229	11 274	14 309	10 402	7 645
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None	7 941	37	182	548	866	1 660	4 648
Any	40 491	536	4 047	10 726	13 443	8 742	2 997
1 to 99 days	2 388	34	167	386	566	600	635
100 to 199 days	5 238	100	489	1 165	1 542	1 299	643
200 days or more	32 865	402	3 391	9 175	11 335	6 843	1 719
Not reported	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less	3 195	161	765	1 082	769	311	107
3 or 4 years	4 057	120	792	1 395	1 145	445	160
5 to 9 years	8 656	85	1 393	2 993	2 548	1 215	422
10 years or more	23 310	—	537	4 143	7 644	6 346	4 640
Average years on present farm	15.4	3.2	5.7	9.6	14.3	19.6	29.3
Not reported	9 214	207	742	1 661	2 203	2 085	2 316
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years	573	573	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	4 229	—	4 229	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	11 274	—	—	11 274	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	7 226	—	—	—	7 226	—	—
50 to 54 years	7 083	—	—	—	7 083	—	—
55 to 59 years	6 073	—	—	—	—	6 073	—
60 to 64 years	4 329	—	—	—	—	4 329	—
65 to 69 years	2 966	—	—	—	—	—	2 966
70 years and over	4 679	—	—	—	—	—	4 679
Average age	51.0	21.9	30.7	39.9	49.4	58.9	72.8
Operators by sex:							
Male	43 990	534	4 024	10 591	13 271	9 462	6 108
Female	4 442	39	205	683	1 038	940	1 537
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	208	6	18	55	67	30	32
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	42 720	495	3 712	10 040	12 792	9 227	6 454
acres..	4 241 075	33 905	263 810	876 804	1 285 974	1 036 136	744 446
Partnership..... farms..	4 902	70	459	1 056	1 293	1 010	1 014
acres..	701 819	5 742	47 756	133 680	206 219	159 801	148 621
Corporation:							
Family held..... farms..	512	2	34	109	139	111	117
acres..	149 735	(D)	(D)	27 258	43 800	36 666	30 969
More than 10 stockholders..... farms..	16	—	—	3	4	6	3
10 or less stockholders..... farms..	496	2	34	106	135	105	114
Other than family held..... farms..	93	1	10	21	35	13	13
acres..	28 634	(D)	(D)	9 337	6 762	2 162	5 148
More than 10 stockholders..... farms..	5	—	—	1	—	1	3
10 or less stockholders..... farms..	88	1	10	20	35	12	10
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. farms..	205	5	14	48	50	41	47
acres..	45 321	(D)	(D)	12 031	7 730	12 225	10 874

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Item	Other occupations						
	Age of operator (years)						
	Total	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..	276	5	32	92	71	45	31
number..	314	5	34	100	85	56	34
Hired workers farms..	94	—	8	22	31	16	17
number..	129	—	8	28	37	20	36
Farm-related deaths:							
Operator and family members farms..	5	—	1	—	1	2	1
number..	(D)	—	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hired workers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FARMS BY SIZE							
1 to 9 acres	5 062	162	747	1 418	1 185	839	711
10 to 49 acres	15 212	165	1 490	3 892	4 565	3 031	2 069
50 to 69 acres	5 558	54	493	1 217	1 706	1 222	866
70 to 99 acres	5 957	47	463	1 303	1 796	1 305	1 043
100 to 139 acres	5 731	49	431	1 226	1 768	1 297	960
140 to 179 acres	3 241	31	192	653	1 001	782	582
180 to 219 acres	2 229	17	111	500	665	550	386
220 to 259 acres	1 447	13	105	304	407	364	254
260 to 499 acres	2 865	34	142	574	893	701	521
500 to 999 acres	899	—	41	152	265	240	201
1,000 to 1,999 acres	176	1	12	27	43	57	36
2,000 acres or more	55	—	2	8	15	14	16
FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM							
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	3 616	40	224	656	956	858	882
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	218	—	34	63	57	40	24
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	221	1	6	42	92	50	30
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	413	—	34	119	130	92	38
Other crop farming (1119)	24 090	353	2 397	5 704	6 969	4 976	3 691
Tobacco farming (11191)	19 225	318	2 002	4 574	5 509	3 949	2 873
Cotton farming (11192)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	4 865	35	395	1 130	1 460	1 027	818
Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111)	15 880	151	1 193	3 608	4 811	3 607	2 510
Cattle feedlots (112112)	558	5	39	100	182	125	107
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	253	3	16	52	60	69	53
Hog and pig farming (1122)	238	—	28	59	68	48	35
Poultry and egg production (1123)	197	2	32	57	56	37	13
Sheep and goat farming (1124)	219	1	14	78	65	48	13
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	2 529	17	212	736	863	452	249
LIVESTOCK							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	26 378	260	2 217	6 320	7 960	5 805	3 816
number..	880 987	7 882	58 205	191 045	268 364	214 052	141 439
Farms with—							
1 to 9	5 833	55	651	1 714	1 679	1 040	694
10 to 49	15 764	168	1 284	3 573	4 833	3 573	2 333
50 to 99	3 347	23	207	737	1 031	808	541
100 to 199	1 098	10	53	238	332	286	179
200 to 499	299	4	21	51	73	88	62
500 or more	37	—	1	7	12	10	7
Cows and heifers that had calved farms..	22 928	223	1 846	5 426	6 966	5 147	3 320
number..	472 112	3 878	29 470	101 296	143 802	117 058	76 608
Beef cows farms..	22 523	219	1 815	5 329	6 863	5 054	3 243
number..	458 200	3 777	28 793	98 500	141 065	112 349	73 716
Farms with—							
1 to 9	8 084	96	826	2 181	2 328	1 607	1 046
10 to 49	12 630	111	884	2 801	3 980	2 968	1 886
50 to 99	1 414	9	88	272	441	370	234
100 to 199	315	3	16	61	88	90	57
200 to 499	75	—	1	12	24	19	19
500 or more	5	—	—	2	2	—	1
Milk cows farms..	761	5	63	187	195	179	132
number..	13 912	101	677	2 796	2 737	4 709	2 892
Farms with—							
1 to 4	356	1	39	108	101	65	42
5 to 9	113	1	6	15	31	31	29
10 to 49	210	3	14	47	47	59	40
50 to 99	62	—	4	10	15	15	18
100 to 199	19	—	—	7	1	8	3
200 to 499	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 or more	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Heifers and heifer calves farms..	19 454	203	1 725	4 739	5 940	4 268	2 579
number..	193 003	1 705	14 044	44 707	59 118	43 929	29 500
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves farms..	21 972	229	1 841	5 233	6 700	4 910	3 059
number..	215 872	2 299	14 691	45 042	65 444	53 065	35 331

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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..	47 355	22 304	231	1 055	2 903	3 754	5 265	9 096	
number..	1 388 647	902 423	12 561	45 216	151 595	226 786	202 285	263 980	
\$1,000..	553 436	365 801	5 033	17 460	62 258	96 234	81 072	103 744	
Calves farms..	32 863	15 255	155	748	1 980	2 549	3 630	6 193	
number..	545 314	320 085	4 053	16 072	46 524	60 962	75 692	116 782	
\$1,000..	150 957	87 532	1 141	4 466	12 398	16 190	20 422	32 915	
Cattle farms..	30 944	14 845	153	675	1 993	2 502	3 598	5 924	
number..	843 333	582 338	8 508	29 144	105 071	165 824	126 593	147 198	
\$1,000..	402 479	278 269	3 893	12 994	49 860	80 044	60 650	70 829	
Fattened on grain and concentrates farms..	1 996	935	10	51	121	150	206	397	
number..	53 720	37 633	281	3 972	7 014	8 744	7 992	9 630	
\$1,000..	33 922	23 753	197	2 212	4 500	5 706	4 895	6 243	
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	1 881	1 136	14	93	260	251	220	298	
number..	563 797	474 567	2 895	39 888	136 041	130 044	101 568	64 131	
Farms with—									
1 to 24	1 007	457	8	35	84	90	88	152	
25 to 49	158	91	1	7	17	22	13	31	
50 to 99	155	106	1	11	23	14	25	32	
100 to 199	135	104	—	7	31	23	20	23	
200 to 499	180	156	3	12	38	44	25	34	
500 or more	246	222	1	21	67	58	49	26	
Used or to be used for breeding farms..	1 163	793	9	66	173	170	161	214	
number..	67 071	57 013	360	3 918	16 656	15 499	12 815	7 765	
Other farms..	1 744	1 052	12	86	251	233	205	265	
number..	496 726	417 554	2 535	35 970	119 385	114 545	88 753	56 366	
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	1 523	1 025	12	80	235	222	203	273	
number..	1 100 523	920 160	4 767	87 239	281 234	248 721	183 136	115 063	
\$1,000..	114 322	96 045	599	9 458	28 126	26 414	19 263	12 186	
Feeder pigs farms..	256	174	3	18	42	42	36	33	
number..	202 803	160 626	74	5 026	77 726	46 154	25 124	6 522	
\$1,000..	7 088	5 492	1	168	2 918	1 319	874	211	
Litters of pigs farrowed between—									
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30 farms..	1 258	857	10	68	185	181	177	236	
number..	112 666	96 231	529	5 729	29 837	25 506	22 433	12 197	
Dec. 1 and May 31 farms..	1 141	785	10	57	168	168	166	216	
number..	56 580	48 187	266	2 705	15 083	12 958	10 884	6 291	
June 1 and Nov. 30 farms..	1 017	734	7	63	170	160	149	185	
number..	56 086	48 044	263	3 024	14 754	12 548	11 549	5 906	
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory farms..	795	294	3	15	74	55	59	88	
number..	21 664	11 297	40	446	2 794	2 500	1 952	3 565	
Ewes 1 year old or older farms..	669	244	2	13	64	47	50	68	
number..	12 924	6 974	(D)	(D)	1 756	1 380	1 325	2 256	
Sheep and lambs sold farms..	598	238	2	10	68	42	47	69	
number..	15 555	9 207	(D)	(D)	2 448	1 814	1 353	2 612	
Sheep and lambs shorn farms..	499	200	1	9	46	44	40	60	
number..	17 592	9 784	(D)	(D)	2 431	1 781	1 601	2 840	
pounds of wool..	116 522	65 139	(D)	(D)	18 209	9 822	11 837	18 031	
Horses and ponies inventory farms..	13 400	4 558	69	274	857	1 025	1 042	1 291	
number..	95 932	45 757	381	1 794	11 493	12 925	9 862	9 302	
Horses and ponies sold farms..	2 855	1 012	17	60	222	289	209	215	
number..	17 854	9 129	58	282	2 905	2 553	1 881	1 450	
Goats inventory farms..	1 689	570	6	39	117	113	152	143	
number..	13 877	5 408	42	172	1 213	1 378	1 526	1 077	
Goats sold farms..	506	168	2	9	48	42	38	29	
number..	5 383	1 820	(D)	(D)	495	474	456	296	
POULTRY									
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	1 991	885	10	74	150	141	194	316	
number..	3 500 904	2 847 008	176	(D)	1 269 024	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Farms with—									
1 to 399	1 915	827	10	60	124	131	188	314	
400 to 3,199	4	4	—	2	1	—	1	—	
3,200 to 9,999	6	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	
10,000 to 19,999	24	19	—	4	9	5	1	—	
20,000 to 49,999	34	27	—	6	12	4	3	2	
50,000 to 99,999	4	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	
100,000 or more	4	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	
Layers 20 weeks old and older farms..	1 882	836	9	63	143	132	185	304	
number..	2 822 970	2 478 188	137	195 686	1 040 517	1 105 799	88 897	47 152	
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old farms..	466	191	3	25	28	34	43	58	
number..	677 934	368 820	39	(D)	228 507	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text) farms..	241	127	—	19	44	22	21	21	
number..	4 148 542	3 425 726	—	346 793	1 006 592	1 774 901	(D)	(D)	
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	243	153	2	32	44	40	24	11	
number..	91 548 829	63 905 385	(D)	14 986 737	15 749 258	17 994 599	11 854 790	(D)	
Farms with—									
1 to 1,999	39	20	—	3	8	4	—	5	
2,000 to 59,999	5	5	—	1	2	—	1	1	
60,000 to 99,999	7	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	
100,000 or more	192	125	2	28	32	35	23	5	
Turkey hens kept for breeding farms..	187	58	—	6	13	18	8	13	
number..	607	186	—	15	54	60	22	35	
Turkeys sold farms..	31	11	—	1	1	5	4	—	
number..	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	6	—	

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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
LIVESTOCK—Con.							
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 25 051	246	2 021	5 852	7 569	5 621	3 742
	number.. 486 224	4 100	29 960	102 318	151 063	114 657	84 126
	\$1,000.. 187 634	1 386	10 914	37 752	59 952	44 278	33 352
Calves	farms.. 17 608	186	1 426	4 129	5 257	4 017	2 593
	number.. 225 229	2 092	15 237	50 920	65 396	53 425	38 159
	\$1,000.. 63 425	549	4 331	14 105	18 560	15 156	10 723
Cattle	farms.. 16 099	151	1 279	3 699	5 000	3 578	2 392
	number.. 260 995	2 008	14 723	51 398	85 667	61 232	45 967
	\$1,000.. 124 209	837	6 584	23 647	41 392	29 122	22 628
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 1 061	9	85	231	329	227	180
	number.. 16 087	35	772	2 535	3 501	3 725	5 519
	\$1,000.. 10 169	25	486	1 585	2 151	2 422	3 500
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 745	8	82	217	219	129	90
	number.. 89 230	260	6 130	19 551	9 855	45 914	7 520
Farms with—							
1 to 24	550	5	55	171	166	87	66
25 to 49	67	2	6	10	21	16	12
50 to 99	49	—	7	17	10	8	7
100 to 199	31	1	5	7	12	5	1
200 to 499	24	—	5	4	7	7	1
500 or more	24	—	4	8	3	6	3
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 370	4	46	100	105	73	42
	number.. 10 058	44	1 129	3 428	1 350	3 340	767
Other	farms.. 692	7	79	199	205	119	83
	number.. 79 172	216	5 001	16 123	8 505	42 574	6 753
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 498	4	54	133	150	92	65
	number.. 180 363	200	14 220	50 639	16 934	84 928	13 442
	\$1,000.. 18 277	9	1 022	4 119	1 907	9 686	1 535
Feeder pigs	farms.. 82	3	13	22	15	19	10
	number.. 42 177	184	4 980	29 381	1 444	5 317	871
	\$1,000.. 1 596	7	104	1 240	60	160	25
Litters of pigs farrowed between—							
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 401	4	49	109	116	76	47
	number.. 16 435	31	1 742	5 387	1 617	6 613	1 045
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 356	3	42	96	102	71	42
	number.. 8 393	(D)	888	2 787	831	3 311	(D)
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 283	2	38	72	82	56	33
	number.. 8 042	(D)	854	2 600	786	3 302	(D)
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 501	4	45	159	158	92	43
	number.. 10 367	47	827	2 965	2 995	2 468	1 065
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 425	3	33	136	136	82	35
	number.. 5 950	20	482	1 798	1 791	1 235	624
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 360	2	27	124	112	65	30
	number.. 6 348	(D)	(D)	2 126	1 587	1 456	593
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 299	1	25	102	97	53	21
	number.. 7 808	(D)	(D)	2 404	2 253	1 713	770
pounds of wool	51 383	(D)	(D)	16 932	15 082	10 774	4 359
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 8 842	76	792	2 535	2 982	1 620	837
	number.. 50 175	287	3 621	12 807	17 045	10 145	6 270
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 843	18	176	574	615	326	134
	number.. 8 725	60	541	2 709	3 050	1 372	993
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 119	7	126	334	355	197	100
	number.. 8 469	58	1 057	2 162	2 506	1 935	751
Goats sold	farms.. 338	4	48	114	84	67	21
	number.. 3 563	(D)	(D)	956	713	847	648
POULTRY							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 1 106	8	120	312	343	182	141
	number.. 653 896	(D)	152 667	208 693	(D)	14 318	3 168
Farms with—							
1 to 399	1 088	8	114	305	340	180	141
400 to 3,199	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3,200 to 9,999	3	—	—	—	1	2	—
10,000 to 19,999	5	—	2	3	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999	7	—	3	3	1	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	2	—	1	1	—	—	—
100,000 or more	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 1 046	8	109	295	326	174	134
	number.. 344 782	(D)	12 910	61 587	(D)	3 184	2 790
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 275	2	41	71	84	49	28
	number.. 309 114	(D)	139 757	147 106	(D)	11 134	378
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 114	1	15	37	32	19	10
	number.. 722 816	(D)	311 429	267 501	(D)	(D)	138
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 90	2	16	32	23	15	2
	number.. 27 643 444	(D)	4 539 221	10 307 458	6 418 616	4 742 097	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 1,999	19	—	2	7	7	2	1
2,000 to 59,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
60,000 to 99,999	4	—	1	—	3	—	—
100,000 or more	67	2	13	25	13	13	1
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 129	—	16	36	46	19	12
	number.. 421	—	64	97	170	52	38
Turkeys sold	farms.. 20	—	5	6	4	3	2
	number.. 211	—	(D)	45	35	30	(D)

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			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..	11 021	7 391	112	528	1 433	1 582	1 680	2 056
acres..	1 086 381	963 719	11 148	69 250	240 969	269 691	216 913	155 748
bushels..	110 787 023	99 623 168	1 142 415	6 870 724	25 280 570	28 558 025	22 398 568	15 372 866
Irrigated farms..	101	81	1	12	20	25	12	11
acres..	12 290	11 878	(D)	(D)	3 466	4 399	1 888	961
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	5 500	3 077	42	184	481	538	715	1 111
25 to 99 acres	3 023	2 092	39	151	404	436	486	576
100 to 249 acres	1 390	1 171	21	104	276	299	238	233
250 to 499 acres	607	561	6	51	142	158	130	74
500 acres or more	501	490	4	38	130	151	111	56
Corn for silage or green chop farms..	3 062	2 458	37	188	536	573	538	586
acres..	104 920	91 509	960	5 899	21 819	23 504	20 429	18 898
tons, green..	1 438 492	1 267 344	13 073	87 287	303 703	334 261	278 748	250 272
Irrigated farms..	13	9	—	2	2	2	1	2
acres..	269	243	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	1 614	1 177	25	107	233	245	241	326
25 to 99 acres	1 250	1 102	11	70	261	283	253	224
100 to 249 acres	187	168	1	11	37	41	43	35
250 to 499 acres	10	10	—	—	4	4	1	1
500 acres or more	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Wheat for grain farms..	3 180	2 501	51	199	561	595	521	574
acres..	408 771	374 455	5 568	21 498	92 525	114 589	84 927	55 348
bushels..	21 658 648	20 040 333	368 929	1 141 786	4 910 913	6 293 798	4 497 178	2 827 729
Irrigated farms..	10	6	—	—	—	2	1	3
acres..	1 043	963	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	982	654	14	54	117	109	141	219
25 to 99 acres	1 068	798	20	62	188	178	151	199
100 to 249 acres	650	587	12	57	150	154	111	103
250 to 499 acres	313	298	2	22	73	97	74	30
500 acres or more	167	164	3	4	33	57	44	23
Tobacco farms..	44 967	21 327	309	1 294	3 245	4 052	4 979	7 448
acres..	255 053	169 993	2 543	15 001	36 937	40 532	37 370	37 611
pounds..	505 257 589	346 086 216	5 124 119	29 778 534	77 044 984	83 986 556	75 336 775	74 815 248
Irrigated farms..	3 142	1 973	42	172	404	385	446	524
acres..	30 402	23 545	347	2 255	5 866	5 410	5 189	4 478
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 0.9 acres	4 456	1 304	11	26	128	192	299	648
1.0 to 1.9 acres	9 084	2 982	29	99	277	451	661	1 465
2.0 to 2.9 acres	7 363	2 842	35	123	328	408	667	1 281
3.0 to 4.9 acres	8 687	4 108	60	231	500	683	1 017	1 617
5.0 to 9.9 acres	8 632	4 990	80	326	836	1 003	1 209	1 536
10.0 to 24.9 acres	5 251	3 783	72	332	821	957	860	741
25.0 acres or more	1 494	1 318	22	157	355	358	266	160
Soybeans for beans farms..	6 644	4 500	95	361	925	1 030	983	1 106
acres..	1 214 938	1 068 765	15 197	78 145	253 594	312 456	243 397	165 976
bushels..	41 294 246	36 609 129	504 703	2 680 462	8 841 401	10 663 637	8 277 834	5 641 092
Irrigated farms..	50	40	—	6	10	12	6	6
acres..	6 092	5 696	—	(D)	1 159	2 376	902	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	1 413	666	19	53	111	107	132	244
25 to 99 acres	2 509	1 477	42	106	272	278	321	458
100 to 249 acres	1 387	1 124	21	90	228	279	260	246
250 to 499 acres	679	608	5	62	156	170	127	88
500 acres or more	656	625	8	50	158	196	143	70
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes farms..	330	189	—	16	29	38	45	61
acres..	1 133	652	—	25	40	254	141	192
cwt..	155 863	99 270	—	4 927	4 580	41 635	21 890	26 238
Irrigated farms..	26	19	—	2	2	5	3	7
acres..	204	192	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	10	15
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms..	46 388	21 434	210	1 022	2 828	3 590	4 978	8 806
acres..	2 009 061	1 200 860	12 157	68 991	207 027	250 233	273 715	388 737
tons, dry..	4 138 965	2 576 103	25 535	154 202	456 034	551 418	591 496	797 418
Irrigated farms..	121	57	—	3	8	9	8	29
acres..	1 790	838	—	7	204	95	83	449
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	21 975	7 846	70	340	879	1 124	1 756	3 677
25 to 99 acres	19 568	10 175	100	452	1 275	1 685	2 417	4 246
100 to 249 acres	4 146	2 867	35	191	529	640	708	764
250 to 499 acres	592	465	5	32	119	114	89	106
500 acres or more	107	81	—	7	26	27	8	13
Alfalfa hay farms..	10 757	6 019	73	338	954	1 135	1 365	2 154
acres..	228 087	155 661	1 800	8 385	27 884	31 932	33 520	52 140
tons, dry..	607 143	427 827	4 800	24 833	80 097	91 242	87 358	139 497
Irrigated farms..	26	14	—	1	1	4	2	6
acres..	355	162	—	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	54

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							
Corn for grain or seed farms..	3 630	46	311	888	1 041	765	579
acres..	122 662	2 027	9 702	27 458	36 701	23 895	22 879
bushels..	11 163 855	203 719	918 199	2 410 367	3 383 344	2 199 705	2 048 521
Irrigated farms..	20	—	5	9	4	2	—
acres..	412	—	67	107	(D)	(D)	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	2 423	28	222	601	688	507	377
25 to 99 acres	931	14	64	214	272	204	163
100 to 249 acres	219	3	22	64	62	46	22
250 to 499 acres	46	—	2	9	16	6	13
500 acres or more	11	1	1	—	3	2	4
Corn for silage or green chop farms..	604	1	53	127	161	143	119
acres..	13 411	(D)	(D)	2 578	3 756	3 510	2 852
tons, green..	171 148	(D)	(D)	29 145	49 236	45 018	38 794
Irrigated farms..	4	—	2	—	2	—	—
acres..	26	—	(D)	—	(D)	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	437	1	48	94	118	98	78
25 to 99 acres	148	—	4	31	34	40	39
100 to 249 acres	19	—	1	2	9	5	2
250 to 499 acres	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wheat for grain farms..	679	12	68	179	168	141	111
acres..	34 316	978	2 961	8 395	9 433	6 869	5 680
bushels..	1 618 315	53 031	150 512	370 928	483 795	306 073	253 976
Irrigated farms..	4	—	—	2	—	—	2
acres..	80	—	—	(D)	—	—	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	328	6	28	91	76	69	58
25 to 99 acres	270	5	35	62	71	56	41
100 to 249 acres	63	—	4	21	18	12	8
250 to 499 acres	15	—	1	5	2	4	3
500 acres or more	3	1	—	—	1	—	1
Tobacco farms..	23 640	362	2 301	5 568	6 815	5 001	3 593
acres..	85 060	1 278	8 263	20 532	24 944	17 834	12 209
pounds..	159 171 373	2 379 404	15 309 673	38 804 753	46 705 812	32 951 902	23 019 829
Irrigated farms..	1 169	35	150	301	341	205	137
acres..	6 857	177	815	1 622	2 090	1 234	920
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 0.9 acres	3 152	40	217	688	936	707	564
1.0 to 1.9 acres	6 102	92	542	1 355	1 716	1 345	1 052
2.0 to 2.9 acres	4 521	75	503	1 038	1 284	988	633
3.0 to 4.9 acres	4 579	67	512	1 180	1 300	892	628
5.0 to 9.9 acres	3 642	67	373	908	1 109	726	459
10.0 to 24.9 acres	1 468	18	143	362	415	294	236
25.0 acres or more	176	3	11	37	55	49	21
Soybeans for beans farms..	2 144	36	204	503	605	474	322
acres..	146 173	2 616	12 533	32 063	46 654	32 270	20 037
bushels..	4 685 117	77 866	436 455	996 477	1 499 661	1 022 497	652 161
Irrigated farms..	10	—	1	2	3	2	2
acres..	396	—	(D)	(D)	186	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	747	12	84	162	192	162	135
25 to 99 acres	1 032	18	92	252	290	229	151
100 to 249 acres	263	5	19	74	88	59	18
250 to 499 acres	71	—	8	9	23	17	14
500 acres or more	31	1	1	6	12	7	4
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes farms..	141	1	16	30	30	34	30
acres..	481	(D)	(D)	70	58	218	85
cwt..	56 593	(D)	(D)	12 090	7 508	17 898	15 614
Irrigated farms..	7	—	2	2	3	—	—
acres..	12	—	(D)	(D)	6	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms..	24 954	218	2 010	5 703	7 703	5 500	3 820
acres..	808 201	7 885	59 206	180 657	247 907	184 867	127 679
tons, dry..	1 562 862	14 829	113 084	348 802	478 824	364 751	242 572
Irrigated farms..	64	—	7	10	20	17	17
acres..	952	—	53	180	251	152	316
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	14 129	116	1 219	3 301	4 322	3 038	2 133
25 to 99 acres	9 393	79	691	2 082	2 949	2 142	1 450
100 to 249 acres	1 279	23	92	293	388	277	206
250 to 499 acres	127	—	7	22	40	35	23
500 acres or more	26	—	1	5	4	8	8
Alfalfa hay farms..	4 738	36	378	1 116	1 456	1 046	706
acres..	72 426	484	4 711	16 504	21 039	16 460	13 228
tons, dry..	179 316	1 085	11 008	41 387	50 213	41 767	33 856
Irrigated farms..	12	—	1	—	7	1	3
acres..	193	—	(D)	—	96	(D)	(D)

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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	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.								
Tame hay other than alfalfa, small grain, and wild hay (see text) farms . .	37 183	17 289	163	814	2 248	2 903	4 057	7 104
acres . .	1 534 411	899 159	8 387	52 671	150 549	185 516	206 063	295 973
tons, dry . .	3 112 008	1 878 260	16 378	111 838	319 728	399 738	440 518	590 060
Irrigated farms . .	75	38	—	2	5	5	6	20
acres . .	946	525	—	(D)	123	(D)	67	305
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms . .	1 007	600	13	57	136	126	120	148
acres . .	4 486	3 253	39	276	675	818	591	854
Irrigated farms . .	239	160	3	18	42	38	28	31
acres . .	1 267	1 028	(D)	(D)	165	298	190	283
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	747	396	9	41	90	70	85	101
5.0 to 24.9 acres	243	190	4	15	45	51	32	43
25.0 to 99.9 acres	16	13	—	1	1	5	3	3
100.0 to 249.9 acres	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
250.0 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land in orchards farms . .	715	257	2	5	30	53	57	110
acres . .	3 537	1 798	(D)	(D)	147	428	428	783
Irrigated farms . .	41	14	—	—	1	5	2	6
acres . .	176	101	—	—	(D)	14	(D)	63
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	546	188	2	5	21	34	44	82
5.0 to 24.9 acres	137	47	—	—	7	13	8	19
25.0 to 99.9 acres	30	20	—	—	2	6	4	8
100.0 to 249.9 acres	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
250.0 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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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.