

Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS								
Farms number ..	46 027	22 043	235	1 312	3 771	4 479	5 145	7 101
..... percent ..	100.0	47.9	.5	2.9	8.2	9.7	11.2	15.4
Land in farms acres ..	9 872 812	7 461 296	54 623	444 330	1 606 293	1 931 003	1 797 535	1 627 512
Average size of farm acres ..	215	338	232	339	426	431	349	229
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD								
Total sales (see text) farms ..	46 027	22 043	235	1 312	3 771	4 479	5 145	7 101
..... \$1,000 ..	3 567 825	3 130 495	21 534	203 442	762 772	904 763	764 598	473 385
Average per farm dollars ..	77 516	142 018	91 635	155 062	202 273	202 001	148 610	66 665
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text) ..	7 756	1 729	9	61	188	248	371	852
\$1,000 to \$2,499 ..	4 801	1 202	5	46	129	189	258	575
\$2,500 to \$4,999 ..	5 049	1 527	22	53	140	213	337	762
\$5,000 to \$9,999 ..	5 800	2 152	28	91	216	284	504	1 029
\$10,000 to \$19,999 ..	5 602	2 532	37	112	245	367	611	1 160
\$20,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 611	812	10	46	108	124	171	353
\$25,000 to \$39,999 ..	3 136	1 831	19	113	277	342	444	636
\$40,000 to \$49,999 ..	1 336	867	20	54	146	163	232	252
\$50,000 to \$99,999 ..	3 663	2 748	36	236	584	609	681	602
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	4 008	3 529	31	276	900	979	849	494
\$250,000 to \$499,999 ..	1 954	1 863	8	148	507	577	407	216
\$500,000 to \$999,999 ..	864	825	8	51	231	257	175	103
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 ..	344	328	1	23	74	97	79	54
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 ..	66	65	1	—	17	21	17	9
\$5,000,000 or more ..	37	33	—	2	9	9	9	4
Grains farms ..	19 502	11 849	137	738	2 076	2 381	2 839	3 678
..... \$1,000 ..	1 033 206	884 660	8 819	62 648	216 958	245 799	202 516	147 920
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	4 880	4 213	38	311	1 020	1 143	1 030	671
..... \$1,000 ..	838 846	767 100	6 889	55 177	199 332	225 161	173 370	107 172
Corn for grain farms ..	13 864	8 805	108	590	1 623	1 833	2 159	2 492
..... \$1,000 ..	470 240	408 702	3 958	27 616	100 910	113 993	93 408	68 818
Wheat farms ..	8 875	6 283	50	337	1 084	1 290	1 549	1 973
..... \$1,000 ..	89 407	76 289	478	4 450	17 316	19 589	19 098	15 356
Soybeans farms ..	12 516	7 857	103	522	1 405	1 625	1 890	2 312
..... \$1,000 ..	375 311	310 718	3 640	23 581	75 032	86 057	69 574	52 835
Sorghum for grain farms ..	6	3	—	—	—	1	2	—
..... \$1,000 ..	22	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	—
Barley farms ..	295	219	2	13	44	62	48	50
..... \$1,000 ..	1 180	(D)	(D)	65	197	(D)	(D)	188
Oats farms ..	1 804	1 220	7	58	195	240	309	411
..... \$1,000 ..	4 311	3 454	(D)	156	716	(D)	794	1 008
Other grains farms ..	2 667	2 088	26	172	478	478	509	425
..... \$1,000 ..	92 735	84 457	722	6 780	22 787	25 054	19 399	9 714
Cotton and cottonseed farms ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco farms ..	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
..... \$1,000 ..	34	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds farms ..	10 938	5 103	42	257	732	902	1 162	2 008
..... \$1,000 ..	83 225	56 225	721	3 937	11 709	13 001	11 910	14 946
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	215	183	3	21	47	48	36	28
..... \$1,000 ..	24 307	22 106	392	2 103	5 655	6 179	4 088	3 689
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons farms ..	2 494	1 613	24	108	368	360	370	383
..... \$1,000 ..	183 645	171 571	1 649	15 771	39 802	42 334	36 912	35 103
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	601	558	6	50	142	152	133	75
..... \$1,000 ..	163 037	157 286	1 457	14 752	36 584	39 365	33 540	31 588
Fruits, nuts, and berries farms ..	3 027	1 872	11	73	335	387	422	644
..... \$1,000 ..	231 595	203 606	1 478	10 555	45 627	61 487	44 660	39 799
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	925	802	5	39	170	217	210	161
..... \$1,000 ..	204 816	187 136	1 418	9 796	42 571	58 739	41 505	33 107
Nursery and greenhouse crops farms ..	3 548	1 575	10	76	327	385	397	380
..... \$1,000 ..	478 448	386 819	1 803	15 598	82 763	125 980	122 070	38 605
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	894	659	4	39	160	219	142	95
..... \$1,000 ..	453 975	375 534	1 767	14 882	80 163	123 563	119 086	36 074
Other crops farms ..	1 725	1 388	22	142	374	341	283	226
..... \$1,000 ..	189 569	183 273	929	11 235	52 121	45 825	53 678	19 485
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	764	734	4	71	223	206	153	77
..... \$1,000 ..	174 245	171 150	394	9 467	48 965	43 200	51 238	17 886
Poultry and poultry products farms ..	1 442	609	2	34	178	132	138	125
..... \$1,000 ..	169 053	(D)	(D)	2 106	(D)	51 884	45 072	16 460
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	99	85	—	3	34	25	16	7
..... \$1,000 ..	167 358	(D)	—	(D)	28 677	51 659	44 765	16 282
Dairy products farms ..	3 696	3 441	30	291	880	946	750	544
..... \$1,000 ..	645 713	628 351	2 851	50 813	155 767	186 346	139 273	93 301
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	2 645	2 556	17	198	670	744	573	354
..... \$1,000 ..	619 100	605 014	2 553	48 797	149 967	180 727	134 172	88 798
Cattle and calves farms ..	14 293	8 298	89	551	1 593	1 843	1 983	2 239
..... \$1,000 ..	276 971	236 284	1 148	10 440	50 748	58 538	67 764	47 647
Sales of \$50,000 or more farms ..	790	712	4	42	171	186	183	126
..... \$1,000 ..	173 630	162 854	440	5 716	35 822	41 246	49 571	30 058

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	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS							
Farms.....number..	23 984	224	1 802	5 999	7 405	5 265	3 289
.....percent..	52.1	.5	3.9	13.0	16.1	11.4	7.1
Land in farms.....acres..	2 411 516	19 038	161 006	561 271	733 924	573 652	362 625
Average size of farm.....acres..	101	85	89	94	99	109	110
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD							
Total sales (see text).....farms..	23 984	224	1 802	5 999	7 405	5 265	3 289
.....\$1,000..	437 330	3 888	31 526	106 795	165 035	86 118	43 969
Average per farm.....dollars..	18 234	17 356	17 495	17 802	22 287	16 357	13 368
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text).....	6 027	24	320	1 229	1 772	1 415	1 267
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....	3 599	33	241	948	1 146	749	482
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	3 522	37	298	898	1 105	748	436
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	3 648	41	296	916	1 143	828	424
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	3 070	39	262	845	942	662	320
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	799	13	81	205	267	156	77
\$25,000 to \$39,999.....	1 305	17	106	356	419	287	120
\$40,000 to \$49,999.....	469	6	53	142	145	92	31
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	915	8	87	286	266	202	66
\$100,000 to \$249,999.....	479	5	49	139	148	99	39
\$250,000 to \$499,999.....	91	1	8	21	33	13	15
\$500,000 to \$999,999.....	39	—	—	11	14	8	6
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999.....	16	—	1	2	2	5	6
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999.....	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
\$5,000,000 or more.....	4	—	—	1	3	—	—
Grains.....farms..	7 653	121	779	2 062	2 311	1 591	789
.....\$1,000..	148 545	2 393	14 644	42 610	44 371	32 206	12 321
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	667	12	64	208	200	140	43
.....\$1,000..	71 746	1 108	6 323	21 067	21 601	15 960	5 687
Corn for grain.....farms..	5 059	74	555	1 424	1 475	1 074	457
.....\$1,000..	61 538	890	6 240	17 224	18 347	13 543	5 294
Wheat.....farms..	2 592	31	216	661	828	568	288
.....\$1,000..	13 118	184	967	3 567	4 147	3 029	1 224
Soybeans.....farms..	4 659	80	508	1 300	1 373	962	436
.....\$1,000..	64 593	1 068	6 697	19 699	19 277	12 798	5 055
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	3	—	—	—	1	1	1
.....\$1,000..	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Barley.....farms..	76	—	7	26	19	15	9
.....\$1,000..	(D)	—	14	50	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oats.....farms..	584	4	56	147	190	123	64
.....\$1,000..	857	4	58	269	232	206	89
Other grains.....farms..	579	10	47	167	179	119	57
.....\$1,000..	8 278	247	668	1 802	2 331	2 589	641
Cotton and cottonseed.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco.....farms..	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
.....\$1,000..	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds.....farms..	5 835	41	392	1 449	1 869	1 296	788
.....\$1,000..	27 000	177	1 747	6 665	8 062	6 472	3 877
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	32	—	1	6	9	9	7
.....\$1,000..	2 202	—	(D)	(D)	573	669	476
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons.....farms..	881	7	77	252	277	176	92
.....\$1,000..	12 073	56	989	2 933	4 603	2 219	1 274
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	43	—	6	11	15	9	2
.....\$1,000..	5 750	—	(D)	966	2 780	873	(D)
Fruits, nuts, and berries.....farms..	1 155	5	50	279	368	265	188
.....\$1,000..	27 989	78	934	6 091	9 164	7 857	3 864
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	123	1	6	26	37	31	22
.....\$1,000..	17 680	(D)	(D)	3 470	5 545	5 628	2 475
Nursery and greenhouse crops.....farms..	1 973	7	103	504	619	453	287
.....\$1,000..	91 629	105	3 800	17 360	42 011	17 379	10 974
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	235	—	18	59	69	58	31
.....\$1,000..	78 441	—	3 145	13 719	37 781	14 689	9 107
Other crops.....farms..	337	4	49	91	104	55	34
.....\$1,000..	6 296	293	1 004	1 576	1 856	1 155	411
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	30	4	2	6	9	7	2
.....\$1,000..	3 096	293	(D)	598	1 036	614	(D)
Poultry and poultry products.....farms..	833	5	79	309	262	117	61
.....\$1,000..	(D)	(D)	488	1 036	(D)	96	61
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	14	—	4	5	5	—	—
.....\$1,000..	(D)	—	428	794	(D)	—	—
Dairy products.....farms..	255	2	29	74	74	53	23
.....\$1,000..	17 362	(D)	598	4 367	(D)	(D)	4 475
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	89	1	4	27	26	18	13
.....\$1,000..	14 086	(D)	(D)	3 340	3 470	2 693	4 256
Cattle and calves.....farms..	5 995	58	518	1 807	1 893	1 229	490
.....\$1,000..	40 687	279	3 465	12 901	12 334	8 048	3 658
Sales of \$50,000 or more.....farms..	78	—	8	23	26	13	8
.....\$1,000..	10 776	—	954	4 144	2 756	1 584	1 339

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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs	farms.. 2 690	1 463	25	154	371	356	298	259
	\$1,000.. 228 488	202 999	2 093	19 104	68 192	63 151	34 327	16 131
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 593	499	5	59	146	130	104	55
	\$1,000.. 212 526	193 278	1 976	18 162	65 992	60 904	31 737	14 506
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms.. 1 543	638	9	36	137	129	140	187
	\$1,000.. 5 911	3 980	(D)	91	(D)	890	1 133	832
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 13	8	—	—	2	3	1	2
	\$1,000.. 2 178	1 845	—	—	(D)	295	(D)	(D)
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms.. 3 625	1 369	10	107	313	357	334	248
	\$1,000.. 41 968	28 282	30	1 144	9 141	9 527	5 284	3 156
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 127	93	—	7	25	30	19	12
	\$1,000.. 24 296	20 563	—	584	7 317	7 438	3 150	2 073
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)	farms.. 4 339	2 060	19	128	435	458	461	559
	\$1,000.. 28 720	22 555	187	1 942	5 343	5 662	6 319	3 103
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
Total farm production expenses	farms.. 46 040	21 991	252	1 250	3 547	4 260	5 190	7 492
	\$1,000.. 2 835 658	2 419 139	19 871	146 602	575 055	689 858	608 178	379 576
Average per farm	dollars.. 61 591	110 006	78 853	117 281	162 124	161 939	117 183	50 664
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms.. 11 086	5 909	92	430	1 291	1 404	1 427	1 265
	\$1,000.. 175 474	148 998	1 628	10 614	33 599	41 358	39 084	22 716
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	7 569	3 388	49	233	654	789	827	836
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 486	1 632	29	131	390	364	391	327
\$25,000 to \$99,999	763	644	12	46	187	176	149	74
\$100,000 to \$249,999	152	137	1	10	41	43	31	11
\$250,000 or more	116	108	1	10	19	32	29	17
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms.. 17 888	8 975	118	560	1 783	2 103	2 215	2 196
	\$1,000.. 414 770	369 102	2 176	22 322	98 652	111 175	92 058	42 720
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	12 187	4 373	54	219	638	842	1 146	1 474
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 248	2 360	40	164	551	581	580	444
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 789	1 612	20	115	422	485	362	208
\$100,000 to \$249,999	439	411	4	45	111	126	76	49
\$250,000 or more	225	219	—	17	61	69	51	21
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms.. 12 036	6 327	104	433	1 347	1 574	1 475	1 394
	\$1,000.. 256 579	229 683	1 425	11 888	55 365	72 861	62 186	25 957
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	8 440	3 193	65	191	554	657	807	919
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 191	1 801	19	132	448	506	389	307
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 088	1 028	20	84	256	317	215	136
\$100,000 or more	317	305	—	26	89	94	64	32
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms.. 27 224	16 096	197	984	2 866	3 264	3 889	4 896
	\$1,000.. 180 800	155 670	1 433	9 174	34 917	42 636	43 412	24 098
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	11 109	4 731	59	218	507	662	1 120	2 165
\$1,000 to \$4,999	9 282	5 572	66	365	893	1 080	1 352	1 816
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 470	4 505	65	320	1 125	1 124	1 117	754
\$25,000 to \$49,999	905	856	6	50	228	267	201	104
\$50,000 or more	458	432	1	31	113	131	99	57
Commercial fertilizer	farms.. 29 576	16 942	201	980	2 913	3 289	4 092	5 467
	\$1,000.. 244 613	210 278	2 100	13 282	50 487	55 067	51 964	37 377
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	20 093	9 204	81	495	1 117	1 412	2 165	3 934
\$5,000 to \$24,999	7 064	5 481	103	320	1 228	1 198	1 382	1 250
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 492	1 365	13	108	337	399	346	162
\$50,000 or more	927	892	4	57	231	280	199	121
Agricultural chemicals	farms.. 26 238	15 508	179	931	2 792	3 065	3 775	4 766
	\$1,000.. 182 494	156 358	1 587	9 643	37 873	43 235	37 276	26 743
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	18 844	9 418	93	577	1 297	1 547	2 269	3 635
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 753	4 539	81	262	1 107	991	1 142	956
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 061	993	1	61	247	340	245	99
\$50,000 or more	580	558	4	31	141	187	119	76
Petroleum products	farms.. 42 348	21 117	246	1 199	3 455	4 098	5 069	7 050
	\$1,000.. 142 449	119 011	1 263	6 742	28 243	31 807	29 822	21 134
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	35 797	15 237	182	866	1 906	2 405	3 705	6 173
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 662	5 033	50	287	1 336	1 431	1 173	756
\$25,000 to \$49,999	631	602	11	35	151	192	128	85
\$50,000 or more	258	245	3	11	62	70	63	36
Gasoline and gasohol	farms.. 34 136	17 394	166	927	2 890	3 279	4 316	5 816
	\$1,000.. 35 499	27 365	300	1 532	6 015	6 854	7 203	5 460
Diesel fuel	farms.. 30 196	16 939	175	1 014	3 014	3 381	4 125	5 230
	\$1,000.. 61 048	52 311	583	3 113	12 575	13 913	12 990	9 138
Natural gas	farms.. 1 932	1 411	20	89	328	388	292	294
	\$1,000.. 17 510	15 019	130	623	3 955	4 213	3 953	2 144
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms.. 31 611	17 923	219	1 098	3 125	3 658	4 352	5 471
	\$1,000.. 28 391	24 316	250	1 474	5 699	6 827	5 675	4 391

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Hogs and pigs	farms.. 1 227	18	139	474	383	147	66
	\$1,000.. 25 489	326	2 993	7 448	9 409	3 496	1 817
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 94	1	17	33	27	10	6
	\$1,000.. 19 248	(D)	2 303	5 316	7 316	2 681	(D)
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms.. 905	6	68	303	283	164	81
	\$1,000.. 1 932	11	243	550	654	341	133
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 5	—	1	2	1	1	—
	\$1,000.. 333	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms.. 2 256	15	170	643	817	439	172
	\$1,000.. 13 686	77	620	3 258	5 208	3 420	1 103
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 34	—	1	6	13	11	3
	\$1,000.. 3 733	—	(D)	801	1 451	1 124	(D)
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)	farms.. 2 279	14	194	738	761	409	163
	\$1,000.. 6 165	25	452	1 706	2 033	1 397	554
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
Total farm production expenses	farms.. 24 049	332	1 772	6 134	7 067	5 334	3 410
	\$1,000.. 416 519	5 160	28 274	98 606	162 100	83 314	39 064
Average per farm	dollars.. 17 320	15 543	15 956	16 075	22 938	15 620	11 456
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms.. 5 177	73	466	1 872	1 703	811	252
	\$1,000.. 26 475	332	1 926	9 378	9 454	3 655	1 731
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	4 181	55	367	1 563	1 395	610	191
\$5,000 to \$24,999	854	17	91	266	267	163	50
\$25,000 to \$99,999	119	1	7	31	35	37	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	—	1	8	4	—	2
\$250,000 or more	8	—	—	4	2	1	1
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms.. 8 913	152	732	2 909	2 901	1 641	578
	\$1,000.. 45 667	333	2 194	9 385	24 899	5 784	3 072
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	7 814	140	629	2 574	2 533	1 438	500
\$5,000 to \$24,999	888	11	96	275	289	158	59
\$25,000 to \$99,999	177	1	4	53	68	39	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	—	3	6	7	6	6
\$250,000 or more	6	—	—	1	4	—	1
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms.. 5 709	48	454	1 982	1 946	955	324
	\$1,000.. 26 896	76	922	3 883	18 621	1 987	1 408
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	5 247	47	425	1 849	1 784	862	280
\$5,000 to \$24,999	390	—	27	118	120	87	38
\$25,000 to \$99,999	60	1	—	14	37	5	3
\$100,000 or more	12	—	2	1	5	1	3
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms.. 11 128	211	1 006	3 087	3 416	2 295	1 113
	\$1,000.. 25 130	442	2 020	6 240	9 578	4 953	1 897
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	6 378	102	546	1 678	2 039	1 264	749
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 710	92	368	1 076	1 050	806	318
\$5,000 to \$24,999	965	17	87	314	296	213	38
\$25,000 to \$49,999	49	—	4	17	18	6	4
\$50,000 or more	26	—	1	2	13	6	4
Commercial fertilizer	farms.. 12 634	236	1 073	3 230	3 960	2 723	1 412
	\$1,000.. 34 335	505	3 246	9 008	10 876	7 638	3 062
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	10 889	205	868	2 693	3 487	2 334	1 302
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 583	30	202	505	401	357	88
\$25,000 to \$49,999	127	1	1	28	54	24	19
\$50,000 or more	35	—	2	4	18	8	3
Agricultural chemicals	farms.. 10 730	206	910	2 829	3 317	2 252	1 216
	\$1,000.. 26 136	377	2 462	6 677	8 582	5 677	2 361
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	9 426	190	757	2 451	2 946	1 931	1 151
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 214	16	149	365	334	303	47
\$25,000 to \$49,999	68	—	4	11	27	12	14
\$50,000 or more	22	—	—	2	10	6	4
Petroleum products	farms.. 21 231	319	1 602	5 535	6 329	4 702	2 744
	\$1,000.. 23 438	356	1 796	5 726	8 199	4 857	2 504
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	20 560	309	1 538	5 346	6 106	4 586	2 675
\$5,000 to \$24,999	629	10	63	183	211	100	62
\$25,000 to \$49,999	29	—	1	4	6	13	5
\$50,000 or more	13	—	—	2	6	3	2
Gasoline and gasohol	farms.. 16 742	246	1 246	4 342	5 094	3 659	2 155
	\$1,000.. 8 134	111	568	2 074	2 509	1 947	925
Diesel fuel	farms.. 13 257	217	1 098	3 441	3 937	2 960	1 604
	\$1,000.. 8 738	194	785	2 167	2 728	1 932	931
Natural gas	farms.. 521	6	27	152	135	137	64
	\$1,000.. 2 491	(Z)	47	380	1 639	213	213
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms.. 13 688	198	1 149	3 519	4 183	2 999	1 640
	\$1,000.. 4 076	50	396	1 105	1 324	766	435

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
—Con.								
Total farm production expenses—Con.								
Electricity	farms.. 31 396	17 800	195	1 002	3 144	3 702	4 341	5 416
	\$1,000.. 53 192	44 841	343	2 464	10 324	12 826	11 185	7 699
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	21 800	9 890	111	567	1 131	1 533	2 503	4 045
\$1,000 to \$4,999	7 332	5 780	62	315	1 492	1 495	1 334	1 082
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 073	1 950	21	112	492	609	457	259
\$25,000 to \$49,999	118	113	1	4	12	47	29	20
\$50,000 or more	73	67	—	4	17	18	18	10
Hired farm labor	farms.. 14 481	9 336	80	520	2 038	2 266	2 308	2 124
	\$1,000.. 369 145	333 060	2 049	15 883	74 246	97 838	88 382	54 663
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	8 961	4 482	45	269	779	858	1 236	1 295
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 809	2 319	12	102	660	659	449	437
\$25,000 to \$99,999	2 014	1 875	17	116	445	543	460	294
\$100,000 to \$249,999	471	449	4	24	105	138	114	64
\$250,000 or more	226	211	2	9	49	68	49	34
Workers by days worked:								
150 days or more	farms.. 6 074	4 855	49	274	1 146	1 372	1 119	895
	workers.. 20 996	18 404	103	1 086	4 030	5 484	4 824	2 877
Less than 150 days	farms.. 13 069	8 061	68	463	1 745	1 903	1 980	1 902
	workers.. 74 869	57 336	486	2 674	14 698	15 017	13 298	11 163
Contract labor	farms.. 3 865	2 299	21	132	496	543	544	563
	\$1,000.. 29 043	25 268	59	477	4 881	5 188	10 579	4 085
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	1 689	739	10	46	107	170	180	226
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 330	875	9	56	224	212	199	175
\$5,000 to \$24,999	667	528	2	28	116	126	118	138
\$25,000 to \$49,999	102	91	—	2	31	10	32	16
\$50,000 or more	77	66	—	—	18	25	15	8
Repair and maintenance	farms.. 37 918	19 927	233	1 139	3 316	3 873	4 838	6 528
	\$1,000.. 209 298	170 815	1 366	10 524	37 279	46 318	42 670	32 658
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	28 001	11 792	159	619	1 451	1 697	2 827	5 039
\$5,000 to \$24,999	8 308	6 606	65	448	1 488	1 693	1 657	1 255
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 118	1 062	4	49	272	341	242	154
\$50,000 or more	491	467	5	23	105	142	112	80
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment	farms.. 13 520	7 799	107	473	1 506	1 600	1 873	2 240
	\$1,000.. 53 082	43 744	418	3 718	11 082	11 181	10 294	7 051
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	6 439	2 773	48	159	402	466	702	996
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 866	3 162	39	175	661	640	695	952
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 896	1 582	18	117	371	411	407	258
\$25,000 to \$49,999	194	159	1	12	37	52	36	21
\$50,000 or more	125	123	1	10	35	31	33	13
Interest	farms.. 18 209	10 611	157	828	2 463	2 725	2 607	1 831
	\$1,000.. 189 849	156 373	1 332	9 920	38 652	46 551	38 514	21 404
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	10 247	4 768	62	366	946	1 079	1 263	1 052
\$5,000 to \$24,999	6 239	4 216	91	369	1 101	1 115	958	582
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 520	1 430	3	84	372	469	331	171
\$100,000 or more	203	197	1	9	44	62	55	26
Secured by real estate	farms.. 13 336	7 571	120	553	1 789	2 048	1 895	1 166
	\$1,000.. 123 249	98 445	952	6 334	23 151	28 898	25 390	13 720
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	1 609	756	22	53	143	132	246	160
\$1,000 to \$4,999	5 936	2 558	33	196	535	701	660	433
\$5,000 to \$24,999	4 711	3 240	61	251	860	887	738	443
\$25,000 to \$49,999	762	713	2	34	183	227	179	88
\$50,000 or more	318	304	2	19	68	101	72	42
Not secured by real estate	farms.. 10 394	6 829	89	522	1 680	1 818	1 621	1 099
	\$1,000.. 66 600	57 929	380	3 586	15 501	17 653	13 124	7 685
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	2 926	1 383	7	114	284	285	377	316
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 434	2 799	59	221	712	697	631	479
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 502	2 133	23	173	538	668	493	238
\$25,000 to \$49,999	371	360	—	12	107	113	78	50
\$50,000 or more	161	154	—	2	39	55	42	16
Cash rent	farms.. 12 983	8 604	150	713	2 046	2 196	2 054	1 445
	\$1,000.. 162 012	143 540	2 085	13 403	41 687	42 303	27 871	16 190
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	7 978	4 488	59	377	908	961	1 218	965
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 633	1 156	32	65	297	303	300	159
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 753	1 446	37	110	356	497	274	172
\$25,000 or more	1 619	1 514	22	161	485	435	262	149
Property taxes	farms.. 43 608	20 858	175	1 007	3 243	4 101	5 061	7 271
	\$1,000.. 114 049	76 205	497	3 300	13 014	18 089	19 852	21 454
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	38 646	16 810	141	837	2 485	3 021	4 008	6 318
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 399	2 638	27	114	511	642	685	659
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 308	1 177	7	49	196	379	303	243
\$25,000 or more	255	233	—	7	51	59	65	51
All other farm production expenses	farms.. 40 748	20 867	230	1 223	3 468	4 147	4 975	6 824
	\$1,000.. 315 391	265 874	1 534	15 136	60 119	84 286	65 215	39 584
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	32 337	13 564	175	695	1 715	2 161	3 297	5 521
\$5,000 to \$24,999	6 142	5 174	46	409	1 270	1 256	1 186	1 007
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 164	1 083	2	56	232	362	271	160
\$50,000 to \$99,999	694	656	5	43	152	238	133	85
\$100,000 or more	411	390	2	20	99	130	88	51

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity farms	13 596	164	926	3 610	4 134	3 096	1 666
\$1,000	8 351	130	448	1 962	2 957	1 919	935
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	11 910	120	821	3 134	3 623	2 725	1 487
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 552	37	103	440	474	345	153
\$5,000 to \$24,999	123	7	2	35	32	22	25
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5	—	—	1	—	3	1
\$50,000 or more	6	—	—	—	5	1	—
Hired farm labor farms	5 145	45	310	1 418	1 733	1 101	538
\$1,000	36 085	23	1 624	5 498	16 357	8 358	4 225
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	4 479	45	253	1 251	1 523	944	463
\$5,000 to \$24,999	490	—	45	131	158	104	52
\$25,000 to \$99,999	139	—	11	30	40	41	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	—	—	4	8	8	2
\$250,000 or more	15	—	1	2	4	4	4
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more farms	1 219	7	76	346	370	256	164
workers	2 592	8	96	512	999	586	391
Less than 150 days farms	5 008	45	310	1 384	1 686	1 073	510
workers	17 533	61	1 260	4 327	5 777	4 248	1 860
Contract labor farms	1 566	15	120	496	553	224	158
\$1,000	3 774	17	316	775	1 471	874	322
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	950	13	68	351	314	126	78
\$1,000 to \$4,999	455	1	34	114	178	66	62
\$5,000 to \$24,999	139	1	17	27	52	24	18
\$25,000 to \$49,999	11	—	—	3	7	1	—
\$50,000 or more	11	—	1	1	2	7	—
Repair and maintenance farms	17 991	221	1 295	4 720	5 554	3 982	2 219
\$1,000	38 482	346	2 718	9 510	13 008	8 706	4 195
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	16 209	212	1 164	4 312	4 944	3 521	2 056
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 702	9	126	396	579	442	150
\$25,000 to \$49,999	56	—	5	10	17	14	10
\$50,000 or more	24	—	—	2	14	5	3
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment farms	5 721	117	467	1 620	1 779	1 175	563
\$1,000	9 338	566	559	2 109	2 948	2 027	1 129
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	3 666	64	311	1 086	1 105	706	394
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 704	42	146	482	553	350	131
\$5,000 to \$24,999	314	2	10	49	113	117	23
\$25,000 to \$49,999	35	9	—	2	7	2	15
\$50,000 or more	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
Interest farms	7 598	97	687	2 354	2 443	1 537	480
\$1,000	33 476	279	2 926	9 523	10 987	7 760	2 000
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	5 479	68	469	1 694	1 749	1 113	386
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 023	29	214	635	670	392	83
\$25,000 to \$99,999	90	—	4	23	23	30	10
\$100,000 or more	6	—	—	2	1	2	1
Secured by real estate farms	5 765	29	523	1 758	1 940	1 190	325
\$1,000	24 805	109	2 320	7 198	8 013	5 750	1 416
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	853	10	88	229	300	178	48
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 378	13	259	1 061	1 153	687	205
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 471	6	175	457	470	298	65
\$25,000 to \$49,999	49	—	1	6	13	23	6
\$50,000 or more	14	—	—	5	4	4	1
Not secured by real estate farms	3 565	71	336	1 110	1 180	659	229
\$1,000	8 671	171	606	2 325	2 974	2 011	585
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	1 543	10	160	499	490	269	115
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 635	40	146	509	560	278	102
\$5,000 to \$24,999	369	21	29	101	105	107	6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	11	—	1	1	3	2	4
\$50,000 or more	7	—	—	—	2	3	2
Cash rent farms	4 379	112	474	1 354	1 329	843	267
\$1,000	18 471	718	1 908	5 241	6 954	2 730	921
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	3 490	86	365	1 052	1 041	721	225
\$5,000 to \$9,999	477	17	56	147	155	69	33
\$10,000 to \$24,999	307	—	42	121	99	42	3
\$25,000 or more	105	9	11	34	34	11	6
Property taxes farms	22 750	194	1 518	5 728	6 806	5 234	3 270
\$1,000	37 844	255	2 004	8 218	12 097	9 564	5 705
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	21 836	188	1 487	5 603	6 444	4 980	3 134
\$5,000 to \$9,999	761	5	24	110	315	216	91
\$10,000 to \$24,999	131	1	6	12	38	33	41
\$25,000 or more	22	—	1	3	9	5	4
All other farm production expenses farms	19 881	280	1 505	5 161	5 961	4 436	2 538
\$1,000	49 516	483	2 127	9 357	23 732	8 812	5 006
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	18 773	267	1 425	4 833	5 602	4 207	2 439
\$5,000 to \$24,999	968	4	78	308	321	181	76
\$25,000 to \$49,999	81	9	1	11	22	30	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	—	1	5	7	16	9
\$100,000 or more	21	—	—	4	9	2	6

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹								
All farms..... number..	46 040	21 991	252	1 250	3 547	4 260	5 190	7 492
..... \$1,000..	686 891	656 455	5 007	43 188	177 466	183 959	152 241	94 595
Average per farm..... dollars..	14 919	29 851	19 867	34 550	50 033	43 183	29 333	12 626
Farms with net gains ² number..	21 612	13 239	162	804	2 572	2 745	3 124	3 832
Average net gain..... dollars..	40 859	58 135	35 142	60 296	75 248	77 755	60 716	31 009
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	2 498	869	31	28	73	128	186	423
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	8 196	3 841	49	174	404	518	931	1 765
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	6 919	4 912	54	348	1 085	1 135	1 116	1 174
\$50,000 or more.....	3 999	3 617	28	254	1 010	964	891	470
Farms with net losses..... number..	24 428	8 752	90	446	975	1 515	2 066	3 660
Average net loss..... dollars..	8 029	12 934	7 628	11 861	16 483	19 458	18 120	6 621
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	3 584	1 135	8	50	57	142	242	636
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	16 745	5 500	68	259	568	824	1 221	2 560
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	3 750	1 828	12	125	282	459	527	423
\$50,000 or more.....	349	289	2	12	68	90	76	41
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME								
Government payments..... farms..	18 851	10 915	94	589	1 924	2 296	2 620	3 392
..... \$1,000..	92 806	73 237	505	4 050	15 989	19 542	17 391	15 761
Other farm-related income ¹ farms..	11 609	6 904	50	389	1 219	1 497	1 698	2 051
..... \$1,000..	61 699	45 562	400	2 531	7 808	13 738	10 166	10 919
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	3 312	2 264	31	192	480	558	518	485
..... \$1,000..	22 647	19 476	238	1 785	3 978	7 501	3 632	2 342
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	4 372	1 895	15	49	242	297	396	896
..... \$1,000..	19 279	10 591	152	200	1 143	2 239	2 559	4 298
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	1 494	914	—	36	106	162	290	320
..... \$1,000..	10 013	7 515	—	151	953	1 626	2 009	2 776
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	4 791	3 587	13	206	714	901	857	896
..... \$1,000..	9 761	7 981	10	395	1 734	2 373	1 966	1 503
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS								
Total..... farms..	1 587	1 259	13	100	326	311	283	226
..... \$1,000..	51 618	49 229	234	2 616	14 300	15 800	10 442	5 838
Corn..... farms..	1 322	1 069	10	80	287	266	243	183
..... \$1,000..	33 325	31 842	126	1 544	9 483	10 161	6 723	3 806
Wheat..... farms..	377	297	1	23	60	63	67	83
..... \$1,000..	2 101	2 028	(D)	(D)	605	518	390	(D)
Soybeans..... farms..	489	379	5	38	81	109	87	59
..... \$1,000..	16 104	15 283	(D)	(D)	4 182	5 114	3 320	1 643
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	60	45	—	2	16	8	7	12
..... \$1,000..	(D)	76	—	(D)	31	7	10	(D)
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE								
Total cropland..... farms..	43 017	21 098	215	1 245	3 544	4 268	4 962	6 864
..... acres..	7 891 802	6 239 281	50 635	399 046	1 415 353	1 656 449	1 473 549	1 244 249
Harvested cropland..... farms..	37 941	19 814	209	1 173	3 369	4 040	4 709	6 314
..... acres..	6 724 480	5 562 053	46 995	368 025	1 307 114	1 516 943	1 302 112	1 020 864
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	17 921	6 065	61	285	739	986	1 381	2 613
50 to 99 acres.....	6 342	3 245	42	187	400	478	752	1 386
100 to 199 acres.....	5 247	3 251	42	202	504	625	791	1 087
200 to 499 acres.....	4 915	3 970	42	276	875	951	1 032	794
500 to 999 acres.....	2 289	2 106	14	151	544	619	504	274
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	950	908	5	56	234	302	189	122
2,000 acres or more.....	277	269	3	16	73	79	60	38
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	14 850	7 077	46	419	1 210	1 548	1 711	2 143
..... acres..	481 259	302 024	1 589	15 373	53 610	65 905	79 061	86 486
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	5 423	2 643	11	99	370	530	614	1 019
..... acres..	197 004	104 599	656	3 015	13 944	19 331	26 374	41 279
On which all crops failed..... farms..	1 772	936	5	53	158	227	201	292
..... acres..	39 640	24 974	228	2 356	4 476	5 518	5 015	7 381
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	2 749	1 642	9	56	237	315	396	629
..... acres..	73 243	50 545	130	1 855	7 986	11 696	12 672	16 206
Idle..... farms..	10 334	4 717	34	197	693	881	1 114	1 798
..... acres..	376 176	195 086	1 037	8 422	28 223	37 056	48 315	72 033
Total woodland..... farms..	24 314	12 248	57	518	1 797	2 506	3 079	4 291
..... acres..	1 142 688	694 964	1 504	26 051	102 265	154 212	184 686	226 246
Woodland pastured..... farms..	4 658	2 444	11	125	361	472	570	905
..... acres..	151 171	99 252	130	5 604	13 001	21 786	24 334	34 397
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	22 014	11 095	49	463	1 635	2 313	2 812	3 823
..... acres..	991 517	595 712	1 374	20 447	89 264	132 426	160 352	191 849

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹							
All farms	24 049	332	1 772	6 134	7 067	5 334	3 410
\$1,000..	30 435	408	3 395	10 593	4 453	3 309	8 278
Average per farm	1 266	1 229	1 916	1 727	630	620	2 427
Farms with net gains ²	8 373	151	706	2 276	2 348	1 687	1 205
Average net gain	13 541	9 061	12 651	13 772	13 538	14 084	13 437
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000	1 629	6	140	410	494	312	267
\$1,000 to \$9,999	4 355	109	359	1 203	1 184	864	636
\$10,000 to \$49,999	2 007	28	162	573	576	432	236
\$50,000 or more	382	8	45	90	94	79	66
Farms with net losses	15 676	181	1 066	3 858	4 719	3 647	2 205
Average net loss	5 291	5 304	5 194	5 379	5 792	5 608	3 589
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000	2 449	43	168	551	582	616	489
\$1,000 to \$9,999	11 245	107	771	2 775	3 442	2 549	1 601
\$10,000 to \$49,999	1 922	31	126	522	669	462	112
\$50,000 or more	60	—	1	10	26	20	3
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME							
Government payments	7 936	64	507	1 744	2 230	1 904	1 487
\$1,000..	19 569	102	980	3 696	5 350	4 979	4 463
Other farm-related income ¹	4 705	31	311	1 170	1 408	1 018	767
\$1,000..	16 137	18	956	4 201	4 550	3 622	2 790
Customwork and other agricultural services	1 048	13	127	324	332	167	85
\$1,000..	3 171	11	312	1 501	869	333	145
Gross cash rent or share payments	2 477	—	115	566	659	626	511
\$1,000..	8 689	—	325	1 766	2 454	2 159	1 985
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products	580	7	20	125	199	115	114
\$1,000..	2 498	5	67	631	732	524	539
Other farm-related income sources	1 204	11	76	316	411	251	139
\$1,000..	1 780	3	252	302	496	606	122
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS							
Total	328	6	50	104	86	57	25
\$1,000..	2 388	10	314	860	644	465	96
Corn	253	4	43	80	67	43	16
\$1,000..	1 483	7	220	467	429	302	58
Wheat	80	2	8	16	27	16	11
\$1,000..	72	(D)	(D)	24	19	7	19
Soybeans	110	3	21	41	20	18	7
\$1,000..	821	(D)	91	358	196	156	(D)
Sorghum, barley, and oats	15	—	3	3	8	—	1
\$1,000..	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(Z)	—	(D)
Cotton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
\$1,000..	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE							
Total cropland	21 919	190	1 618	5 415	6 805	4 896	2 995
Harvested cropland	1 652 521	15 886	124 644	414 769	510 783	373 798	212 641
farms	18 127	173	1 419	4 664	5 699	3 970	2 202
acres	1 162 427	13 682	100 437	319 887	362 062	252 114	114 245
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres	11 856	94	860	2 989	3 736	2 577	1 600
50 to 99 acres	3 097	40	261	778	962	706	350
100 to 199 acres	1 996	23	182	531	658	435	167
200 to 499 acres	945	11	98	296	274	207	59
500 to 999 acres	183	5	15	57	50	36	20
1,000 to 1,999 acres	42	—	2	11	17	7	5
2,000 acres or more	8	—	1	2	2	2	1
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only	7 773	46	545	2 107	2 616	1 684	775
acres	179 235	958	10 696	41 797	57 731	42 763	25 290
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured	2 780	10	128	556	899	677	510
acres	92 405	294	3 171	13 723	27 523	23 237	24 457
On which all crops failed	836	5	61	224	269	185	92
acres	14 666	92	1 190	3 561	4 762	3 147	1 914
In cultivated summer fallow	1 107	10	69	260	343	281	144
acres	22 698	187	1 581	5 329	7 104	5 816	2 681
Idle	5 617	24	326	1 218	1 694	1 375	980
acres	181 090	673	7 569	30 472	51 601	46 721	44 054
Total woodland	12 066	57	672	2 807	3 780	2 898	1 852
acres	447 724	1 712	18 846	83 844	133 402	119 300	90 620
Woodland pastured	2 214	12	137	566	686	515	298
acres	51 919	176	3 313	11 071	14 931	13 264	9 164
Woodland not pastured	10 919	50	590	2 807	3 447	2 627	1 681
acres	395 805	1 536	15 533	72 773	118 471	106 036	81 456

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	5 876	2 625	33	132	476	573	651	760
acres..	187 975	117 954	582	3 643	18 564	26 824	30 582	37 759
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	32 389	15 611	92	766	2 471	3 156	3 791	5 335
acres..	650 347	409 097	1 902	15 590	70 111	93 518	108 718	119 258
Irrigated land farms..	3 752	2 537	32	183	617	674	544	487
acres..	393 485	365 896	3 885	27 961	99 851	99 405	81 916	52 878
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	3 669	2 515	32	182	611	668	541	481
acres..	390 636	363 949	3 885	27 898	99 363	99 076	81 184	52 543
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	161	68	—	4	20	18	14	12
acres..	2 849	1 947	—	63	488	329	732	335
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	5 251	1 986	7	55	229	333	469	893
acres..	287 081	117 334	256	3 198	10 741	16 173	27 210	59 756
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	46 040	21 991	252	1 250	3 547	4 260	5 190	7 492
\$1,000..	16 489 949	11 584 432	101 366	647 703	2 435 170	2 942 258	2 774 926	2 683 009
Average per farm dollars..	358 166	526 781	402 244	518 162	686 544	690 671	534 668	358 117
Average per acre dollars..	1 671	1 562	1 487	1 556	1 532	1 611	1 541	1 565
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999	2 925	994	21	58	96	178	229	412
\$40,000 to \$69,999	3 781	1 263	33	57	136	201	162	674
\$70,000 to \$99,999	4 603	1 628	22	87	154	255	390	720
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7 553	2 656	26	183	375	362	566	1 144
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5 941	2 277	16	124	243	362	567	965
\$200,000 to \$499,999	13 173	6 747	75	375	1 188	1 287	1 712	2 110
\$500,000 to \$999,999	4 701	3 444	45	177	622	762	916	922
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	2 280	1 984	8	144	507	513	428	384
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	921	843	4	37	182	294	190	136
\$5,000,000 or more	162	155	2	8	44	46	30	25
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	46 039	21 990	252	1 249	3 547	4 260	5 190	7 492
\$1,000..	3 055 199	2 268 133	20 915	125 313	505 277	574 551	553 181	488 895
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999	3 530	978	8	49	93	125	175	528
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5 476	1 689	—	92	227	256	409	705
\$10,000 to \$19,999	8 759	3 017	74	172	326	360	601	1 484
\$20,000 to \$49,999	12 691	5 379	57	252	653	919	1 373	2 125
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7 258	4 123	29	291	682	817	986	1 318
\$100,000 to \$199,999	4 553	3 352	56	183	689	809	855	760
\$200,000 to \$499,999	3 116	2 832	25	182	714	787	652	472
\$500,000 or more	656	620	3	28	163	187	139	100
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	39 295	19 942	207	1 072	3 348	4 014	4 830	6 471
number..	76 320	46 510	406	2 344	9 060	10 984	11 486	12 230
Wheel tractors farms..	42 549	20 474	215	1 050	3 164	3 941	4 937	7 167
number..	115 020	66 762	535	3 024	11 242	14 389	16 637	20 935
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	24 842	11 344	83	518	1 625	2 151	2 769	4 198
number..	38 792	19 006	153	852	2 717	3 548	4 624	7 112
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	33 633	17 445	170	908	2 762	3 403	4 294	5 908
number..	76 228	47 756	382	2 172	8 525	10 841	12 013	13 823
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	30 648	15 860	138	734	2 416	3 082	3 989	5 501
number..	52 624	30 489	241	1 228	4 897	6 400	7 724	9 999
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	13 905	8 912	85	564	1 705	2 012	2 250	2 296
number..	23 604	17 267	141	944	3 628	4 441	4 289	3 824
Grain and bean combines..... farms..	14 570	9 328	84	486	1 641	1 837	2 368	2 912
number..	17 075	11 100	91	578	2 021	2 223	2 831	3 356
Cotton pickers and strippers..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	17 162	9 063	46	401	1 434	1 845	2 351	2 986
number..	18 578	9 865	46	415	1 664	2 025	2 544	3 171
Pickup balers..... farms..	16 864	9 095	63	465	1 376	1 798	2 322	3 071
number..	20 995	11 732	73	606	1 823	2 367	2 996	3 867
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹								
Commercial fertilizer farms..	29 377	16 848	201	980	2 901	3 260	4 082	5 424
acres on which used..	5 612 394	4 714 886	50 761	304 518	1 156 890	1 232 697	1 109 574	860 446
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	9 816	6 580	49	449	1 304	1 442	1 635	1 701
acres on which used..	1 252 567	1 104 096	4 911	73 946	274 049	295 826	255 035	200 329
Nematodes in crops farms..	1 010	672	10	69	107	153	176	157
acres on which used..	122 416	100 142	247	7 405	25 928	21 178	25 510	19 874
Diseases in crops and orchards..... farms..	4 101	2 683	15	154	551	616	675	672
acres on which used..	369 437	326 041	2 113	26 895	77 549	91 299	74 373	53 812
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	20 327	12 397	148	772	2 405	2 493	3 046	3 533
acres on which used..	4 321 549	3 639 753	44 920	232 054	925 137	987 293	839 536	610 813
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	1 391	924	4	57	211	216	214	222
acres on which used..	129 348	111 567	310	11 027	30 953	24 708	28 871	15 698

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	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	3 251	30	271	897	1 038	617	398
acres..	70 021	480	5 098	16 622	20 704	14 964	12 153
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	16 778	87	1 069	4 154	5 292	3 813	2 363
acres..	241 250	960	12 418	46 036	69 035	65 590	47 211
Irrigated land farms..	1 215	9	80	335	392	255	144
acres..	27 589	15	969	4 970	9 884	7 051	4 700
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	1 154	8	71	323	369	248	135
acres..	26 687	(D)	(D)	4 796	9 481	6 892	4 592
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	93	1	9	21	39	9	14
acres..	902	(D)	(D)	174	403	159	108
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	3 265	12	103	493	849	850	958
acres..	169 747	460	4 064	19 780	42 163	45 479	57 801
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹							
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	24 049	332	1 772	6 134	7 067	5 334	3 410
\$1,000..	4 905 517	57 803	296 828	1 193 019	1 533 015	1 202 781	622 072
Average per farm dollars..	203 980	174 104	167 510	194 493	216 926	225 493	182 426
Average per acre dollars..	2 001	1 844	1 751	2 068	2 083	2 103	1 697
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999	1 931	37	214	529	473	415	263
\$40,000 to \$69,999	2 518	59	268	601	619	394	577
\$70,000 to \$99,999	2 975	50	258	712	862	674	419
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4 897	64	370	1 325	1 509	951	678
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3 664	33	182	953	1 098	834	564
\$200,000 to \$499,999	6 426	66	391	1 620	1 966	1 648	735
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1 257	14	67	328	418	318	112
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	296	9	21	55	96	61	54
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	78	—	1	10	23	37	7
\$5,000,000 or more	7	—	—	1	3	2	1
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	24 049	332	1 772	6 134	7 067	5 334	3 410
\$1,000..	787 067	11 796	61 630	196 787	246 734	173 684	96 436
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999	2 552	11	197	542	697	652	453
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 787	49	252	946	1 097	730	713
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5 742	67	442	1 611	1 593	1 213	816
\$20,000 to \$49,999	7 312	117	502	1 882	2 296	1 632	883
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3 135	61	252	811	876	782	353
\$100,000 to \$199,999	1 201	26	75	272	398	274	156
\$200,000 to \$499,999	284	1	46	60	101	44	32
\$500,000 or more	36	—	6	10	9	7	4
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	19 353	271	1 474	5 075	5 751	4 204	2 578
number..	29 810	435	2 264	7 938	8 819	6 434	3 920
Wheel tractors farms..	22 075	325	1 583	5 531	6 513	4 974	3 149
number..	48 258	715	3 300	11 654	14 702	11 210	6 677
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	13 498	172	896	3 383	3 949	3 151	1 947
number..	19 786	231	1 260	4 775	5 844	4 724	2 952
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	16 188	283	1 201	4 092	4 879	3 534	2 199
number..	28 472	484	2 040	6 879	8 858	6 486	3 725
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	14 788	238	1 021	3 681	4 508	3 289	2 051
number..	22 135	357	1 467	5 306	6 915	5 091	2 999
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	4 993	94	480	1 290	1 487	1 040	602
number..	6 337	127	573	1 573	1 943	1 395	726
Grain and bean combines..... farms..	5 242	143	450	1 333	1 605	1 170	541
number..	5 975	179	498	1 529	1 829	1 314	626
Cotton pickers and strippers..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	8 099	124	509	2 149	2 474	1 944	899
number..	8 713	145	550	2 302	2 640	2 100	976
Pickup balers..... farms..	7 769	133	549	2 036	2 362	1 802	887
number..	9 263	175	639	2 424	2 874	2 131	1 020
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹							
Commercial fertilizer farms..	12 529	236	1 069	3 219	3 915	2 694	1 396
acres on which used..	897 508	17 345	85 185	241 114	284 671	194 431	74 762
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	3 236	58	251	908	920	651	448
acres on which used..	148 471	3 679	10 889	31 218	44 556	36 089	22 040
Nematodes in crops farms..	338	—	43	96	103	56	40
acres on which used..	22 274	—	3 383	4 963	5 097	2 705	6 126
Diseases in crops and orchards..... farms..	1 418	22	132	333	454	268	209
acres on which used..	43 396	1 699	3 941	9 735	12 393	9 346	6 282
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	7 930	167	787	2 183	2 483	1 582	728
acres on which used..	681 796	13 227	75 924	195 617	214 032	138 868	44 128
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	467	1	54	88	123	109	92
acres on which used..	17 781	(D)	3 883	3 722	3 645	3 745	(D)

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR								
All operators	46 027	22 043	235	1 312	3 771	4 479	5 145	7 101
Full owners	27 933	11 000	70	381	1 191	1 709	2 544	5 105
Part owners	15 497	9 825	73	667	2 211	2 540	2 465	1 869
Tenants	2 597	1 218	92	264	369	230	136	127
White	45 708	21 909	235	1 306	3 753	4 438	5 121	7 056
Full owners	27 694	10 902	70	375	1 184	1 679	2 528	5 066
Part owners	15 427	9 792	73	667	2 201	2 529	2 457	1 865
Tenants	2 587	1 215	92	264	368	230	136	125
Black and other races	319	134	—	6	18	41	24	45
Full owners	239	98	—	6	7	30	16	39
Part owners	70	33	—	—	10	11	8	4
Tenants	10	3	—	—	1	—	—	2
OWNED AND RENTED LAND								
Land owned..... farms..	43 517	20 866	143	1 053	3 411	4 257	5 020	6 982
acres..	6 511 133	4 510 913	22 925	156 027	726 230	1 050 790	1 214 653	1 340 288
Owned land in farms..... farms..	43 430	20 825	143	1 048	3 402	4 249	5 009	6 974
acres..	6 054 109	4 269 260	21 794	150 886	698 151	1 009 742	1 152 113	1 236 574
Land rented or leased from others..... farms..	18 234	11 115	165	935	2 589	2 776	2 620	2 030
acres..	3 852 924	3 214 804	32 832	296 173	912 868	926 129	650 605	396 197
landlords.....	66 298	48 468	632	3 982	12 967	13 403	10 514	6 970
Rented or leased land in farms..... farms..	18 094	11 043	165	931	2 580	2 770	2 601	1 996
acres..	3 818 703	3 192 036	32 829	293 444	908 142	921 261	645 422	390 938
Land rented or leased to others..... farms..	6 290	2 682	14	99	320	437	592	1 220
acres..	491 245	264 421	1 134	7 870	32 805	45 916	67 723	108 973
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated.....	37 077	18 454	143	974	3 033	3 769	4 442	6 093
Not on farm operated.....	6 043	2 098	70	254	481	438	376	479
Not reported.....	2 907	1 491	22	84	257	272	327	529
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming.....	22 043	22 043	235	1 312	3 771	4 479	5 145	7 101
Other.....	23 984	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None.....	17 964	14 549	106	650	2 132	2 690	3 474	5 497
Any.....	25 906	5 337	111	566	1 340	1 435	1 246	639
1 to 99 days.....	3 489	2 536	45	250	587	605	629	420
100 to 199 days.....	3 849	1 240	24	128	313	339	318	118
200 days or more.....	18 568	1 561	42	188	440	491	299	101
Not reported.....	2 157	2 157	18	96	299	354	425	965
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less.....	1 810	580	56	136	162	113	63	50
3 or 4 years.....	2 532	756	50	181	239	146	88	52
5 to 9 years.....	5 715	1 869	26	406	558	430	275	174
10 years or more.....	28 751	15 243	—	384	2 244	3 165	3 959	5 491
Average years on present farm.....	21.6	26.4	3.2	8.0	14.3	20.6	28.3	39.6
Not reported.....	7 219	3 595	103	205	568	625	760	1 334
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years.....	459	235	235	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years.....	3 114	1 312	—	1 312	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years.....	9 770	3 771	—	—	3 771	—	—	—
45 to 49 years.....	5 906	2 185	—	—	—	2 185	—	—
50 to 54 years.....	5 978	2 294	—	—	—	2 294	—	—
55 to 59 years.....	5 598	2 473	—	—	—	—	2 473	—
60 to 64 years.....	4 812	2 672	—	—	—	—	2 672	—
65 to 69 years.....	3 901	2 547	—	—	—	—	—	2 547
70 years and over.....	6 489	4 554	—	—	—	—	—	4 554
Average age.....	53.3	56.3	21.3	30.7	39.9	49.5	59.6	72.7
Operators by sex:								
Male.....	42 094	20 285	220	1 213	3 390	4 081	4 802	6 579
Female.....	3 933	1 758	15	99	381	398	343	522
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text).....								
	280	157	1	14	16	39	35	52
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	40 190	18 274	204	1 087	2 971	3 558	4 354	6 100
acres..	7 205 435	5 126 612	40 360	318 617	1 087 160	1 298 609	1 271 165	1 110 701
Partnership..... farms..	3 778	2 444	23	137	484	533	498	769
acres..	1 717 866	1 503 992	12 529	72 763	321 107	382 709	327 478	387 406
Corporation:								
Family held..... farms..	1 662	1 145	7	72	273	339	260	194
acres..	842 331	759 978	(D)	48 297	175 503	229 549	180 936	(D)
More than 10 stockholders..... farms..	30	20	—	1	4	9	4	2
10 or less stockholders..... farms..	1 632	1 125	7	71	269	330	256	192
Other than family held..... farms..	172	80	—	8	24	29	12	7
acres..	41 864	24 112	—	2 221	4 546	9 288	(D)	(D)
More than 10 stockholders..... farms..	17	6	—	—	1	5	—	—
10 or less stockholders..... farms..	155	74	—	8	23	24	12	7
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms..								
	225	100	1	8	19	20	21	31
acres..	65 316	46 602	(D)	2 432	17 977	10 848	(D)	(D)

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR							
All operators	23 984	224	1 802	5 999	7 405	5 265	3 289
Full owners	16 933	80	957	3 714	5 226	4 065	2 891
Part owners	5 672	35	517	1 838	1 874	1 080	328
Tenants	1 379	109	328	447	305	120	70
White	23 799	221	1 791	5 948	7 352	5 224	3 263
Full owners	16 792	79	949	3 680	5 186	4 030	2 868
Part owners	5 635	35	515	1 822	1 863	1 075	325
Tenants	1 372	107	327	446	303	119	70
Black and other races	185	3	11	51	53	41	26
Full owners	141	1	8	34	40	35	23
Part owners	37	—	2	16	11	5	3
Tenants	7	2	1	1	2	1	—
OWNED AND RENTED LAND							
Land owned..... farms..	22 651	117	1 478	5 560	7 118	5 151	3 227
acres..	2 000 220	7 371	95 023	382 696	596 963	530 084	388 083
Owned land in farms	22 605	115	1 474	5 552	7 100	5 145	3 219
acres..	1 784 849	6 788	86 901	350 239	538 521	473 040	329 360
Land rented or leased from others	7 119	144	848	2 300	2 202	1 216	409
acres..	638 120	12 407	75 084	213 672	198 993	103 454	34 510
landlords..	17 830	340	2 076	5 685	5 546	3 151	1 032
Rented or leased land in farms	7 051	144	845	2 285	2 179	1 200	398
acres..	626 667	12 250	74 105	211 032	195 403	100 612	33 265
Land rented or leased to others	3 608	13	207	725	1 048	923	692
acres..	226 824	740	9 101	35 097	62 032	59 886	59 968
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated	18 623	119	1 307	4 805	5 953	4 076	2 363
Not on farm operated	3 945	91	395	905	1 047	873	634
Not reported	1 416	14	100	289	405	316	292
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	23 984	224	1 802	5 999	7 405	5 265	3 289
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None	3 415	8	72	242	362	788	1 943
Any	20 569	216	1 730	5 757	7 043	4 477	1 346
1 to 99 days	953	7	43	166	200	245	292
100 to 199 days	2 609	24	147	533	865	712	328
200 days or more	17 007	185	1 540	5 058	5 978	3 520	726
Not reported	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less	1 230	57	294	450	260	119	50
3 or 4 years	1 776	53	382	658	454	171	58
5 to 9 years	3 846	35	574	1 484	1 112	496	145
10 years or more	13 508	—	302	2 684	4 595	3 681	2 246
Average years on present farm	17.2	3.3	6.1	10.7	16.1	22.5	32.1
Not reported	3 624	79	250	723	984	798	790
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years	224	224	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	1 802	—	1 802	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	5 999	—	—	5 999	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	3 721	—	—	—	3 721	—	—
50 to 54 years	3 684	—	—	—	3 684	—	—
55 to 59 years	3 125	—	—	—	—	3 125	—
60 to 64 years	2 140	—	—	—	—	2 140	—
65 to 69 years	1 354	—	—	—	—	—	1 354
70 years and over	1 935	—	—	—	—	—	1 935
Average age	50.6	21.6	30.8	40.1	49.4	58.9	72.1
Operators by sex:							
Male	21 809	205	1 647	5 466	6 835	4 871	2 785
Female	2 175	19	155	533	570	394	504
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)							
	123	3	11	29	40	19	21
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	21 916	207	1 636	5 543	6 827	4 780	2 923
acres..	2 078 823	16 393	131 271	493 195	641 807	490 127	306 030
Partnership	1 334	14	118	314	333	306	249
acres..	213 874	(D)	(D)	53 838	46 851	56 314	33 580
Corporation:							
Family held	517	3	33	109	177	125	70
acres..	82 353	(D)	(D)	10 510	31 876	18 166	14 677
More than 10 stockholders	10	—	1	—	1	5	3
10 or less stockholders	507	3	32	109	176	120	67
Other than family held	92	—	5	15	44	14	14
acres..	17 752	—	624	2 152	7 607	2 849	4 520
More than 10 stockholders	11	—	1	—	6	2	1
10 or less stockholders	81	—	4	14	38	12	13
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.							
farms..	125	—	10	18	24	40	33
acres..	18 714	—	1 341	1 576	5 783	6 196	3 818

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LIVESTOCK—Con.								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 14 293	8 298	89	551	1 593	1 843	1 983	2 239
	number.. 537 681	430 740	2 280	24 026	98 563	109 859	112 842	83 170
	\$1,000.. 276 971	236 284	1 148	10 440	50 748	58 538	67 764	47 647
Calves	farms.. 6 739	4 205	49	319	904	976	974	983
	number.. 171 501	118 553	788	10 459	33 114	28 610	24 696	20 886
	\$1,000.. 27 547	19 556	108	1 742	5 411	4 213	4 260	3 822
Cattle	farms.. 11 752	6 916	71	441	1 316	1 531	1 680	1 877
	number.. 366 180	312 187	1 492	13 567	65 449	81 249	88 146	62 284
	\$1,000.. 249 424	216 728	1 040	8 698	45 337	54 325	63 504	43 825
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 4 729	2 626	37	147	495	584	668	695
	number.. 210 652	189 299	710	5 393	40 800	51 122	55 867	35 407
	\$1,000.. 164 956	149 151	536	4 285	32 221	38 589	44 672	28 848
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 2 853	1 491	24	154	385	363	313	252
	number.. 1 032 014	909 588	7 730	90 673	273 965	291 639	162 251	83 330
Farms with—								
1 to 24	1 424	508	9	41	127	119	98	114
25 to 49	248	119	3	9	26	27	28	26
50 to 99	274	159	5	16	34	43	37	24
100 to 199	226	156	1	20	45	31	37	22
200 to 499	265	186	2	22	49	49	33	31
500 or more	416	363	4	46	104	94	80	35
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 1 524	901	13	95	225	220	192	156
	number.. 129 404	112 514	730	8 723	37 199	36 410	19 765	9 687
Other	farms.. 2 673	1 415	22	150	364	339	304	236
	number.. 902 610	797 074	7 000	81 950	236 766	255 229	142 486	73 643
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 2 690	1 463	25	154	371	356	298	259
	number.. 2 206 940	1 973 670	17 391	201 345	583 875	703 435	314 808	152 816
	\$1,000.. 228 488	202 999	2 093	19 104	68 192	63 151	34 327	16 131
Feeder pigs	farms.. 481	287	6	33	73	68	69	38
	number.. 358 029	326 399	201	31 101	52 520	162 197	47 687	32 693
	\$1,000.. 13 272	11 946	6	1 302	2 452	4 393	2 436	1 358
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 604	944	13	100	232	234	202	163
	number.. 194 794	171 174	1 165	14 090	56 384	54 502	31 065	13 968
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 1 476	881	13	96	215	218	189	150
	number.. 97 977	86 415	566	7 359	28 947	25 865	16 284	7 394
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 346	830	12	89	204	210	180	135
	number.. 96 817	84 759	599	6 731	27 437	28 637	14 781	6 574
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 1 628	688	9	46	150	137	157	189
	number.. 72 107	44 434	203	1 769	8 965	10 684	11 263	11 550
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 379	578	8	39	121	105	134	171
	number.. 36 241	20 370	121	1 033	4 089	4 525	5 660	4 942
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 1 436	603	9	35	131	122	130	176
	number.. 77 146	53 884	152	1 322	10 310	19 442	13 928	8 730
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 1 257	528	6	30	106	101	116	169
	number.. 61 122	38 615	141	1 652	9 458	7 462	10 087	9 815
	pounds of wool.. 431 678	272 104	1 058	10 878	64 529	47 903	77 830	69 906
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 9 090	3 211	28	265	672	791	790	665
	number.. 66 201	29 297	160	2 250	6 451	8 584	7 257	4 595
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 2 482	909	6	80	199	254	233	137
	number.. 9 646	4 520	12	244	676	1 166	1 995	427
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 245	444	6	33	135	97	99	74
	number.. 10 603	4 881	25	325	1 229	1 653	984	665
Goats sold	farms.. 371	143	3	10	41	32	30	27
	number.. 4 168	2 140	5	522	534	534	309	236
POULTRY								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 2 276	927	11	64	227	191	194	240
	number.. 6 043 468	5 955 325	(D)	1 633	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 399	2 216	876	11	64	212	181	178	230
400 to 3,199	25	19	—	—	5	3	5	6
3,200 to 9,999	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999	9	8	—	—	1	1	1	1
50,000 to 99,999	5	5	—	—	1	2	2	—
100,000 or more	15	15	—	—	3	4	6	2
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 2 205	893	11	59	209	187	188	239
	number.. 4 928 067	4 872 508	(D)	1 462	720 622	1 136 209	2 017 717	(D)
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 370	167	2	13	48	30	37	37
	number.. 1 115 401	1 082 817	(D)	171	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 299	145	—	7	51	30	34	23
	number.. 4 494 476	4 309 519	—	(D)	2 085 844	1 001 919	514 110	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 336	110	—	10	34	32	20	14
	number.. 393 028	282 042	—	(D)	4 208	20 608	26 574	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	327	104	—	9	34	31	16	14
2,000 to 59,999	7	5	—	—	—	1	4	—
60,000 to 99,999	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 185	74	3	1	20	19	14	17
	number.. (D)	(D)	10	(D)	118	(D)	56	70
Turkeys sold	farms.. 241	97	—	5	36	30	12	14
	number.. 6 480 843	(D)	—	(D)	1 332 300	1 915 841	1 225 741	(D)

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	Total	Age of operator (years)						
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	
LIVESTOCK—Con.								
Cattle and calves sold	farms..	5 995	58	518	1 807	1 893	1 229	490
	number..	106 941	550	8 576	45 267	27 327	16 620	8 601
	\$1,000..	40 687	279	3 465	12 901	12 334	8 048	3 658
Calves	farms..	2 534	28	217	726	784	535	244
	number..	52 948	180	4 238	29 230	11 237	4 857	3 206
	\$1,000..	7 991	46	792	2 914	2 507	1 070	663
Cattle	farms..	4 836	40	408	1 473	1 572	979	364
	number..	53 993	370	4 338	16 037	16 090	11 763	5 395
	\$1,000..	32 695	233	2 674	9 988	9 827	6 979	2 995
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms..	2 103	17	187	700	673	413	113
	number..	21 353	138	1 459	6 907	6 764	4 749	1 336
	\$1,000..	15 805	105	1 054	5 297	4 988	3 413	948
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms..	1 362	17	157	505	417	175	91
	number..	122 426	2 377	14 405	33 145	46 514	12 802	13 183
Farms with—								
1 to 24		916	11	99	363	263	111	69
25 to 49		129	2	17	39	44	25	2
50 to 99		115	3	8	41	41	12	10
100 to 199		70	—	7	20	29	9	5
200 to 499		79	—	13	28	26	12	—
500 or more		53	1	13	14	14	6	5
Used or to be used for breeding	farms..	623	14	59	220	202	87	41
	number..	16 890	162	915	4 068	8 101	2 517	1 127
Other	farms..	1 258	15	148	467	385	162	81
	number..	105 536	2 215	13 490	29 077	38 413	10 285	12 056
Hogs and pigs sold	farms..	1 227	18	139	474	383	147	66
	number..	233 270	2 775	27 828	70 645	80 239	35 661	16 122
	\$1,000..	25 489	326	2 993	7 448	9 409	3 496	1 817
Feeder pigs	farms..	194	1	65	69	30	30	10
	number..	31 630	(D)	857	11 762	5 897	12 393	(D)
	\$1,000..	1 326	(D)	33	414	242	612	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms..	660	14	62	231	213	98	42
	number..	23 620	317	1 257	5 741	10 780	4 217	1 308
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms..	595	14	59	207	188	88	39
	number..	11 562	151	680	2 822	5 101	2 127	681
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms..	516	11	48	181	171	72	33
	number..	12 058	166	577	2 919	5 679	2 090	627
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms..	940	5	70	311	301	166	87
	number..	27 673	256	2 145	7 681	9 257	6 009	2 325
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms..	801	5	57	259	265	143	72
	number..	15 871	161	1 417	4 504	5 296	3 138	1 355
Sheep and lambs sold	farms..	833	6	66	276	261	153	71
	number..	23 262	118	2 800	6 828	7 716	4 007	1 793
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms..	729	5	51	229	241	134	69
	number..	22 507	193	2 491	6 761	7 485	4 005	1 572
	pounds of wool..	159 574	1 315	14 203	49 853	53 685	29 010	11 508
Horses and ponies inventory	farms..	5 879	35	436	1 728	2 080	1 145	455
	number..	36 904	160	2 280	9 527	13 857	7 951	3 129
Horses and ponies sold	farms..	1 573	8	132	445	592	298	98
	number..	5 126	16	337	1 131	2 107	919	616
Goats inventory	farms..	801	8	59	284	279	122	49
	number..	5 722	22	246	2 212	2 099	813	330
Goats sold	farms..	228	4	14	81	84	32	13
	number..	2 028	29	133	606	640	502	118
POULTRY								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms..	1 349	2	128	479	419	209	112
	number..	88 143	(D)	14 028	23 075	(D)	4 886	5 444
Farms with—								
1 to 399		1 340	2	127	476	416	209	110
400 to 3,199		6	—	—	2	2	—	2
3,200 to 9,999		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999		2	—	1	1	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999		1	—	—	—	1	—	—
50,000 to 99,999		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms..	1 312	2	124	465	409	203	109
	number..	55 559	(D)	13 584	21 668	(D)	4 347	4 700
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms..	203	1	19	63	69	31	20
	number..	32 584	(D)	444	1 407	(D)	539	744
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms..	154	4	13	58	39	26	14
	number..	184 957	157	(D)	12 638	(D)	1 003	953
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms..	226	2	21	102	70	17	14
	number..	110 986	(D)	1 795	21 401	(D)	3 148	2 423
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999		223	2	21	100	69	17	14
2,000 to 59,999		2	—	—	2	—	—	—
60,000 to 99,999		1	—	—	—	1	—	—
100,000 or more		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms..	111	—	8	29	42	26	6
	number..	354	—	31	115	119	75	14
Turkeys sold	farms..	144	—	14	63	51	10	6
	number..	(D)	—	200	12 384	(D)	322	(D)

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 16 712	10 885	129	742	2 107	2 373	2 610	2 924
	acres.. 2 122 283	1 828 070	16 089	120 599	433 063	509 795	426 404	322 120
	bushels.. 238 319 129	208 468 781	1 893 817	13 931 575	50 227 995	58 836 155	48 641 192	34 938 047
Irrigated	farms.. 780	653	11	56	169	172	132	113
	acres.. 164 236	155 119	1 325	11 496	39 924	48 783	29 464	24 127
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	4 915	2 186	29	144	287	321	505	900
25 to 99 acres	6 160	3 778	58	259	637	714	898	1 212
100 to 249 acres	3 298	2 728	28	188	609	677	703	523
250 to 499 acres	1 485	1 372	8	102	358	404	321	179
500 acres or more	854	821	6	49	216	257	183	110
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 4 817	3 868	37	300	908	1 000	910	713
	acres.. 279 786	260 212	2 725	18 958	56 629	78 279	61 873	41 748
	tons, green.. 4 001 045	3 766 793	41 502	296 951	831 302	1 166 992	851 808	578 238
Irrigated	farms.. 94	83	—	11	20	17	18	17
	acres.. 6 165	5 816	—	1 152	851	1 879	1 014	920
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	2 012	1 280	9	132	294	272	294	279
25 to 99 acres	1 995	1 804	19	121	441	479	435	309
100 to 249 acres	665	644	7	37	145	205	147	103
250 to 499 acres	106	101	1	6	24	29	22	19
500 acres or more	39	39	1	4	4	15	12	3
Wheat for grain	farms.. 8 976	6 331	50	340	1 086	1 299	1 563	1 993
	acres.. 499 742	419 907	2 983	22 696	92 085	106 560	104 199	91 384
	bushels.. 28 432 159	24 182 185	153 589	1 367 244	5 475 549	6 175 862	6 045 165	4 964 776
Irrigated	farms.. 65	56	1	2	19	11	13	10
	acres.. 7 737	7 502	(D)	(D)	2 661	863	2 887	851
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	3 781	2 200	20	110	248	323	539	960
25 to 99 acres	3 821	2 873	24	150	526	621	727	825
100 to 249 acres	1 107	1 005	4	73	247	278	230	173
250 to 499 acres	217	205	1	5	51	66	53	29
500 acres or more	50	48	1	2	14	11	14	6
Oats for grain	farms.. 3 707	2 609	19	135	481	525	676	773
	acres.. 77 588	62 414	362	2 984	12 876	14 099	15 618	16 475
	bushels.. 4 624 435	3 790 687	24 616	173 380	764 249	913 452	944 699	970 291
Irrigated	farms.. 18	17	—	3	2	5	3	4
	acres.. 727	(D)	—	80	(D)	151	(D)	176
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 12 561	7 877	104	525	1 406	1 626	1 895	2 321
	acres.. 1 694 872	1 372 750	14 545	99 125	327 110	379 171	311 159	241 640
	bushels.. 62 242 411	51 261 040	590 483	3 824 997	12 353 633	14 240 743	11 453 503	8 797 681
Irrigated	farms.. 384	322	7	37	89	79	55	55
	acres.. 47 518	43 525	640	4 477	14 339	11 462	6 706	5 901
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	2 590	1 156	21	67	148	154	229	537
25 to 99 acres	5 353	3 018	48	197	420	476	747	1 130
100 to 249 acres	2 728	2 015	20	137	399	482	536	441
250 to 499 acres	1 213	1 053	9	73	253	314	261	143
500 acres or more	677	635	6	51	186	200	122	70
Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas	farms.. 2 172	1 738	25	154	421	412	412	314
	acres.. 302 767	278 106	1 998	23 833	77 218	80 247	63 320	31 490
	cwt.. 4 878 076	4 446 244	37 617	375 481	1 236 802	1 296 940	1 022 526	476 878
Irrigated	farms.. 86	66	1	7	16	19	14	9
	acres.. 11 390	10 526	(D)	(D)	1 855	3 208	3 452	1 229
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	378	221	—	10	35	33	60	83
25 to 99 acres	859	641	21	58	135	131	156	140
100 to 249 acres	569	521	3	56	144	129	126	63
250 to 499 acres	266	260	1	26	78	92	48	15
500 acres or more	100	95	—	4	29	27	22	13
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 328	269	—	17	66	67	55	64
	acres.. 44 931	44 180	—	1 269	12 998	10 328	14 512	5 073
	cwt.. 13 632 901	13 515 160	—	283 093	3 790 736	3 093 658	4 872 622	1 475 051
Irrigated	farms.. 175	157	—	11	43	40	32	31
	acres.. 33 519	33 437	—	873	8 758	7 176	12 843	3 788
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	125	84	—	5	21	15	10	33
5.0 to 24.9 acres	43	31	—	1	4	8	9	9
25.0 to 99.9 acres	62	58	—	6	18	15	12	7
100.0 to 249.9 acres	49	48	—	4	11	14	10	9
250.0 acres or more	49	48	—	1	12	15	14	6
Sugar beets for sugar	farms.. 1 182	1 014	22	118	289	245	211	129
	acres.. 163 236	154 740	1 469	14 920	46 925	41 583	33 813	16 030
	tons.. 3 055 112	2 898 822	27 222	278 062	883 649	788 708	630 477	290 704
Irrigated	farms.. 39	36	1	6	12	7	3	7
	acres.. 2 445	2 381	(D)	272	914	565	(D)	470

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations							
	Total	Age of operator (years)						
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED								
Corn for grain or seed	farms..	5 827	82	621	1 658	1 727	1 208	531
	acres..	294 213	4 154	30 277	82 943	87 748	64 213	24 878
	bushels..	29 850 348	434 255	3 169 774	8 419 066	8 927 427	6 456 777	2 443 049
Irrigated	farms..	127	—	9	27	43	35	13
	acres..	9 117	—	555	929	3 915	2 710	1 008
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		2 729	33	285	795	790	541	285
25 to 99 acres		2 382	35	263	664	736	492	192
100 to 249 acres		570	14	60	156	158	144	38
250 to 499 acres		113	—	11	36	32	22	12
500 acres or more		33	—	2	7	11	9	4
Corn for silage or green chop	farms..	949	6	84	277	306	211	65
	acres..	19 574	103	1 450	5 367	6 090	4 483	2 081
	tons, green..	234 252	1 597	17 952	64 528	64 126	59 037	27 012
Irrigated	farms..	11	—	—	3	3	3	2
	acres..	349	—	—	(D)	(D)	49	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		732	5	68	214	236	160	49
25 to 99 acres		191	1	15	56	63	45	11
100 to 249 acres		21	—	1	6	6	5	3
250 to 499 acres		5	—	—	1	1	1	2
500 acres or more		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wheat for grain	farms..	2 645	31	217	675	848	582	292
	acres..	79 835	1 087	5 999	21 015	25 707	18 075	7 952
	bushels..	4 249 974	61 719	316 966	1 146 721	1 374 351	965 369	384 848
Irrigated	farms..	9	—	1	—	2	5	—
	acres..	235	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	127	—
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		1 581	18	133	393	493	342	202
25 to 99 acres		948	11	74	249	320	212	82
100 to 249 acres		102	2	10	31	29	24	6
250 to 499 acres		12	—	—	2	5	4	1
500 acres or more		2	—	—	—	1	—	1
Oats for grain	farms..	1 098	5	106	283	370	222	112
	acres..	15 174	96	1 263	4 254	4 720	3 202	1 639
	bushels..	833 748	4 515	61 919	243 610	252 768	178 728	92 208
Irrigated	farms..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
	acres..	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Soybeans for beans	farms..	4 684	80	510	1 308	1 385	964	437
	acres..	322 122	5 253	33 573	96 168	99 727	63 334	24 067
	bushels..	10 981 371	177 716	1 153 007	3 360 762	3 354 330	2 101 128	834 428
Irrigated	farms..	62	—	2	17	21	14	8
	acres..	3 993	—	(D)	1 051	1 152	1 028	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		1 434	21	159	378	401	299	176
25 to 99 acres		2 335	45	248	644	694	498	206
100 to 249 acres		713	12	85	216	223	134	43
250 to 499 acres		160	2	16	54	55	26	7
500 acres or more		42	—	2	16	12	7	5
Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas	farms..	434	9	37	126	128	90	44
	acres..	24 661	869	2 245	6 650	7 538	5 250	2 109
	cwt..	431 832	16 718	38 485	98 825	118 911	126 834	32 059
Irrigated	farms..	20	—	—	6	7	5	2
	acres..	864	—	—	175	451	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		157	3	13	35	52	31	23
25 to 99 acres		218	2	15	78	56	49	18
100 to 249 acres		48	4	9	11	14	8	2
250 to 499 acres		6	—	—	1	4	1	—
500 acres or more		5	—	—	1	2	1	1
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms..	59	—	8	9	14	17	11
	acres..	751	—	(D)	20	89	485	(D)
	cwt..	117 741	—	(D)	4 067	15 230	71 975	(D)
Irrigated	farms..	18	—	—	5	8	4	1
	acres..	82	—	—	(D)	32	34	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres		41	—	7	7	10	9	8
5.0 to 24.9 acres		12	—	1	2	2	5	2
25.0 to 99.9 acres		4	—	—	—	2	2	—
100.0 to 249.9 acres		1	—	—	—	—	—	1
250.0 acres or more		1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Sugar beets for sugar	farms..	168	4	31	54	47	22	10
	acres..	8 496	447	1 668	2 099	2 586	1 316	380
	tons..	156 290	8 900	29 737	38 747	46 772	25 206	6 928
Irrigated	farms..	3	—	—	3	—	—	—
	acres..	64	—	—	64	—	—	—

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—								
Con.								
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms..	20 858	10 784	83	593	1 807	2 227	2 605	3 469
acres..	1 264 350	918 329	5 294	52 389	198 980	232 857	215 503	213 306
tons, dry..	2 830 915	2 181 784	12 731	128 234	493 868	573 990	508 343	464 618
Irrigated farms..	258	181	2	14	52	41	38	34
acres..	11 154	9 372	(D)	1 277	3 072	2 481	(D)	1 409
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	9 125	3 368	33	187	483	543	811	1 311
25 to 99 acres	8 042	4 393	29	238	619	862	1 102	1 543
100 to 249 acres	2 799	2 214	18	124	504	586	499	483
250 to 499 acres	719	647	3	34	156	188	156	110
500 acres or more	173	162	—	10	45	48	37	22
Alfalfa hay farms..	17 108	9 065	71	489	1 572	1 893	2 196	2 844
acres..	788 156	551 806	3 033	29 625	114 221	131 707	135 505	137 715
tons, dry..	1 985 404	1 484 315	7 959	85 121	326 160	375 301	354 721	335 053
Irrigated farms..	204	142	2	11	40	29	31	29
acres..	7 300	5 915	(D)	892	1 699	1 621	(D)	893
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . farms..	2 498	1 614	24	108	368	361	370	383
acres..	128 349	118 169	1 156	11 456	31 935	27 859	25 308	20 455
Irrigated farms..	833	628	10	62	161	147	130	118
acres..	59 247	57 430	867	6 848	18 387	13 648	9 119	8 561
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	907	401	10	17	87	72	79	136
5.0 to 24.9 acres	772	494	5	30	92	109	116	142
25.0 to 99.9 acres	490	407	6	35	115	88	102	61
100.0 to 249.9 acres	224	209	2	20	42	65	53	27
250.0 acres or more	105	103	1	6	32	27	20	17
Snap beans harvested for sale farms..	453	326	3	23	72	79	65	84
acres..	18 553	17 873	(D)	(D)	5 006	5 164	3 430	2 728
Irrigated farms..	211	155	2	13	45	32	31	32
acres..	12 622	12 419	(D)	1 308	3 813	3 933	2 200	(D)
Land in orchards farms..	2 863	1 606	10	60	288	327	361	560
acres..	139 607	118 090	1 207	5 014	25 906	36 262	26 717	22 985
Irrigated farms..	362	232	5	5	55	56	59	52
acres..	11 930	10 337	693	73	3 443	1 756	2 928	1 444
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	907	301	2	7	29	50	63	150
5.0 to 24.9 acres	862	405	1	11	62	53	81	197
25.0 to 99.9 acres	692	531	3	28	108	112	124	156
100.0 to 249.9 acres	299	277	3	10	68	77	71	48
250.0 acres or more	103	92	1	4	21	35	22	9
Apples farms..	1 991	1 112	7	41	215	244	259	346
Bearing and nonbearing..acres..	68 987	57 750	452	2 695	13 485	17 152	12 885	11 081
pounds..	966 592 252	847 055 329	7 039 200	49 305 373	205 064 826	234 118 038	212 903 905	138 623 987
Cherries, total (see text) farms..	1 077	760	5	25	134	174	194	228
Bearing and nonbearing..acres..	47 716	41 737	(D)	(D)	8 762	13 278	9 650	8 187
pounds..	272 166 983	245 998 404	(D)	(D)	58 247 380	80 676 744	51 065 387	43 823 607
Grapes (see text) farms..	732	396	1	14	55	68	82	176
Bearing and nonbearing..acres..	13 045	10 454	(D)	(D)	1 718	3 394	2 127	2 511
Fresh weight..pounds..	109 863 755	91 319 180	(D)	(D)	14 834 829	32 995 645	17 285 315	18 499 857
Berries harvested for sale farms..	1 147	659	4	26	110	140	161	218
acres..	18 760	14 732	11	483	3 159	3 445	3 915	3 718
Irrigated farms..	591	375	2	13	75	82	99	104
acres..	10 808	9 075	(D)	(D)	1 992	2 184	2 740	1 957

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—							
Con.							
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . .	farms . . . 10 074	64	687	2 603	3 287	2 254	1 179
	acres . . . 346 021	1 682	23 067	89 082	113 765	76 849	41 576
	tons, dry . . . 649 131	3 519	39 359	169 736	212 463	146 748	77 306
Irrigated	farms . . . 77	—	5	17	25	19	11
	acres . . . 1 782	—	74	243	561	545	359
Farms by acres harvested:							
	1 to 24 acres 5 757	39	416	1 506	1 876	1 267	653
	25 to 99 acres 3 649	23	220	930	1 178	842	456
	100 to 249 acres 585	2	46	140	204	134	59
	250 to 499 acres 72	—	5	24	26	9	8
	500 acres or more 11	—	—	3	3	2	3
Alfalfa hay	farms . . . 8 043	55	549	2 075	2 625	1 829	910
	acres . . . 236 350	1 179	15 310	58 889	78 473	53 502	28 997
	tons, dry . . . 501 089	2 911	30 613	129 106	164 420	113 716	60 323
Irrigated	farms . . . 62	—	3	15	23	14	7
	acres . . . 1 385	—	41	229	538	397	180
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	farms . . . 884	7	77	252	278	177	93
	acres . . . 10 181	85	875	2 728	3 673	1 992	828
Irrigated	farms . . . 205	—	19	59	64	45	18
	acres . . . 1 818	—	73	661	549	456	79
Farms by acres harvested:							
	0.1 to 4.9 acres 506	4	35	133	172	97	65
	5.0 to 24.9 acres 278	2	34	88	71	61	22
	25.0 to 99.9 acres 83	1	8	27	27	16	4
	100.0 to 249.9 acres 15	—	—	4	6	3	2
	250.0 acres or more 2	—	—	—	2	—	—
Snap beans harvested for sale	farms . . . 127	1	9	36	33	29	19
	acres . . . 680	(D)	(D)	204	171	250	43
Irrigated	farms . . . 56	—	4	15	16	15	6
	acres . . . 203	—	(D)	41	48	(D)	6
Land in orchards	farms . . . 1 257	4	56	325	385	287	200
	acres . . . 21 517	13	743	5 101	5 861	6 081	3 717
Irrigated	farms . . . 130	3	5	40	43	24	15
	acres . . . 1 593	5	23	208	311	637	409
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:							
	0.1 to 4.9 acres 606	3	23	170	183	133	94
	5.0 to 24.9 acres 457	1	23	109	141	108	75
	25.0 to 99.9 acres 161	—	10	40	52	34	25
	100.0 to 249.9 acres 22	—	—	3	7	8	4
	250.0 acres or more 11	—	—	3	2	4	2
Apples	farms . . . 879	2	37	219	285	198	138
	Bearing and nonbearing . . . acres . . . 11 238	(D)	(D)	2 309	3 273	3 458	1 764
	pounds . . . 119 536 923	(D)	(D)	19 467 294	40 153 045	36 230 810	18 275 241
Cherries, total (see text)	farms . . . 317	2	15	87	104	62	47
	Bearing and nonbearing . . . acres . . . 5 979	(D)	(D)	1 793	1 474	1 339	1 267
	pounds . . . 26 168 579	(D)	(D)	8 018 314	6 045 764	6 042 214	5 660 461
Grapes (see text)	farms . . . 336	1	15	88	103	76	53
	Bearing and nonbearing . . . acres . . . 2 591	(D)	(D)	626	736	667	420
	Fresh weight . . . pounds . . . 18 544 575	(D)	(D)	4 385 066	5 240 729	4 844 065	2 814 685
Berries harvested for sale	farms . . . 488	1	21	125	165	105	71
	acres . . . 4 028	(D)	(D)	951	1 736	976	251
Irrigated	farms . . . 216	—	12	64	76	40	24
	acres . . . 1 732	—	29	378	886	371	69

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.