

Table 11. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1997 and 1992

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Characteristics	Maine	Androscoggin	Aroostook	Cumberland	Franklin
FARMS					
Land in farms					
farms, 1997..	5 810	288	889	455	223
1992..	5 776	302	884	440	210
acres, 1997..	1 211 648	55 905	324 887	49 829	40 091
1992..	1 258 297	62 242	334 040	53 893	38 853
Harvested cropland					
farms, 1997..	4 875	243	735	389	180
1992..	5 141	275	833	375	183
acres, 1997..	403 014	17 842	143 507	18 484	10 604
1992..	399 755	19 299	135 856	16 914	10 534
TENURE OF OPERATOR					
Full owners					
farms, 1997..	3 829	187	486	309	147
1992..	3 733	182	420	298	143
acres, 1997..	584 716	27 646	127 264	25 316	18 622
1992..	594 887	28 037	124 531	27 584	19 467
Harvested cropland					
farms, 1997..	3 106	154	346	251	112
1992..	3 197	158	377	245	118
acres, 1997..	110 407	5 433	32 241	5 847	2 801
1992..	113 226	(D)	36 097	6 000	3 268
Part owners					
farms, 1997..	1 654	87	331	119	67
1992..	1 774	113	362	127	77
acres, 1997..	586 987	27 714	184 058	21 578	20 573
1992..	629 696	33 365	193 696	25 431	18 968
Owned land in farms					
acres, 1997..	401 186	20 514	128 243	12 344	14 239
1992..	448 343	25 959	142 640	15 965	13 613
Rented land in farms					
acres, 1997..	185 801	7 200	55 815	9 234	6 534
1992..	181 353	7 406	51 056	9 466	5 355
Harvested cropland					
farms, 1997..	1 552	81	324	114	63
1992..	1 704	111	356	118	57
acres, 1997..	270 696	12 248	99 194	10 651	7 407
1992..	264 759	14 045	87 673	10 669	7 019
Tenants					
farms, 1997..	327	14	72	27	9
1992..	269	7	102	15	10
acres, 1997..	39 945	545	13 565	2 935	696
1992..	33 714	840	15 813	878	418
Harvested cropland					
farms, 1997..	217	8	65	24	5
1992..	240	6	100	12	8
acres, 1997..	21 911	161	12 072	1 986	396
1992..	21 770	(D)	12 086	245	247
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS					
Operators by place of residence:					
On farm operated					
1997..	4 727	242	709	370	191
1992..	4 798	254	690	369	184
Not on farm operated					
1997..	717	31	135	58	19
1992..	667	28	142	47	14
Not reported					
1997..	366	15	45	27	13
1992..	311	20	52	24	12
Operators by principal occupation:					
Farming					
1997..	2 872	150	530	215	103
1992..	2 981	177	647	187	109
Other					
1997..	2 938	138	359	240	120
1992..	2 795	125	237	253	101
Operators by days worked off farm:					
None					
1997..	2 246	132	432	169	89
1992..	2 331	139	475	158	91
Any					
1997..	3 263	142	423	264	125
1992..	3 144	143	364	261	110
1 to 49 days					
1997..	409	12	61	28	19
1992..	386	19	65	26	18
50 to 99 days					
1997..	234	13	34	14	10
1992..	182	6	32	15	2
100 to 149 days					
1997..	231	10	44	22	8
1992..	248	15	41	22	7
150 to 199 days					
1997..	431	14	42	35	10
1992..	471	16	52	40	20
200 days or more					
1997..	1 958	93	242	165	78
1992..	1 857	87	174	158	63
Not reported					
1997..	301	14	34	22	9
1992..	301	20	45	21	9
Operators by years on present farm:					
2 years or less					
1997..	208	8	32	16	9
1992..	187	5	21	11	10
3 or 4 years					
1997..	280	14	41	16	2
1992..	341	17	66	18	5
5 to 9 years					
1997..	781	39	109	51	28
1992..	852	44	109	62	23
10 years or more					
1997..	3 713	191	603	302	146
1992..	3 585	199	570	278	144
Average years on present farm					
1997..	20.5	22.5	21.8	21.6	21.7
1992..	19.6	22.2	20.3	19.8	22.0
Not reported					
1997..	828	36	104	70	38
1992..	811	37	118	71	28

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Characteristics	Hancock	Kennebec	Knox	Lincoln	Oxford	Penobscot
FARMS						
Land in farms						
farms, 1997..	310	455	194	210	358	525
1992..	291	494	217	202	346	524
acres, 1997..	42 607	88 134	25 183	25 920	63 959	116 593
1992..	50 076	95 402	27 622	24 350	63 473	118 152
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	275	380	171	169	279	458
1992..	280	427	189	174	283	454
acres, 1997..	6 459	34 425	7 173	7 541	15 794	40 029
1992..	7 344	35 886	7 305	7 162	15 169	40 717
TENURE OF OPERATOR						
Full owners						
farms, 1997..	250	286	143	143	245	350
1992..	246	300	156	142	236	326
acres, 1997..	33 103	34 827	15 078	13 225	36 463	52 163
1992..	38 460	42 407	17 059	13 654	36 306	46 651
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	220	228	123	114	184	295
1992..	238	245	132	119	183	264
acres, 1997..	3 806	8 299	2 639	1 894	(D)	8 795
1992..	4 396	9 265	2 592	2 597	4 228	7 792
Part owners						
farms, 1997..	49	151	43	58	99	150
1992..	39	172	53	52	101	184
acres, 1997..	8 705	51 013	9 495	11 600	26 224	63 495
1992..	11 477	50 090	9 445	9 881	25 405	69 771
Owned land in farms						
acres, 1997..	6 888	35 548	5 300	5 491	17 957	41 651
1992..	9 337	33 245	5 144	6 040	17 157	48 103
Rented land in farms						
acres, 1997..	1 817	15 465	4 195	6 109	8 267	21 844
1992..	2 140	16 845	4 301	3 841	8 248	21 668
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	47	140	41	49	88	145
1992..	37	166	51	48	91	176
acres, 1997..	2 429	25 233	4 288	5 309	10 373	30 600
1992..	2 890	24 507	4 296	4 350	9 796	31 668
Tenants						
farms, 1997..	11	18	8	9	14	25
1992..	6	22	8	8	9	14
acres, 1997..	799	2 294	610	1 095	1 272	935
1992..	139	2 905	1 118	815	1 762	1 730
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	8	12	7	6	7	18
1992..	5	16	6	7	9	14
acres, 1997..	224	893	246	338	(D)	634
1992..	58	2 114	417	215	1 145	1 257
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS						
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated						
1997..	228	386	161	170	320	427
1992..	213	424	175	177	300	446
Not on farm operated						
1997..	55	39	21	23	25	69
1992..	62	47	34	18	25	43
Not reported						
1997..	27	30	12	17	13	29
1992..	16	23	8	7	21	35
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming						
1997..	118	237	90	103	171	248
1992..	91	259	97	91	167	263
Other						
1997..	192	218	104	107	187	277
1992..	200	235	120	111	179	261
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None						
1997..	99	173	78	74	120	214
1992..	92	213	76	69	124	206
Any						
1997..	199	250	108	118	220	285
1992..	188	255	136	123	199	284
1 to 49 days						
1997..	29	26	16	12	27	32
1992..	25	21	20	15	26	31
50 to 99 days						
1997..	23	21	7	7	16	14
1992..	15	7	9	6	10	14
100 to 149 days						
1997..	10	13	5	8	13	19
1992..	12	13	14	5	12	21
150 to 199 days						
1997..	27	44	14	21	37	36
1992..	27	36	15	18	29	41
200 days or more						
1997..	110	146	66	70	127	184
1992..	109	178	78	79	122	177
Not reported						
1997..	12	32	8	18	18	26
1992..	11	26	5	10	23	34
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less						
1997..	11	14	3	13	18	20
1992..	7	19	9	9	6	16
3 or 4 years						
1997..	20	27	5	9	25	29
1992..	17	35	15	10	18	33
5 to 9 years						
1997..	38	55	33	19	54	79
1992..	43	73	36	29	56	93
10 years or more						
1997..	185	292	135	131	230	318
1992..	175	298	123	122	205	314
Average years on present farm						
1997..	18.8	20.5	20.0	18.9	19.8	19.7
1992..	18.8	19.4	18.6	17.3	19.5	18.8
Not reported						
1997..	56	67	18	38	31	79
1992..	49	69	34	32	61	68

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Characteristics	Piscataquis	Sagadahoc	Somerset	Waldo	Washington	York
FARMS						
Land in farms						
farms, 1997..	141	118	431	315	399	499
1992..	140	120	413	339	372	482
acres, 1997..	34 171	17 853	101 270	68 569	98 336	58 341
1992..	35 988	18 793	106 971	71 890	94 755	61 797
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	115	96	327	278	369	411
1992..	125	102	360	309	351	421
acres, 1997..	8 179	5 530	27 191	21 460	20 235	18 561
1992..	8 603	5 512	32 415	21 300	17 558	18 181
TENURE OF OPERATOR						
Full owners						
farms, 1997..	96	80	241	207	323	336
1992..	87	83	261	237	292	324
acres, 1997..	16 192	(D)	38 557	(D)	71 429	30 954
1992..	14 604	9 946	47 704	39 330	55 991	33 156
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	74	62	199	182	298	264
1992..	77	68	214	208	276	275
acres, 1997..	2 478	(D)	6 128	5 710	12 491	5 584
1992..	2 374	(D)	8 165	7 121	5 431	6 795
Part owners						
farms, 1997..	39	35	132	101	60	133
1992..	47	32	137	96	68	134
acres, 1997..	16 899	8 425	53 269	33 718	25 315	24 706
1992..	19 726	8 747	56 964	31 488	38 143	27 099
Owned land in farms						
acres, 1997..	13 992	6 167	36 676	21 069	19 722	15 385
1992..	15 364	6 359	39 128	20 223	31 337	18 729
Rented land in farms						
acres, 1997..	2 907	2 258	16 593	12 649	5 593	9 321
1992..	4 362	2 388	17 836	11 265	6 806	8 370
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	36	32	119	90	58	125
1992..	42	30	133	96	64	128
acres, 1997..	5 041	3 577	20 100	15 501	6 718	12 027
1992..	5 078	3 329	23 123	13 919	11 927	10 470
Tenants						
farms, 1997..	6	3	58	7	16	30
1992..	6	5	15	6	12	24
acres, 1997..	1 080	(D)	9 444	(D)	1 592	2 681
1992..	1 658	100	2 303	1 072	621	1 542
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	5	2	9	6	13	22
1992..	6	4	13	5	11	18
acres, 1997..	660	(D)	963	249	1 026	950
1992..	1 151	(D)	1 127	260	200	916
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS						
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated						
1997..	121	111	330	282	266	413
1992..	123	108	375	287	256	417
Not on farm operated						
1997..	15	7	40	21	101	58
1992..	9	4	25	35	95	39
Not reported						
1997..	5	—	61	12	32	28
1992..	8	8	13	17	21	26
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming						
1997..	68	55	244	173	145	222
1992..	72	56	221	186	132	226
Other						
1997..	73	63	187	142	254	277
1992..	68	64	192	153	240	256
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None						
1997..	48	45	154	124	114	181
1992..	62	36	187	129	108	166
Any						
1997..	85	68	251	177	259	289
1992..	76	74	209	189	247	286
1 to 49 days						
1997..	7	4	32	34	46	24
1992..	9	7	21	26	33	24
50 to 99 days						
1997..	10	2	15	13	19	16
1992..	6	2	8	19	17	14
100 to 149 days						
1997..	2	8	19	17	21	12
1992..	4	8	12	16	30	16
150 to 199 days						
1997..	12	8	42	20	35	34
1992..	9	6	40	36	40	46
200 days or more						
1997..	54	46	143	93	138	203
1992..	48	51	128	92	127	186
Not reported						
1997..	8	5	26	14	26	29
1992..	2	10	17	21	17	30
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less						
1997..	3	2	10	16	8	25
1992..	10	4	16	12	20	12
3 or 4 years						
1997..	4	6	18	12	20	32
1992..	7	4	18	26	26	26
5 to 9 years						
1997..	24	14	55	48	65	70
1992..	22	25	47	45	58	87
10 years or more						
1997..	94	84	254	204	242	302
1992..	84	73	287	207	215	291
Average years on present farm						
1997..	20.7	21.8	20.2	21.2	19.0	19.5
1992..	16.9	19.7	20.2	19.9	17.7	20.1
Not reported						
1997..	16	12	94	35	64	70
1992..	17	14	45	49	53	66

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OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS—					
Con.					
Operators by age group:					
Under 25 years	1997.. 39	2	20	2	1
	1992.. 47	—	18	—	1
25 to 34 years	1997.. 286	10	64	14	6
	1992.. 407	13	99	16	20
35 to 44 years	1997.. 1 113	55	182	83	37
	1992.. 1 278	71	207	100	35
45 to 54 years	1997.. 1 618	72	259	104	62
	1992.. 1 493	61	246	105	55
55 to 59 years	1997.. 727	36	102	65	34
	1992.. 655	37	107	60	21
60 to 64 years	1997.. 636	33	114	51	19
	1992.. 630	28	95	48	25
65 to 69 years	1997.. 522	21	72	48	26
	1992.. 468	38	50	32	16
70 years and over	1997.. 869	59	76	88	38
	1992.. 798	54	62	79	37
Average age	1997.. 54.4	56.1	51.7	56.5	56.1
	1992.. 53.0	55.9	49.4	55.1	54.3
Operators by sex:					
Male	farms, 1997.. 4 991	261	839	358	192
	1992.. 5 082	275	852	361	186
	acres, 1997.. 1 128 669	54 280	318 791	42 783	36 368
	1992.. 1 178 788	59 931	327 910	48 433	34 941
Female	farms, 1997.. 819	27	50	97	31
	1992.. 694	27	32	79	24
	acres, 1997.. 82 979	1 625	6 096	7 046	3 723
	1992.. 79 509	2 311	6 130	5 460	3 912
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION					
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms, 1997.. 5 064	239	746	380	195
	1992.. 5 063	253	727	369	188
	acres, 1997.. 896 406	37 336	221 267	38 786	32 938
	1992.. 945 823	42 238	236 832	37 344	31 892
Partnership	farms, 1997.. 306	10	71	24	14
	1992.. 325	12	75	25	12
	acres, 1997.. 106 220	3 426	34 505	5 317	2 388
	1992.. 102 705	4 190	32 087	5 548	2 118
Corporation:					
Family held	farms, 1997.. 362	35	65	39	10
	1992.. 316	36	73	32	9
	acres, 1997.. 179 965	13 989	61 150	3 463	3 954
	1992.. 175 535	(D)	59 703	5 118	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 1997.. 41	2	3	7	2
	1992.. 36	—	5	7	—
	acres, 1997.. 10 749	(D)	6 378	(D)	(D)
	1992.. 13 720	—	(D)	1 240	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.					
	farms, 1997.. 37	2	4	5	2
	1992.. 36	1	4	7	1
	acres, 1997.. 18 308	(D)	1 587	(D)	(D)
	1992.. 20 514	(D)	(D)	4 643	(D)

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OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS—						
Con.						
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	1997.. —	—	—	1	—	4
	1992.. —	3	4	—	—	2
25 to 34 years	1997.. 11	25	6	5	9	20
	1992.. 18	43	18	12	22	29
35 to 44 years	1997.. 58	87	39	54	65	83
	1992.. 56	92	43	45	73	118
45 to 54 years	1997.. 92	124	46	57	113	169
	1992.. 67	129	46	52	99	146
55 to 59 years	1997.. 32	56	20	12	52	72
	1992.. 36	64	29	34	35	56
60 to 64 years	1997.. 36	43	30	32	41	61
	1992.. 28	64	20	22	31	72
65 to 69 years	1997.. 21	53	17	20	32	48
	1992.. 31	33	22	17	30	37
70 years and over	1997.. 60	67	36	29	46	68
	1992.. 55	66	35	20	56	64
Average age	1997.. 56.1	54.7	56.5	54.4	54.7	54.6
	1992.. 55.5	53.0	53.5	52.7	53.7	53.2
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms, 1997.. 244	399	162	165	298	453
	1992.. 237	446	191	167	295	457
	acres, 1997.. 37 545	79 837	23 277	22 365	58 311	106 433
	1992.. 41 360	90 775	25 691	21 806	58 112	110 708
Female	farms, 1997.. 66	56	32	45	60	72
	1992.. 54	48	26	35	51	67
	acres, 1997.. 5 062	8 297	1 906	3 555	5 648	10 160
	1992.. 8 716	4 627	1 931	2 544	5 361	7 444
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms, 1997.. 273	400	175	189	321	466
	1992.. 256	434	197	190	304	476
	acres, 1997.. 32 433	70 029	22 086	23 060	53 560	88 537
	1992.. 32 758	78 988	23 873	21 830	50 645	96 432
Partnership	farms, 1997.. 11	28	7	7	18	26
	1992.. 13	32	11	7	23	24
	acres, 1997.. 2 111	10 893	902	(D)	3 834	15 673
	1992.. 1 812	9 715	2 059	(D)	4 982	9 956
Corporation:						
Family held	farms, 1997.. 20	21	8	8	17	26
	1992.. 14	22	5	4	14	21
	acres, 1997.. 7 548	5 002	690	1 287	6 262	11 052
	1992.. 11 430	4 280	456	(D)	6 527	10 889
Other than family held	farms, 1997.. 4	1	2	5	1	4
	1992.. 5	2	1	1	2	—
	acres, 1997.. (D)	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	(D)
	1992.. (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 1997.. 2	5	2	1	1	3
	1992.. 3	4	3	—	3	3
	acres, 1997.. (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1992.. (D)	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	875

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OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS—						
Con.						
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	1997..	—	2	1	5	1
	1992..	—	3	2	7	7
25 to 34 years	1997..	4	3	47	10	40
	1992..	9	8	36	20	24
35 to 44 years	1997..	31	19	88	62	99
	1992..	41	25	80	94	110
45 to 54 years	1997..	50	33	107	96	128
	1992..	40	34	115	78	138
55 to 59 years	1997..	20	22	50	37	68
	1992..	11	12	46	31	40
60 to 64 years	1997..	8	9	42	30	48
	1992..	9	9	48	43	39
65 to 69 years	1997..	12	12	34	32	41
	1992..	10	13	35	28	46
70 years and over	1997..	16	20	61	47	74
	1992..	20	19	50	43	78
Average age	1997..	53.5	55.5	52.4	54.7	53.4
	1992..	51.9	53.7	52.5	52.7	53.5
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms, 1997..	122	94	386	269	408
	1992..	122	98	373	304	397
	acres, 1997..	32 170	15 067	96 755	63 241	51 489
	1992..	34 187	15 902	100 901	68 770	54 030
Female	farms, 1997..	19	24	45	46	91
	1992..	18	22	40	35	85
	acres, 1997..	2 001	2 786	4 515	5 328	6 852
	1992..	1 801	2 891	6 070	3 120	7 767
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms, 1997..	121	108	394	283	421
	1992..	125	110	377	304	421
	acres, 1997..	24 516	15 733	87 404	53 752	44 659
	1992..	26 160	17 137	90 050	60 104	46 715
Partnership	farms, 1997..	14	4	18	14	29
	1992..	10	5	25	16	24
	acres, 1997..	5 018	(D)	6 243	5 926	3 510
	1992..	(D)	(D)	9 379	5 071	4 104
Corporation:						
Family held	farms, 1997..	5	6	19	15	41
	1992..	4	4	10	14	34
	acres, 1997..	(D)	(D)	7 623	(D)	8 616
	1992..	(D)	(D)	(D)	5 776	10 338
Other than family held	farms, 1997..	—	—	—	2	4
	1992..	—	—	—	4	1
	acres, 1997..	—	—	—	(D)	(D)
	1992..	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 1997..	1	—	—	1	4
	1992..	—	—	1	1	2
	acres, 1997..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)
	1992..	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)