

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 | 5 574 | 5 258 | 6 216 | 36 | 30 | 26 |
| Harvested cropland | 518 299 | 526 440 | 615 185 | 1 309 | 1 375 | 1 822 |
| Full owners | 4 587 | 4 417 | 5 084 | 25 | 23 | 22 |
| Harvested cropland | 168 765 | 173 255 | 194 874 | 429 | 364 | 485 |
| Part owners | 3 791 | 3 488 | 4 313 | 31 | 24 | 19 |
| Harvested cropland | 276 129 | 268 926 | 348 117 | 847 | 865 | 1 059 |
| Tenants | 3 003 | 2 797 | 3 377 | 20 | 18 | 15 |
| Harvested cropland | 56 505 | 55 558 | 73 627 | 167 | 190 | 142 |
| Percent of tenancy | 8.4 | 8.3 | 7.3 | 5.6 | — | 11.5 |
| Operators by place of residence: | | | | | | |
| On farm operated | 4 203 | 4 115 | 4 918 | 26 | 20 | 16 |
| Not on farm operated | 1 074 | 868 | 960 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Not reported | 297 | 275 | 338 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | | | | |
| Farming | 2 927 | 2 926 | 3 174 | 16 | 10 | 13 |
| Other | 2 647 | 2 332 | 3 042 | 20 | 20 | 13 |
| Operators by days worked off farm: | | | | | | |
| None | 2 285 | 2 239 | 2 371 | 12 | 7 | 8 |
| Any | 2 980 | 2 695 | 3 516 | 23 | 23 | 16 |
| 1 to 49 days | 327 | 269 | 374 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 50 to 99 days | 222 | 169 | 178 | 3 | — | — |
| 100 to 149 days | 202 | 203 | 245 | — | 2 | — |
| 150 to 199 days | 365 | 388 | 436 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 200 days or more | 1 864 | 1 666 | 2 283 | 15 | 17 | 12 |
| Not reported | 309 | 324 | 329 | 1 | — | 2 |
| Operators by years on present farm: | | | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 175 | 149 | 249 | — | 2 | 2 |
| 3 or 4 years | 286 | 336 | 449 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| 5 to 9 years | 669 | 785 | 1 165 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| 10 years or more | 3 685 | 3 277 | 3 421 | 24 | 16 | 11 |
| Average years on present farm | 20.7 | 19.9 | 18.8 | 17.7 | 14.4 | 15.9 |
| Not reported | 759 | 711 | 932 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Operators by age group: | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 31 | 40 | 50 | — | — | — |
| 25 to 34 years | 253 | 350 | 590 | — | — | 2 |
| 35 to 44 years | 1 071 | 1 122 | 1 477 | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| 45 to 49 years | 785 | 712 | 687 | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| 50 to 54 years | 836 | 654 | 642 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| 55 to 59 years | 646 | 526 | 642 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 60 to 64 years | 500 | 525 | 663 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| 65 to 69 years | 455 | 466 | 595 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 70 years and over | 997 | 863 | 870 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Average age | 54.9 | 53.8 | 52.6 | 55.3 | 51.6 | 53.0 |
| Operators by sex: | | | | | | |
| Male | 4 648 | 4 437 | 5 415 | 27 | 19 | 18 |
| Female | 470 925 | 476 440 | 571 616 | 859 | 847 | 1 540 |
| Not reported | 926 | 821 | 801 | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| Average age | 47 374 | 50 000 | 43 569 | 450 | 528 | 282 |
| Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text): | | | | | | |
| Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin | 37 | 31 | 24 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Not reported | 4 293 | 1 613 | 2 019 | (D) | (D) | 382 |
| Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin: | | | | | | |
| Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported | 4 788 | 3 822 | 4 197 | 26 | 24 | 12 |
| Not reported | 749 | 1 405 | 1 995 | 9 | 4 | 11 |
| Type of organization: | | | | | | |
| Individual or family (sole proprietorship) | 4 496 | 4 232 | 5 124 | 24 | 26 | 23 |
| Partnership | 330 825 | 337 401 | 431 487 | 784 | 1 190 | 1 723 |
| Corporation | 443 | 401 | 481 | 7 | 1 | — |
| Family held: | 71 602 | 70 194 | 73 006 | 408 | (D) | — |
| More than 10 stockholders | 554 | 549 | 544 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 or less stockholders | 96 319 | 94 212 | 86 535 | 117 | (D) | 99 |
| Other than family held: | 11 | 13 | 4 | — | — | — |
| More than 10 stockholders | 16 675 | (D) | 1 790 | — | — | — |
| 10 or less stockholders | 483 | 475 | 489 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | 71 680 | 71 542 | 79 707 | (D) | (D) | 99 |
| More than 10 stockholders | 8 | 8 | 6 | — | — | — |
| 10 or less stockholders | 3 516 | (D) | 1 300 | — | — | — |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | 52 | 53 | 45 | 1 | — | — |
| More than 10 stockholders | 4 448 | 5 705 | 3 738 | (D) | — | — |
| 10 or less stockholders | 81 | 76 | 67 | — | 2 | — |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | 19 553 | 24 633 | 24 157 | — | (D) | — |

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