

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	31 318	31 998	34 074	2 224	2 523	3 033
Harvested cropland	10 124 822 19 198 4 338 710	10 188 362 22 245 4 404 612	10 746 190 24 305 4 272 651	317 186 1 157 90 555	329 075 1 488 100 023	374 892 1 881 90 996
Full owners	20 508	20 168	22 012	1 449	1 689	2 192
Harvested cropland	4 183 064 10 512 680 075	3 783 419 12 368 712 683	4 103 371 13 927 794 414	169 014 627 22 058	176 389 849 23 515	222 796 1 203 25 420
Part owners	8 267	8 856	8 949	566	586	586
Harvested cropland	4 118 781 6 787 2 169 064	4 308 071 7 474 2 108 105	4 622 938 7 809 2 158 341	113 449 401 48 127	107 125 456 49 149	119 438 492 50 417
Tenants	2 543	2 974	3 113	209	248	255
Harvested cropland	1 822 977 1 899 1 489 571	2 096 872 2 403 1 583 824	2 019 881 2 569 1 319 896	34 723 129 20 370	45 561 183 27 359	32 658 186 15 159
Percent of tenancy	8.1	9.3	9.1	9.4	9.8	8.4
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	21 338	21 521	22 945	1 287	1 490	1 895
Not on farm operated	7 517	7 252	7 454	677	648	689
Not reported	2 463	3 225	3 675	260	385	449
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	12 753	14 463	15 111	806	972	1 222
Other	18 565	17 535	18 963	1 418	1 551	1 811
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	11 554	12 246	12 581	736	944	1 196
Any	17 989	17 241	19 421	1 322	1 280	1 600
1 to 49 days	1 290	1 238	1 667	117	119	223
50 to 99 days	836	838	1 017	86	85	130
100 to 149 days	934	1 068	1 216	74	113	127
150 to 199 days	1 925	1 978	2 003	160	184	172
200 days or more	13 004	12 119	13 518	885	779	948
Not reported	1 775	2 511	2 072	166	299	237
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 632	1 772	2 009	97	129	144
3 or 4 years	2 361	2 186	2 060	167	133	131
5 to 9 years	4 482	4 046	4 177	300	224	300
10 years or more	16 663	16 609	17 517	1 007	1 044	1 271
Average years on present farm	19.5	19.2	19.0	19.6	20.0	21.3
Not reported	6 180	7 385	8 311	653	993	1 187
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	223	286	363	11	25	26
25 to 34 years	1 835	2 158	2 979	92	102	172
35 to 44 years	5 334	5 627	6 311	347	389	462
45 to 49 years	3 737	3 470	3 606	275	253	238
50 to 54 years	3 742	3 609	3 910	278	228	239
55 to 59 years	3 812	3 848	4 100	256	232	285
60 to 64 years	3 677	3 721	4 304	211	268	355
65 to 69 years	3 181	3 657	3 570	231	303	387
70 years and over	5 777	5 622	4 931	523	723	869
Average age	55.6	55.3	53.8	57.7	59.0	58.9
Operators by sex:						
Male	28 438	29 479	31 893	2 000	2 225	2 692
Female	9 527 196 2 880 597 626	9 707 990 2 519 480 372	10 320 592 2 181 425 598	291 320 224 25 866	297 352 298 31 723	340 307 341 34 585
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	149	102	48	24	11	7
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	52 296 25 935 5 234	36 333 20 056 11 840	12 646 21 207 12 819	5 049 1 622 578	1 440 1 208 1 304	291 1 378 1 648
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	27 452	28 263	30 326	2 075	2 359	2 809
Partnership	6 194 139 2 753 3 012 236	6 337 918 2 754 2 911 635	7 090 376 2 770 2 672 712	246 879 104 30 960	268 678 122 26 133	312 209 165 35 094
Corporation	917 779 554	850 849 233	823 890 800	23 7 386	17 8 794	25 7 436
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	20	22	15	—	2	—
10 or less stockholders	45 399 783 610 968	76 902 700 676 039	59 828 694 693 260	— 17 5 870	(D) 8 5 219	— 20 4 498
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	15	17	13	—	2	—
10 or less stockholders	23 318 99 99 869	15 550 111 80 742	38 669 101 99 043	— 6 1 516	(D) 5 319	— 5 2 938
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	196 138 893	131 89 576	155 92 302	22 31 961	25 25 470	34 20 153

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