

**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	farms... 73 367	farms... 75 079	farms... 85 079	farms... 196	farms... 114	farms... 121
	acres... 25 994 621	acres... 25 666 944	acres... 26 573 819	acres... 44 946	acres... 29 904	acres... 28 151
Harvested cropland	farms... 60 726	farms... 66 549	farms... 76 537	farms... 158	farms... 100	farms... 101
	acres... 18 968 607	acres... 18 201 061	acres... 16 635 264	acres... 23 770	acres... 16 155	acres... 13 777
Full owners	farms... 40 317	farms... 38 301	farms... 45 305	farms... 124	farms... 82	farms... 82
	acres... 8 557 969	acres... 7 306 946	acres... 8 511 996	acres... 19 829	acres... 16 308	acres... 13 767
Harvested cropland	farms... 28 748	farms... 30 773	farms... 37 637	farms... 86	farms... 69	farms... 67
	acres... 4 745 525	acres... 3 864 093	acres... 4 336 102	acres... 7 144	acres... 6 441	acres... 5 607
Part owners	farms... 25 772	farms... 28 364	farms... 29 263	farms... 41	farms... 27	farms... 26
	acres... 15 021 079	acres... 15 712 166	acres... 14 954 317	acres... 22 896	acres... 12 618	acres... 12 141
Harvested cropland	farms... 25 176	farms... 27 874	farms... 28 881	farms... 41	farms... 26	farms... 22
	acres... 12 081 616	acres... 12 087 797	acres... 10 021 931	acres... 14 532	acres... 8 922	acres... 6 641
Tenants	farms... 7 278	farms... 8 414	farms... 10 511	farms... 31	farms... 5	farms... 13
	acres... 2 415 573	acres... 2 647 832	acres... 3 107 506	acres... 2 221	acres... 978	acres... 2 243
Harvested cropland	farms... 8 802	farms... 7 902	farms... 10 019	farms... 31	farms... 5	farms... 12
	acres... 2 141 466	acres... 2 249 171	acres... 2 277 231	acres... 2 094	acres... 792	acres... 1 529
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 9.9	percent.. 11.2	percent.. 12.4	percent.. 15.8	percent.. 4.4	percent.. 10.7
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	56 454	60 207	68 099	124	79	97
Not on farm operated	10 660	9 720	10 981	57	29	13
Not reported	6 253	5 152	5 999	15	6	11
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	44 047	51 021	58 519	84	58	69
Other	29 320	24 058	26 560	112	56	52
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	30 237	35 995	40 625	50	41	37
Any	37 550	33 932	39 567	135	65	75
1 to 49 days	5 046	5 390	7 221	16	9	13
50 to 99 days	2 504	2 293	2 962	11	4	5
100 to 149 days	2 556	2 429	3 100	12	7	9
150 to 199 days	4 329	3 994	4 278	13	10	14
200 days or more	23 115	19 826	22 006	83	35	34
Not reported	5 580	5 152	4 887	11	8	9
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	2 732	2 778	4 198	26	6	4
3 or 4 years	3 624	4 384	4 741	22	4	7
5 to 9 years	8 432	8 819	11 564	35	15	18
10 years or more	46 702	47 931	51 586	78	56	72
Average years on present farm	21.6	20.6	19.4	13.8	17.6	18.0
Not reported	11 877	11 167	12 990	35	33	20
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	1 086	1 577	2 345	8	—	—
25 to 34 years	6 839	10 483	14 392	18	6	15
35 to 44 years	18 149	18 089	18 454	50	38	31
45 to 49 years	9 459	8 036	8 964	30	10	15
50 to 54 years	8 246	8 166	9 344	17	14	18
55 to 59 years	8 253	8 170	10 088	25	9	9
60 to 64 years	7 288	7 938	9 346	21	8	16
65 to 69 years	5 748	5 759	6 072	13	17	9
70 years and over	8 299	6 861	6 074	14	12	8
Average age	51.2	49.6	48.5	49.2	52.1	50.2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	farms... 69 750	farms... 72 148	farms... 82 322	farms... 166	farms... 93	farms... 115
	acres... 25 355 203	acres... 25 082 377	acres... 26 073 662	acres... 41 435	acres... 24 918	acres... 27 120
Female	farms... 3 617	farms... 2 931	farms... 2 757	farms... 30	farms... 21	farms... 6
	acres... 639 418	acres... 584 567	acres... 500 157	acres... 3 511	acres... 4 986	acres... 1 031
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):</b>						
	farms... 260	farms... 141	farms... 104	farms... 12	farms... 13	farms... 10
	acres... 97 572	acres... 56 729	acres... 29 622	acres... 2 105	acres... 3 701	acres... 3 243
<b>Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin</b>						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms... 62 095	farms... 56 045	farms... 61 851	farms... 151	farms... 69	farms... 70
	farms... 11 012	farms... 18 893	farms... 23 124	farms... 33	farms... 32	farms... 41
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 64 428	farms... 66 068	farms... 75 105	farms... 173	farms... 99	farms... 104
	acres... 20 313 325	acres... 20 436 733	acres... 21 447 739	acres... 38 944	acres... 22 977	acres... 22 516
Partnership	farms... 6 174	farms... 6 800	farms... 7 952	farms... 18	farms... 4	farms... 11
	acres... 3 459 442	acres... 3 543 208	acres... 3 710 346	acres... 4 543	acres... 1 633	acres... 3 419
Corporation	farms... 2 442	farms... 1 982	farms... 1 755	farms... 2	farms... 8	farms... 2
	acres... 2 120 037	acres... 1 614 789	acres... 1 345 984	acres... (D)	acres... 3 600	acres... (D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 48	farms... 45	farms... 27	farms... —	farms... —	farms... —
	acres... 58 819	acres... 53 873	acres... 26 572	acres... —	acres... —	acres... —
10 or less stockholders	farms... 2 159	farms... 1 775	farms... 1 568	farms... 2	farms... 4	farms... 2
	acres... 1 962 911	acres... 1 481 227	acres... 1 253 272	acres... (D)	acres... 1 709	acres... (D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 45	farms... 25	farms... 20	farms... —	farms... 2	farms... —
	acres... 12 359	acres... 5 767	acres... 7 803	acres... —	acres... (D)	acres... —
10 or less stockholders	farms... 190	farms... 137	farms... 140	farms... —	farms... 2	farms... —
	acres... 85 948	acres... 73 922	acres... 58 337	acres... —	acres... (D)	acres... —
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 323	farms... 229	farms... 267	farms... 3	farms... 3	farms... 4
	acres... 101 817	acres... 72 214	acres... 69 750	acres... (D)	acres... 1 694	acres... (D)

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