

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	5 810	5 776	6 269	20	9	20
Harvested cropland	1 211 648	1 258 297	1 342 588	8 691	(D)	4 343
	4 875	5 141	5 486	19	7	15
	403 014	399 755	410 891	1 830	(D)	1 901
Full owners	3 829	3 733	4 211	16	7	15
Harvested cropland	584 716	594 887	712 238	7 927	475	(D)
	3 106	3 197	3 516	5	5	10
	110 407	113 226	149 468	1 588	43	(D)
Part owners	1 654	1 774	1 786	4	2	2
Harvested cropland	586 987	629 696	595 137	764	(D)	(D)
	1 552	1 704	1 716	4	2	2
	270 696	264 759	243 734	242	(D)	(D)
Tenants	327	269	272	—	—	3
Harvested cropland	39 945	33 714	35 213	—	—	2 200
	217	240	254	—	—	3
	21 911	21 770	17 689	—	—	1 200
Percent of tenancy	5.6	4.7	4.3	—	—	15.0
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	4 727	4 798	5 276	16	8	15
Not on farm operated	717	667	654	1	1	4
Not reported	366	311	339	3	—	1
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	2 872	2 981	3 220	12	5	17
Other	2 938	2 795	3 049	8	4	3
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	2 246	2 331	2 275	6	3	9
Any	3 263	3 144	3 653	13	6	11
1 to 49 days	409	386	436	1	—	1
50 to 99 days	234	182	240	5	—	3
100 to 149 days	231	248	287	1	1	—
150 to 199 days	431	471	437	1	1	3
200 days or more	1 958	1 857	2 253	5	4	4
Not reported	301	301	341	1	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	208	187	267	2	1	5
3 or 4 years	280	341	402	1	1	—
5 to 9 years	781	852	1 039	5	2	1
10 years or more	3 713	3 585	3 680	8	2	9
Average years on present farm	20.5	19.6	18.8	9.9	6.7	13.4
Not reported	828	811	881	4	3	5
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	39	47	53	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	286	407	611	—	1	3
35 to 44 years	1 113	1 278	1 469	6	3	2
45 to 49 years	824	773	763	4	2	6
50 to 54 years	794	720	757	3	—	3
55 to 59 years	727	655	760	4	2	1
60 to 64 years	636	630	622	1	1	2
65 to 69 years	522	468	566	2	—	1
70 years and over	869	798	668	—	—	2
Average age	54.4	53.0	51.7	50.1	47.2	50.3
Operators by sex:						
Male	4 991	5 082	5 705	11	6	17
Female	1 128 669	1 178 788	1 267 935	7 792	(D)	4 137
	819	694	564	9	3	3
	82 979	79 509	74 653	899	(D)	206
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
	36	9	16	1	1	3
	7 740	706	4 676	(D)	(D)	409
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	5 015	4 168	4 300	16	6	6
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	759	1 599	1 953	3	2	11
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	5 064	5 063	5 594	16	8	16
Partnership	896 406	945 823	1 059 102	1 626	581	2 068
Corporation	306	325	350	1	—	1
	106 220	102 705	110 356	(D)	—	(D)
	403	352	300	1	1	2
	190 714	189 255	158 330	(D)	(D)	(D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	4	3	3	—	—	—
	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	358	313	278	1	—	2
	(D)	(D)	143 827	(D)	—	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	5	4	1	—	1	—
	1 224	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	36	32	18	—	—	—
	9 525	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	37	36	25	2	—	1
	18 308	20 514	14 800	(D)	—	(D)

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