

**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	46 027	46 562	51 172	319	284	292
Harvested cropland	9 872 812	10 088 170	10 316 861	31 230	34 535	29 628
Full owners	27 933	27 070	31 186	239	210	222
Harvested cropland	2 864 121	2 946 685	3 461 112	17 556	19 652	12 986
Part owners	20 652	22 557	26 650	161	152	173
Harvested cropland	1 207 258	1 327 457	1 541 497	5 353	5 507	4 501
Tenants	15 497	16 500	16 903	70	66	60
Harvested cropland	6 460 128	6 503 889	6 298 444	12 825	13 194	15 154
Percent of tenancy	14 989	16 060	16 536	63	59	58
	5 049 214	4 751 815	4 238 821	7 299	6 747	7 641
	2 597	2 992	3 083	10	8	10
Harvested cropland	548 563	637 596	557 305	849	1 689	1 488
	2 300	2 717	2 831	8	8	8
	468 008	504 979	392 150	645	1 403	877
	5.6	6.4	6.0	3.1	2.8	3.4
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	37 077	38 336	41 967	239	209	205
Not on farm operated	6 043	5 682	6 332	57	58	61
Not reported	2 907	2 544	2 873	23	17	26
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	22 043	24 396	26 112	134	113	96
Other	23 984	22 166	25 060	185	171	196
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	17 964	18 547	19 384	107	98	76
Any	25 906	25 462	29 155	200	173	201
1 to 49 days	2 229	2 346	2 714	12	12	9
50 to 99 days	1 260	1 279	1 344	6	16	5
100 to 149 days	1 414	1 363	1 564	11	9	10
150 to 199 days	2 435	2 490	2 715	26	19	33
200 days or more	18 568	17 984	20 818	145	117	144
Not reported	2 157	2 553	2 633	12	13	15
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	1 810	1 838	2 061	14	17	16
3 or 4 years	2 532	2 793	2 996	28	34	30
5 to 9 years	5 715	5 819	7 171	55	55	45
10 years or more	28 751	29 039	30 863	170	137	145
Average years on present farm	21.6	20.9	20.0	16.6	14.5	15.4
Not reported	7 219	7 073	8 081	52	41	56
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	459	643	829	3	2	5
25 to 34 years	3 114	4 610	6 206	17	29	24
35 to 44 years	9 770	10 219	11 098	69	60	75
45 to 49 years	5 906	5 604	6 142	49	32	39
50 to 54 years	5 978	5 691	5 792	45	37	27
55 to 59 years	5 598	5 172	5 944	36	32	33
60 to 64 years	4 812	4 910	5 649	29	31	31
65 to 69 years	3 901	3 981	4 355	31	21	26
70 years and over	6 489	5 732	5 157	40	40	32
Average age	53.3	51.9	50.9	53.2	52.2	51.3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	42 094	43 435	48 458	270	246	259
Female	9 485 557	9 739 656	10 026 658	28 007	31 702	26 869
Not reported	3 933	3 127	2 714	49	38	33
	387 255	348 514	290 203	3 223	2 833	2 759
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):</b>						
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	280	186	122	59	53	26
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	57 621	35 043	17 323	3 633	6 235	1 572
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	39 825	34 372	36 641	211	148	157
	5 922	12 004	14 409	49	83	109
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	40 190	40 654	45 166	286	259	263
Partnership	7 205 435	7 462 640	7 848 652	27 218	26 994	21 530
Corporation	3 778	4 316	4 662	17	17	20
Family held:	1 717 866	1 896 429	1 851 919	2 292	2 476	3 361
More than 10 stockholders	1 834	1 431	1 167	16	4	6
10 or less stockholders	884 195	668 814	557 706	1 720	(D)	337
Other than family held:	30	23	14	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	25 247	17 282	15 910	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	1 632	1 271	1 042	13	4	5
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	817 084	602 032	502 590	(D)	(D)	(D)
	17	14	12	—	—	—
	3 252	10 026	7 775	—	—	—
	155	123	99	3	—	1
	38 612	39 474	31 431	(D)	—	(D)
	225	161	177	—	4	3
	65 316	60 287	58 584	—	(D)	4 400

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