

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	23 823	25 652	27 350	1 166	1 182	1 253
farms...						
acres...	7 876 528	7 837 545	8 007 173	144 656	146 005	137 001
Harvested cropland	15 115	17 171	18 644	624	663	809
farms...						
acres...	3 882 648	3 810 690	3 599 678	55 271	60 455	56 934
Full owners						
farms...	13 133	13 751	15 770	692	716	769
acres...	2 564 732	2 176 677	2 504 754	56 344	50 670	52 602
Harvested cropland	7 002	7 699	9 153	318	324	416
farms...						
acres...	799 978	590 310	632 464	12 992	7 714	11 017
Part owners						
farms...	7 450	8 018	7 894	354	299	319
acres...	3 567 230	3 626 012	3 734 670	68 797	64 695	60 492
Harvested cropland	5 755	6 430	6 549	244	224	266
farms...						
acres...	1 904 110	1 851 254	1 914 849	31 776	35 089	30 242
Tenants						
farms...	3 240	3 883	3 686	120	167	165
acres...	1 744 566	2 034 856	1 767 749	19 515	30 640	23 907
Harvested cropland	2 358	3 042	2 942	62	115	127
farms...						
acres...	1 178 560	1 369 126	1 052 365	10 503	17 652	15 675
Percent of tenancy	13.6	15.1	13.5	10.3	14.1	13.2
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	15 222	16 351	17 462	674	692	688
Not on farm operated	5 868	6 732	7 003	342	337	375
Not reported	2 733	2 569	2 885	150	153	190
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	11 281	12 931	13 496	501	544	588
Other	12 542	12 721	13 854	665	638	665
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	8 851	10 555	11 078	414	470	527
Any	13 128	13 024	14 388	670	597	626
1 to 49 days	1 108	1 185	1 380	79	71	75
50 to 99 days	752	720	850	55	52	53
100 to 149 days	864	828	1 013	54	46	65
150 to 199 days	1 854	1 697	1 943	116	84	118
200 days or more	8 550	8 594	9 202	366	344	315
Not reported	1 844	2 073	1 884	82	115	100
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 376	1 527	1 824	58	66	69
3 or 4 years	2 005	1 970	1 920	99	64	76
5 to 9 years	3 452	3 516	3 938	159	143	136
10 years or more	11 722	12 886	13 134	495	445	503
Average years on present farm	17.9	17.7	17.1	18.1	18.3	19.2
Not reported	5 268	5 753	6 534	355	464	469
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	270	329	464	7	2	18
25 to 34 years	1 840	2 279	2 961	46	66	72
35 to 44 years	4 513	4 843	5 378	170	154	153
45 to 49 years	2 906	2 799	3 195	126	119	96
50 to 54 years	2 902	3 088	3 217	157	122	175
55 to 59 years	2 944	2 983	3 268	130	136	155
60 to 64 years	2 729	3 015	3 147	167	162	144
65 to 69 years	2 174	2 548	2 448	137	131	139
70 years and over	3 545	3 768	3 272	226	290	301
Average age	53.7	53.5	52.0	57.3	58.3	57.6
Operators by sex:						
Male	22 042	23 786	25 723	1 067	1 079	1 164
farms...						
acres...	7 562 491	7 499 003	7 732 277	138 406	137 947	129 736
Female	1 781	1 866	1 627	99	103	89
farms...						
acres...	314 037	338 542	274 896	6 250	8 058	7 265
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)						
farms...	214	202	137	33	18	14
acres...	62 692	70 565	42 192	3 236	5 834	2 010
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	19 394	17 080	18 194	850	588	653
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	4 215	8 370	9 019	283	576	586
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	20 633	22 310	24 322	1 090	1 083	1 174
farms...						
acres...	5 092 620	5 237 764	5 567 228	118 376	106 095	119 409
Partnership	1 850	2 032	1 926	53	70	59
farms...						
acres...	1 597 288	1 491 132	1 439 980	12 199	21 549	13 897
Corporation	1 164	1 105	905	8	13	8
farms...						
acres...	1 070 583	996 461	896 151	2 295	(D)	2 256
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	30	36	35	—	1	1
farms...						
acres...	67 188	93 859	86 401	—	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders	1 031	936	781	6	8	6
farms...						
acres...	786 883	725 279	631 168	(D)	5 875	1 575
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	19	21	16	—	—	—
farms...						
acres...	149 473	109 679	98 862	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	84	112	73	2	4	1
farms...						
acres...	67 039	67 644	79 720	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	176	205	197	15	16	12
farms...						
acres...	116 037	112 188	103 814	11 786	(D)	1 439

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