

**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 <sup>1</sup>		
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987
<b>Tenure of operator:</b>						
All operators .....	12 084	13 037	14 776	247	301	432
Harvested cropland .....	2 154 875	2 223 476	2 396 629	18 743	14 630	25 778
..... farms..	9 474	10 447	11 960	185	236	366
..... acres..	1 382 035	1 397 069	1 346 913	9 667	5 262	12 874
<b>Full owners .....</b>						
..... farms..	7 576	8 080	9 375	165	215	309
..... acres..	723 916	743 275	886 387	13 618	9 250	13 407
Harvested cropland .....	5 320	5 855	6 946	116	160	258
..... farms..	293 097	290 110	330 464	6 931	2 500	5 477
..... acres..						
<b>Part owners .....</b>						
..... farms..	3 179	3 429	3 693	61	52	75
..... acres..	1 138 048	1 166 132	1 202 858	4 080	2 668	9 738
Harvested cropland .....	2 970	3 218	3 482	52	47	70
..... farms..	856 600	858 822	800 932	2 289	1 289	5 672
..... acres..						
<b>Tenants .....</b>						
..... farms..	1 329	1 528	1 708	21	34	48
..... acres..	292 911	314 069	307 384	1 045	2 712	2 633
Harvested cropland .....	1 184	1 374	1 532	17	29	38
..... farms..	232 338	248 137	215 517	447	1 473	1 725
..... acres..						
Percent of tenancy .....	11.0	11.7	11.6	8.5	11.3	11.1
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated .....	9 175	10 124	11 392	153	187	253
Not on farm operated .....	1 923	2 073	2 380	63	75	106
Not reported .....	986	840	1 004	31	39	73
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming .....	6 235	6 980	7 882	101	161	227
Other .....	5 849	6 057	6 894	146	140	205
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None .....	4 873	5 440	5 766	81	118	154
Any .....	6 362	6 745	7 985	144	154	227
1 to 49 days .....	626	674	797	18	18	30
50 to 99 days .....	342	347	405	5	8	9
100 to 149 days .....	391	432	478	16	17	11
150 to 199 days .....	686	729	801	22	16	31
200 days or more .....	4 317	4 563	5 504	83	95	146
Not reported .....	849	852	1 025	22	29	51
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less .....	497	537	706	14	20	12
3 or 4 years .....	679	790	1 000	20	14	24
5 to 9 years .....	1 436	1 920	2 306	13	27	47
10 years or more .....	7 420	7 704	8 210	132	161	205
Average years on present farm .....	20.6	19.7	18.6	20.0	21.2	20.9
Not reported .....	2 052	2 086	2 554	68	79	144
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years .....	96	143	227	1	2	7
25 to 34 years .....	650	1 100	1 509	7	7	16
35 to 44 years .....	2 169	2 384	2 809	23	38	36
45 to 49 years .....	1 385	1 513	1 735	28	29	51
50 to 54 years .....	1 642	1 666	1 689	33	35	54
55 to 59 years .....	1 600	1 456	1 670	29	46	49
60 to 64 years .....	1 329	1 433	1 762	29	25	59
65 to 69 years .....	1 107	1 292	1 459	28	44	64
70 years and over .....	2 106	2 050	1 916	69	75	96
Average age .....	55.2	53.9	52.7	59.9	59.1	58.6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male .....	10 694	11 500	13 354	230	273	387
..... farms..	2 051 885	2 100 617	2 283 805	18 197	13 852	24 648
..... acres..	1 390	1 537	1 422	17	28	45
Female .....	102 990	122 859	112 824	546	778	1 130
..... farms..						
..... acres..						
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....</b>						
..... farms..	85	48	41	10	4	5
..... acres..	8 796	4 747	6 032	639	237	2 976
<b>Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin .....</b>						
..... farms..	10 055	9 579	10 410	171	151	231
..... acres..	1 944	3 410	4 325	66	146	196
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	10 229	11 129	12 738	226	265	396
..... farms..	1 482 680	1 572 530	1 756 220	17 436	12 124	22 836
..... acres..	994	1 114	1 323	12	26	24
Partnership .....	336 763	344 730	359 020	960	1 914	1 842
..... farms..	771	709	619	9	6	7
..... acres..	301 053	277 175	250 460	347	537	543
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders .....	13	26	13	—	—	—
..... farms..	9 575	13 126	5 742	—	—	—
..... acres..	693	615	557	8	5	6
10 or less stockholders .....	282 676	253 576	231 329	(D)	(D)	(D)
..... farms..						
..... acres..						
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders .....	7	9	10	—	—	—
..... farms..	1 283	1 527	3 323	—	—	—
..... acres..	58	59	39	1	1	1
10 or less stockholders .....	7 519	8 946	10 066	(D)	(D)	(D)
..... farms..	90	85	96	—	4	5
..... acres..	34 379	29 041	30 929	—	55	557

<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.