

**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	
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>									
Farms .....	number..	31 318	12 753	113	631	1 686	2 227	2 794	5 302
	percent..	100.0	40.7	.4	2.0	5.4	7.1	8.9	16.9
Land in farms .....	acres..	10 124 822	6 598 900	43 721	365 228	1 257 490	1 551 194	1 535 902	1 845 365
Average size of farm .....	acres..	323	517	387	579	746	697	550	348
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>									
Total sales (see text) .....	farms..	31 318	12 753	113	631	1 686	2 227	2 794	5 302
	\$1,000..	3 127 383	2 613 130	20 406	191 469	676 198	763 848	565 830	395 379
Average per farm .....	dollars..	99 859	204 903	180 581	303 438	401 066	342 994	202 516	74 572
Farms by value of sales:									
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....		6 768	1 391	4	45	96	128	225	893
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....		4 743	1 243	14	41	84	122	262	720
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....		4 954	1 515	8	36	89	151	319	912
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....		4 387	1 599	5	27	93	164	374	936
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....		2 982	1 349	9	30	99	178	357	676
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....		684	358	8	15	35	50	79	171
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....		911	468	11	23	51	77	109	197
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....		354	213	1	18	25	52	44	73
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....		1 014	722	9	57	144	175	163	174
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....		1 396	1 149	19	113	254	317	250	196
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....		1 217	1 055	12	91	263	297	245	147
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....		1 206	1 070	10	92	296	321	231	120
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....		596	536	3	41	135	168	118	71
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....		81	67	—	2	18	22	14	11
\$5,000,000 or more .....		25	18	—	—	4	5	4	5
Grains .....	farms..	4 582	3 201	56	238	686	788	676	757
	\$1,000..	665 468	610 319	5 142	39 901	151 935	186 395	128 260	98 686
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	2 071	1 881	22	150	494	520	398	297
	\$1,000..	633 129	589 624	4 572	38 140	148 481	181 058	123 900	93 472
Corn for grain .....	farms..	1 864	1 341	29	110	300	328	294	280
	\$1,000..	115 833	106 368	1 106	6 703	26 232	31 078	26 439	14 809
Wheat .....	farms..	691	572	5	33	137	154	111	132
	\$1,000..	21 890	19 874	117	1 231	4 958	5 526	4 008	4 035
Soybeans .....	farms..	3 843	2 822	47	215	624	722	586	628
	\$1,000..	396 245	358 605	3 463	25 127	89 473	104 390	76 490	59 662
Sorghum for grain .....	farms..	136	126	—	—	28	39	36	23
	\$1,000..	4 081	3 993	—	—	(D)	1 533	(D)	330
Barley .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oats .....	farms..	24	17	—	—	4	6	2	5
	\$1,000..	74	69	—	—	(D)	37	(D)	21
Other grains .....	farms..	533	498	5	33	139	167	75	79
	\$1,000..	127 346	121 410	456	6 839	30 460	43 830	19 997	19 828
Cotton and cottonseed .....	farms..	1 700	1 486	19	134	347	383	322	281
	\$1,000..	551 014	526 425	3 456	38 183	133 366	141 211	119 890	90 320
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	1 280	1 217	15	107	306	335	259	195
	\$1,000..	542 943	520 880	3 379	37 616	132 292	140 046	118 798	88 750
Tobacco .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	farms..	3 769	1 412	11	60	178	235	324	604
	\$1,000..	14 208	6 615	60	284	1 191	1 131	1 361	2 589
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	12	8	—	—	2	1	1	4
	\$1,000..	1 177	708	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	376
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	farms..	507	228	—	15	19	38	54	102
	\$1,000..	6 209	4 534	—	966	843	977	985	764
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	20	18	—	3	2	4	5	4
	\$1,000..	3 512	(D)	—	730	(D)	717	665	373
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	farms..	500	218	—	7	24	31	51	105
	\$1,000..	4 034	2 161	—	146	193	270	657	895
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	21	12	—	1	1	2	3	5
	\$1,000..	1 882	1 189	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	429	469
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	farms..	476	222	—	10	39	49	65	59
	\$1,000..	35 366	26 683	—	924	6 695	8 631	4 147	6 287
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	129	82	—	4	15	28	22	13
	\$1,000..	31 811	24 994	—	850	6 378	8 260	3 713	5 793
Other crops .....	farms..	134	91	3	3	18	19	22	26
	\$1,000..	15 066	13 808	(D)	(D)	3 215	4 180	(D)	1 456
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	55	48	—	3	15	12	12	6
	\$1,000..	14 609	13 491	—	(D)	3 155	4 161	3 364	(D)
Poultry and poultry products .....	farms..	1 921	1 403	12	135	342	435	313	166
	\$1,000..	1 187 371	947 843	7 722	84 672	274 050	296 913	205 188	79 299
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	1 621	1 293	12	133	323	411	287	127
	\$1,000..	1 185 600	946 765	7 722	(D)	273 896	296 577	204 731	(D)
Dairy products .....	farms..	460	376	1	12	80	99	101	83
	\$1,000..	83 425	77 524	(D)	(D)	21 960	18 314	20 548	14 136
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	364	325	1	12	74	91	86	61
	\$1,000..	81 134	76 153	(D)	(D)	21 718	18 048	20 148	13 674
Cattle and calves .....	farms..	18 912	7 587	44	250	738	1 118	1 800	3 637
	\$1,000..	214 842	134 493	408	6 213	19 713	33 396	31 586	43 177
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	525	361	—	19	55	82	97	108
	\$1,000..	89 244	70 623	—	4 178	13 113	22 874	15 944	14 515

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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
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>							
Farms .....	18 565	110	1 204	3 648	5 252	4 695	3 656
number ..							
percent ..	59.3	.4	3.8	11.6	16.8	15.0	11.7
Land in farms .....	3 525 922	12 292	163 401	583 292	1 003 799	983 471	779 667
acres ..							
Average size of farm .....	190	112	136	160	191	209	213
acres ..							
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>							
Total sales (see text) .....	18 565	110	1 204	3 648	5 252	4 695	3 656
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	514 253	2 951	31 265	134 788	142 082	126 064	77 103
Average per farm .....	27 700	26 823	25 968	36 948	27 053	26 851	21 090
dollars ..							
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	5 377	21	267	919	1 395	1 364	1 411
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	3 500	26	274	732	970	864	634
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3 439	17	237	680	1 009	844	652
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 788	18	183	593	822	702	470
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	1 633	11	99	344	501	457	221
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	326	1	32	52	106	74	61
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	443	2	35	83	133	128	62
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	141	2	13	39	38	27	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	292	5	27	53	85	73	49
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	247	5	18	51	66	73	34
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	162	1	9	39	51	41	21
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	136	1	8	46	51	22	8
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	60	—	1	13	22	19	5
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	14	—	—	3	2	5	4
\$5,000,000 or more .....	7	—	1	1	1	2	2
Grains .....	1 381	25	116	312	404	307	217
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	55 149	418	2 786	12 010	18 073	15 993	5 869
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	190	3	16	47	54	46	24
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	43 504	200	1 828	9 360	14 442	13 415	4 260
Corn for grain .....	523	12	45	138	144	101	83
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	9 465	85	377	2 788	3 492	1 636	1 088
Wheat .....	119	—	4	24	47	26	18
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	2 016	—	(D)	355	759	693	(D)
Soybeans .....	1 021	20	85	216	302	242	156
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	37 639	334	1 957	7 970	11 147	11 707	4 524
Sorghum for grain .....	10	—	—	4	2	3	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	88	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Barley .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oats .....	7	—	1	1	3	2	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	5	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Other grains .....	35	—	7	6	13	8	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	5 935	—	(D)	840	2 652	1 943	(D)
Cotton and cottonseed .....	214	1	12	49	46	53	53
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	24 589	(D)	(D)	2 745	11 909	5 134	4 262
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	63	—	3	14	13	21	12
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	22 063	—	383	2 244	11 260	4 526	3 649
Tobacco .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	2 357	17	175	523	719	538	385
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	7 593	51	521	1 496	2 379	1 886	1 260
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	4	—	—	—	3	1	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	469	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	—
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	279	4	31	59	74	59	52
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 675	(D)	223	282	(D)	542	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	282	2	14	44	77	86	59
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 873	(D)	(D)	460	541	430	371
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	9	—	—	3	2	2	2
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	693	—	—	252	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	254	—	16	47	76	72	43
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	8 683	—	684	1 038	3 067	2 346	1 548
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	47	—	3	6	15	13	10
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	6 817	—	630	564	2 610	1 778	1 235
Other crops .....	43	2	—	12	5	10	14
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 257	(D)	—	227	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	7	—	—	3	1	2	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 118	—	—	189	(D)	(D)	(D)
Poultry and poultry products .....	518	3	33	146	172	125	39
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	239 527	1 139	19 719	52 975	68 531	53 316	43 848
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	328	3	21	90	114	73	27
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	238 835	1 139	19 651	52 829	68 268	53 133	43 815
Dairy products .....	84	—	2	18	21	29	14
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	5 901	—	(D)	1 751	1 307	2 067	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	39	—	—	6	11	17	5
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	4 981	—	—	1 512	1 056	1 824	589
Cattle and calves .....	11 325	60	798	2 319	3 262	2 930	1 956
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	80 349	611	4 975	14 395	22 838	24 337	13 192
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	164	2	9	27	43	54	29
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	18 621	(D)	(D)	2 609	4 566	7 384	2 764

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<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs .....	farms.. 425	197	2	12	35	53	50	45
	\$1,000.. 80 052	32 194	(D)	(D)	9 098	7 820	12 808	1 501
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 80	60	1	5	8	22	19	5
	\$1,000.. 78 319	31 356	(D)	(D)	8 963	7 519	12 655	1 283
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	farms.. 174	66	—	3	7	18	6	32
	\$1,000.. 216	130	—	(D)	5	88	(D)	32
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	farms.. 1 971	760	8	67	136	172	185	192
	\$1,000.. 270 113	230 399	3 009	15 786	53 933	64 524	36 908	56 239
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 320	255	5	28	62	63	56	41
	\$1,000.. 263 069	227 238	2 980	15 284	53 421	63 663	36 338	55 552
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	farms.. 787	307	—	17	32	46	74	138
	\$1,000.. 2 441	1 442	—	60	423	226	223	511
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>								
Total farm production expenses .....								
	farms.. 31 306	12 555	130	586	1 575	2 055	2 590	5 619
	\$1,000.. 2 458 575	2 019 214	16 567	142 770	524 630	590 585	432 275	312 387
Average per farm .....	dollars.. 78 534	160 829	127 435	243 635	333 098	287 390	166 901	55 595
Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms.. 8 789	4 081	43	217	604	757	973	1 487
	\$1,000.. 229 688	170 642	1 228	11 296	41 019	55 866	39 098	22 135
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	5 863	2 196	18	63	190	279	521	1 125
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 362	679	12	40	123	113	154	237
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 191	903	11	85	207	263	235	102
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	299	245	1	25	68	88	46	17
\$250,000 or more .....	74	58	1	4	16	14	17	6
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms.. 18 062	7 465	45	325	895	1 160	1 735	3 305
	\$1,000.. 845 628	682 436	6 406	60 294	192 935	209 361	139 720	73 720
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	14 687	5 135	26	170	402	564	1 176	2 797
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 380	725	—	14	91	108	188	324
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	409	302	3	17	65	100	59	58
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	426	350	3	35	85	82	101	44
\$250,000 or more .....	1 160	953	13	89	252	306	211	82
Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms.. 11 036	4 767	22	236	672	846	1 122	1 869
	\$1,000.. 774 479	630 003	5 735	58 001	180 099	195 698	126 913	63 556
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	8 600	2 969	6	95	271	365	689	1 543
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	695	385	1	11	44	51	110	168
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	285	226	1	15	56	67	42	45
\$100,000 or more .....	1 456	1 187	14	115	301	363	281	113
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms.. 10 424	5 629	69	305	873	1 057	1 247	2 078
	\$1,000.. 65 961	59 649	552	3 562	15 218	17 131	12 976	10 210
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	6 383	2 530	21	102	203	256	593	1 355
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	1 881	1 151	14	59	151	257	238	432
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 392	1 211	29	99	324	331	250	178
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	465	447	3	32	114	131	104	63
\$50,000 or more .....	303	290	2	13	81	82	62	50
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms.. 18 698	8 340	60	349	1 099	1 456	1 779	3 597
	\$1,000.. 114 194	94 075	670	4 773	22 672	25 692	21 107	19 160
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	15 382	5 757	26	191	538	756	1 191	3 055
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 186	1 505	28	91	280	382	350	374
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	612	581	4	41	149	176	126	85
\$50,000 or more .....	518	497	2	26	132	142	112	83
Agricultural chemicals .....	farms.. 10 465	5 704	84	313	961	1 166	1 227	1 953
	\$1,000.. 199 962	186 505	1 755	12 377	45 940	53 335	41 132	31 965
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	8 040	3 550	57	156	427	518	770	1 622
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	926	714	4	54	163	203	168	122
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	462	443	12	32	104	138	88	69
\$50,000 or more .....	1 037	997	11	71	267	307	201	140
Petroleum products .....	farms.. 28 744	12 116	130	566	1 535	2 017	2 537	5 331
	\$1,000.. 100 997	82 831	751	5 649	19 931	22 532	17 363	16 605
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	25 037	8 867	100	300	713	1 106	1 848	4 800
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 820	2 415	24	219	600	669	504	399
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	577	546	5	27	153	163	120	78
\$50,000 or more .....	310	288	1	20	69	79	65	54
Gasoline and gasohol .....	farms.. 17 686	8 463	93	461	1 161	1 419	1 827	3 502
	\$1,000.. 25 112	19 604	167	1 270	4 321	4 876	4 073	4 897
Diesel fuel .....	farms.. 24 288	10 507	122	504	1 377	1 827	2 194	4 483
	\$1,000.. 51 251	42 706	376	2 635	10 630	11 454	9 120	8 492
Natural gas .....	farms.. 624	370	9	34	71	82	65	109
	\$1,000.. 2 479	1 966	22	139	504	623	261	417
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. ....	farms.. 18 848	9 256	121	505	1 353	1 712	1 995	3 570
	\$1,000.. 22 156	18 554	186	1 605	4 476	5 579	3 909	2 799

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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
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs .....	farms.. 228	—	19	59	78	49	23
	\$1,000.. 47 857	—	138	38 771	3 485	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 20	—	1	8	8	2	1
	\$1,000.. 46 964	—	(D)	38 529	3 287	(D)	(D)
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	farms.. 108	—	3	30	42	19	14
	\$1,000.. 86	—	1	20	27	20	19
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	farms.. 1 211	10	146	317	385	246	107
	\$1,000.. 39 714	650	1 623	8 616	9 414	15 901	3 510
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 65	4	10	10	16	15	10
	\$1,000.. 35 831	642	1 140	7 600	8 122	15 060	3 266
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	farms.. 480	4	39	108	143	110	76
	\$1,000.. 999	1	108	232	357	194	106
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
Total farm production expenses .....	farms.. 18 751	142	1 402	3 669	5 264	4 687	3 587
	\$1,000.. 439 361	2 689	26 159	103 631	132 320	112 090	62 471
Average per farm .....	dollars.. 23 431	18 940	18 658	28 245	25 137	23 915	17 416
Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms.. 4 708	20	539	1 184	1 375	1 049	541
	\$1,000.. 59 046	351	7 596	9 962	12 327	13 256	15 554
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	3 667	15	428	887	1 011	898	428
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	683	2	75	213	241	91	61
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	288	2	32	69	102	41	42
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	54	1	3	14	20	12	4
\$250,000 or more .....	16	—	1	1	1	7	6
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms.. 10 597	58	897	2 468	3 191	2 490	1 493
	\$1,000.. 163 193	980	7 361	45 344	53 549	39 523	16 437
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	9 552	48	795	2 187	2 873	2 258	1 391
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	655	6	84	177	180	142	66
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	107	—	3	16	43	32	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	76	3	5	26	19	17	6
\$250,000 or more .....	207	1	10	62	76	41	17
Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms.. 6 269	9	522	1 583	1 960	1 468	727
	\$1,000.. 144 476	809	6 420	38 179	49 182	35 487	14 398
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	5 631	—	462	1 412	1 761	1 333	663
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	310	6	45	77	88	63	31
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	59	—	13	18	18	16	12
\$100,000 or more .....	269	3	15	81	93	56	21
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms.. 4 795	77	324	1 064	1 635	1 078	617
	\$1,000.. 6 312	70	425	1 061	2 309	1 763	683
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 .....	3 853	61	232	875	1 303	857	525
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	730	9	81	149	245	173	73
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	181	7	10	34	78	36	16
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	18	—	—	5	5	7	1
\$50,000 or more .....	13	—	1	1	4	5	2
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms.. 10 358	104	737	2 279	3 125	2 577	1 536
	\$1,000.. 20 119	219	984	4 036	6 856	5 250	2 773
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	9 625	94	712	2 128	2 863	2 389	1 439
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	681	9	25	142	249	171	85
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	31	1	—	7	5	9	9
\$50,000 or more .....	21	—	—	2	8	8	3
Agricultural chemicals .....	farms.. 4 761	57	351	997	1 494	1 181	681
	\$1,000.. 13 457	143	451	1 564	5 627	3 999	1 672
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	4 490	50	332	956	1 421	1 097	634
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	212	7	17	32	57	60	39
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	19	—	1	2	4	8	4
\$50,000 or more .....	40	—	1	7	12	16	4
Petroleum products .....	farms.. 16 628	131	1 303	3 376	4 795	4 118	2 905
	\$1,000.. 18 166	138	1 138	3 753	5 451	5 082	2 604
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	16 170	127	1 282	3 263	4 641	4 007	2 850
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	405	3	19	103	143	90	47
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	31	1	—	8	4	11	6
\$50,000 or more .....	22	—	1	2	7	10	2
Gasoline and gasohol .....	farms.. 9 223	67	667	2 049	2 673	2 251	1 516
	\$1,000.. 5 508	(D)	(D)	1 078	1 478	1 602	971
Diesel fuel .....	farms.. 13 781	110	1 088	2 746	4 147	3 376	2 314
	\$1,000.. 8 545	67	469	1 725	2 779	2 434	1 071
Natural gas .....	farms.. 254	8	4	40	55	71	76
	\$1,000.. 512	(D)	(D)	57	117	140	177
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. ....	farms.. 9 592	69	771	2 029	2 909	2 313	1 501
	\$1,000.. 3 602	36	305	893	1 077	905	385

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>								
—Con.								
Total farm production expenses—Con.								
Electricity . . . . . farms . . . . .	13 352	6 951	59	372	1 186	1 435	1 453	2 446
\$1,000 . . . . .	32 857	26 782	210	1 412	6 402	7 303	5 477	5 977
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	9 323	3 765	24	141	422	581	770	1 827
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 705	2 003	26	146	483	518	420	410
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 142	1 026	8	77	242	289	229	181
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	90	84	—	5	22	25	19	13
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	92	73	1	3	17	22	15	15
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	9 628	5 413	56	337	969	1 138	1 111	1 802
\$1,000 . . . . .	169 897	142 377	679	7 337	36 359	38 692	29 684	29 626
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	6 581	2 850	26	145	336	435	559	1 349
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 573	1 225	20	108	293	334	263	207
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	1 112	1 010	10	68	267	276	215	174
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	276	260	—	14	57	73	59	57
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	86	68	—	2	16	20	15	15
Workers by days worked:								
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	3 664	2 750	21	192	588	723	592	634
workers . . . . .	11 327	9 377	49	508	2 242	2 666	2 015	1 897
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	8 597	4 606	48	278	817	931	910	1 622
workers . . . . .	23 815	14 721	105	812	3 197	3 424	2 919	4 264
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 986	1 622	36	105	273	343	309	556
\$1,000 . . . . .	15 078	10 812	199	1 063	2 320	2 845	2 606	1 779
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 335	623	10	26	62	87	91	347
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 050	550	18	29	100	137	122	144
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	485	347	7	41	89	91	70	49
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	73	68	—	4	15	21	15	13
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	43	34	1	5	7	7	11	3
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	23 693	10 557	100	533	1 448	1 818	2 206	4 452
\$1,000 . . . . .	128 677	101 163	929	5 319	23 487	27 242	21 936	22 250
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	19 633	7 391	64	315	706	979	1 511	3 816
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	2 965	2 143	27	162	477	542	482	453
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	588	548	3	30	160	148	113	94
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	507	475	6	26	105	149	100	89
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	6 965	3 736	53	209	607	742	731	1 394
\$1,000 . . . . .	60 166	52 660	423	3 089	13 232	15 809	10 013	10 095
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	3 080	1 135	22	49	116	193	175	580
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 396	1 325	17	73	158	193	293	591
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	943	770	6	51	209	203	159	142
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	280	258	6	19	65	85	47	36
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	266	248	2	17	59	68	57	45
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	10 610	5 200	76	365	1 076	1 279	1 128	1 276
\$1,000 . . . . .	108 338	83 909	653	6 106	21 349	24 033	18 095	13 673
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	6 654	2 396	49	133	360	455	492	907
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	2 860	1 819	18	158	455	531	411	246
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	980	880	9	68	232	266	207	98
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	116	105	—	6	29	27	18	25
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	7 112	3 310	41	213	681	815	742	818
\$1,000 . . . . .	64 436	46 563	395	3 101	11 393	13 228	10 400	8 047
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 270	384	10	9	38	52	60	215
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 108	1 131	12	66	198	242	257	356
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	2 112	1 253	13	96	305	363	300	176
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	448	388	6	33	100	119	90	40
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	174	154	—	9	40	39	35	31
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 447	3 025	53	229	652	781	633	677
\$1,000 . . . . .	43 902	37 346	258	3 005	9 956	10 805	7 696	5 626
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 847	643	11	39	95	122	115	261
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 111	1 055	30	68	218	269	229	241
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 024	894	9	91	218	260	193	123
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	294	279	3	19	75	84	67	31
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	171	154	—	12	46	46	29	21
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	6 694	3 787	67	233	739	920	777	1 051
\$1,000 . . . . .	139 942	128 197	923	9 185	33 822	35 499	28 996	19 773
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	4 580	1 986	48	92	266	382	398	800
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	427	259	4	29	46	70	69	41
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	527	454	8	27	125	137	97	60
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	1 160	1 088	7	85	302	331	213	150
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	28 651	11 256	93	478	1 356	1 857	2 475	4 997
\$1,000 . . . . .	34 748	21 133	145	958	3 575	4 712	5 054	6 690
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	27 599	10 427	80	438	1 182	1 644	2 300	4 783
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	649	499	10	25	118	120	98	128
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	311	248	3	12	39	75	57	62
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	92	82	—	3	17	18	20	24
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	24 928	10 985	124	563	1 468	1 933	2 299	4 598
\$1,000 . . . . .	212 442	176 043	1 044	10 351	46 367	50 535	39 016	28 729
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	20 979	7 783	90	350	661	998	1 608	4 076
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	2 230	1 642	23	102	406	460	354	297
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	724	660	6	51	167	203	135	98
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	546	504	3	31	125	154	121	70
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	449	396	2	29	109	118	81	57

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

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity . . . . . farms . . . . .	6 401	34	413	1 323	1 962	1 617	1 052
\$1,000 . . . . .	6 075	18	272	1 009	1 410	2 176	1 190
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	5 558	31	370	1 105	1 707	1 405	940
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	702	2	38	185	207	175	95
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	116	1	4	31	44	25	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	6	—	—	1	2	3	—
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	19	—	1	1	2	9	6
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	4 215	30	297	928	1 260	1 038	662
\$1,000 . . . . .	27 520	48	656	7 175	6 084	7 960	5 596
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 731	28	290	810	1 115	891	597
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	348	1	3	85	101	111	47
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	102	1	3	28	36	22	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	16	—	1	2	5	7	1
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	18	—	—	3	3	7	5
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	914	2	31	217	219	288	157
workers . . . . .	1 950	(D)	(D)	450	389	726	340
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	3 991	29	288	887	1 210	943	634
workers . . . . .	9 094	45	606	1 924	2 834	2 346	1 339
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 364	9	100	372	385	313	185
\$1,000 . . . . .	4 266	18	159	1 398	1 185	1 034	472
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	712	8	34	216	191	156	107
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	500	—	64	109	163	109	55
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	138	1	2	43	27	44	21
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	5	—	—	2	1	1	1
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	9	—	—	2	3	3	1
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	13 136	80	1 037	2 706	3 886	3 246	2 181
\$1,000 . . . . .	27 514	124	1 546	7 239	7 662	7 133	3 910
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	12 242	78	975	2 556	3 579	2 993	2 061
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	822	2	61	138	291	226	104
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	40	—	—	5	9	16	10
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	32	—	1	7	7	11	6
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	3 229	10	248	649	1 104	635	583
\$1,000 . . . . .	7 505	54	455	1 053	2 279	2 807	857
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 945	7	129	373	663	379	394
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 071	1	98	244	376	188	164
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	173	1	19	28	56	46	23
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	22	1	1	2	3	14	1
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	18	—	1	2	6	8	1
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 410	59	554	1 372	1 780	1 148	497
\$1,000 . . . . .	24 429	195	1 852	6 158	8 295	6 312	1 618
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	4 258	54	473	1 104	1 310	875	442
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 041	4	78	246	432	235	46
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	100	1	3	20	36	33	7
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	11	—	—	2	2	5	2
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	3 802	39	343	975	1 283	805	357
\$1,000 . . . . .	17 873	147	1 468	4 344	6 000	4 832	1 083
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	886	5	70	214	288	175	134
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 977	29	196	546	626	401	179
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	859	4	74	199	342	200	40
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	60	1	3	10	21	22	3
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	20	—	—	6	6	7	1
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 422	29	266	580	817	542	188
\$1,000 . . . . .	6 557	48	384	1 814	2 295	1 480	535
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 204	19	145	295	337	304	104
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 056	10	107	256	429	184	70
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	130	—	14	22	39	44	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	15	—	—	4	5	4	2
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	17	—	—	3	7	6	1
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 907	47	312	721	929	704	194
\$1,000 . . . . .	11 745	103	775	2 652	4 317	2 929	969
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 594	40	284	643	805	652	170
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	168	7	7	35	85	26	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	73	—	18	24	12	9	10
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	72	—	3	19	27	17	6
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	17 395	104	1 223	3 388	5 052	4 556	3 072
\$1,000 . . . . .	13 614	46	602	2 360	4 346	3 756	2 505
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	17 172	104	1 219	3 353	4 957	4 500	3 039
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	150	—	—	18	65	44	23
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	63	—	4	17	27	7	8
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	10	—	—	—	3	5	2
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	13 943	117	1 152	2 851	4 062	3 421	2 340
\$1,000 . . . . .	36 398	183	1 885	8 967	10 624	9 109	5 630
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	13 196	105	1 122	2 657	3 801	3 256	2 255
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	588	11	23	158	209	121	66
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	64	1	3	9	23	21	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	42	—	1	11	16	9	5
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	53	—	3	16	13	14	7

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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>								
All farms..... number..	31 312	12 555	130	586	1 575	2 055	2 590	5 619
..... \$1,000..	558 443	496 281	3 451	34 002	129 843	147 159	109 428	72 397
Average per farm..... dollars..	17 835	39 529	26 545	58 024	82 440	71 610	42 250	12 884
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	13 014	7 057	71	392	1 095	1 438	1 474	2 587
Average net gain..... dollars..	50 994	76 869	59 419	93 796	126 048	109 415	80 408	33 860
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	2 429	752	—	22	30	92	133	475
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	5 571	2 448	38	75	182	299	493	1 361
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	2 208	1 440	7	97	263	331	318	424
\$50,000 or more.....	2 806	2 417	26	198	620	716	530	327
Farms with net losses..... number..	18 298	5 498	59	194	480	617	1 116	3 032
Average net loss..... dollars..	5 749	8 400	13 014	14 256	17 041	16 499	8 148	5 013
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	4 175	1 081	13	29	39	72	170	758
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	11 790	3 406	29	110	290	306	716	1 955
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	2 165	870	14	47	109	197	202	301
\$50,000 or more.....	168	141	3	8	42	42	28	18
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>								
Government payments..... farms..	9 439	4 522	42	236	736	899	947	1 662
..... \$1,000..	94 255	73 802	453	4 605	18 418	19 806	16 048	14 472
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	7 542	3 857	31	154	517	651	759	1 745
..... \$1,000..	59 530	41 886	250	2 971	6 614	9 492	9 311	13 249
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	1 385	812	17	58	137	158	184	258
..... \$1,000..	14 515	11 549	165	1 150	2 251	2 704	3 165	2 114
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	1 912	813	2	28	88	105	142	448
..... \$1,000..	13 649	8 905	(D)	(D)	1 088	1 500	1 938	3 598
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	2 088	1 017	—	33	68	126	171	619
..... \$1,000..	19 712	10 804	—	556	852	1 851	2 026	5 520
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	3 479	2 043	16	100	317	434	406	770
..... \$1,000..	11 653	10 628	(D)	(D)	2 423	3 438	2 182	2 017
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>								
Total..... farms..	766	649	16	55	172	166	108	132
..... \$1,000..	73 424	70 801	777	4 009	20 520	15 674	14 173	15 649
Corn..... farms..	131	107	6	5	28	27	23	18
..... \$1,000..	1 465	1 427	9	12	235	531	509	130
Wheat..... farms..	46	40	2	1	11	14	4	8
..... \$1,000..	335	(D)	(D)	(D)	44	79	(D)	(D)
Soybeans..... farms..	224	171	6	18	29	40	34	44
..... \$1,000..	6 584	6 192	(D)	(D)	1 259	800	1 350	2 186
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	9	8	—	—	5	—	2	1
..... \$1,000..	16	(D)	—	—	9	—	(D)	(D)
Cotton..... farms..	315	279	10	30	73	64	46	56
..... \$1,000..	35 789	35 316	643	1 588	11 059	7 023	7 735	7 268
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	242	231	1	16	69	71	31	43
..... \$1,000..	29 235	27 634	(D)	(D)	7 915	7 240	4 523	6 023
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>								
Total cropland..... farms..	25 289	10 937	91	524	1 435	1 937	2 453	4 497
..... acres..	5 947 311	4 535 495	34 228	272 103	998 113	1 171 010	1 063 473	996 568
Harvested cropland..... farms..	19 198	9 113	87	449	1 250	1 687	2 083	3 557
..... acres..	4 338 710	3 718 660	30 795	237 129	891 106	1 014 809	860 968	683 853
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	11 545	4 125	22	134	334	546	912	2 177
50 to 99 acres.....	2 827	1 327	10	45	119	216	338	599
100 to 199 acres.....	1 586	890	12	40	135	178	222	303
200 to 499 acres.....	1 222	887	23	88	161	220	203	192
500 to 999 acres.....	804	731	14	72	199	189	146	111
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	702	664	4	45	185	196	142	92
2,000 acres or more.....	512	489	2	25	117	142	120	83
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	14 343	5 635	24	210	545	872	1 321	2 663
..... acres..	1 124 094	547 707	1 306	19 563	58 175	92 199	139 659	236 805
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	1 747	693	5	28	92	125	137	306
..... acres..	137 300	56 774	868	1 286	8 170	11 301	13 621	21 528
On which all crops failed..... farms..	739	442	3	25	80	110	100	120
..... acres..	58 544	42 930	(D)	(D)	8 820	13 953	10 486	6 219
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	521	330	2	11	51	68	65	133
..... acres..	37 697	28 870	(D)	(D)	3 601	5 574	5 839	7 571
Idle..... farms..	3 484	1 554	6	70	260	278	354	586
..... acres..	250 966	140 554	794	4 853	28 241	33 174	32 900	40 592
Total woodland..... farms..	19 474	7 799	38	284	802	1 191	1 777	3 707
..... acres..	2 675 367	1 211 601	4 552	46 545	132 003	199 614	272 036	556 851
Woodland pastured..... farms..	9 756	4 039	14	124	371	573	907	2 050
..... acres..	658 928	330 409	425	5 442	27 352	57 082	79 032	161 066
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	14 026	5 619	35	211	603	864	1 258	2 648
..... acres..	2 016 439	881 192	4 127	41 103	104 651	142 522	193 004	395 785

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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
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>							
All farms..... number..	18 757	142	1 402	3 669	5 264	4 687	3 593
..... \$1,000..	62 163	307	4 858	28 717	11 197	7 807	9 277
Average per farm..... dollars..	3 314	2 164	3 465	7 827	2 127	1 666	2 582
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	5 957	46	462	1 180	1 633	1 475	1 161
Average net gain..... dollars..	20 341	10 296	19 117	35 389	18 231	15 919	14 516
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	1 677	18	138	303	445	397	376
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	3 123	18	221	627	810	803	644
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	768	8	85	148	233	188	106
\$50,000 or more.....	389	2	18	102	145	87	35
Farms with net losses..... number..	12 800	96	940	2 489	3 631	3 212	2 432
Average net loss..... dollars..	4 610	1 732	4 228	5 240	5 115	4 880	3 115
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	3 094	34	142	438	623	1 003	854
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	8 384	62	719	1 701	2 511	1 910	1 481
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 295	—	79	343	492	287	94
\$50,000 or more.....	27	—	—	7	5	12	3
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>							
Government payments..... farms..	4 917	22	206	748	1 256	1 295	1 390
..... \$1,000..	20 453	44	865	3 215	5 586	5 264	5 479
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	3 685	13	266	758	992	929	727
..... \$1,000..	17 643	(Z)	403	3 516	4 189	5 088	4 447
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	573	5	66	136	175	118	73
..... \$1,000..	2 967	(Z)	150	673	1 098	777	269
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	1 099	—	81	150	288	281	299
..... \$1,000..	4 744	—	126	799	803	1 820	1 196
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	1 071	—	19	212	253	293	294
..... \$1,000..	8 908	—	65	1 733	1 989	2 254	2 867
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	1 436	8	128	348	419	390	143
..... \$1,000..	1 025	(Z)	62	310	300	237	115
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>							
Total..... farms..	117	—	5	36	36	21	19
..... \$1,000..	2 622	—	(D)	144	1 292	1 045	(D)
Corn..... farms..	24	—	1	10	7	3	3
..... \$1,000..	38	—	(D)	(D)	8	(Z)	(D)
Wheat..... farms..	6	—	—	1	1	1	3
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Z)
Soybeans..... farms..	53	—	1	18	19	8	7
..... \$1,000..	392	—	(D)	48	246	(D)	45
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
Cotton..... farms..	36	—	2	11	8	8	7
..... \$1,000..	473	—	(D)	76	(D)	333	23
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	11	—	2	—	5	3	1
..... \$1,000..	1 601	—	(D)	—	881	658	(D)
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>							
Total cropland..... farms..	14 352	93	922	2 834	4 129	3 721	2 653
..... acres..	1 411 816	5 978	77 465	269 466	423 799	393 691	241 417
Harvested cropland..... farms..	10 085	70	662	2 060	2 988	2 596	1 709
..... acres..	620 050	3 791	34 603	127 159	192 768	173 115	88 614
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres.....	7 420	50	477	1 479	2 200	1 898	1 316
50 to 99 acres.....	1 500	9	98	333	437	398	225
100 to 199 acres.....	696	6	59	145	213	176	97
200 to 499 acres.....	335	5	21	71	100	85	53
500 to 999 acres.....	73	—	6	18	21	19	9
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	38	—	1	9	9	12	7
2,000 acres or more.....	23	—	—	5	8	8	2
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	8 708	43	574	1 758	2 567	2 313	1 453
..... acres..	576 387	1 913	33 767	111 444	168 412	164 071	96 780
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	1 054	3	42	174	311	254	270
..... acres..	80 526	70	4 149	12 290	25 289	18 997	19 731
On which all crops failed..... farms..	297	4	28	72	96	61	36
..... acres..	15 614	(D)	(D)	3 787	6 672	2 284	2 314
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	191	2	12	31	60	49	37
..... acres..	8 827	(D)	(D)	1 451	2 676	3 007	1 481
Idle..... farms..	1 930	10	86	306	535	514	479
..... acres..	110 412	176	4 205	13 335	27 982	32 217	32 497
Total woodland..... farms..	11 675	58	600	2 115	3 248	3 126	2 528
..... acres..	1 463 766	4 539	53 516	208 052	405 005	402 586	390 068
Woodland pastured..... farms..	5 717	31	325	1 060	1 612	1 530	1 159
..... acres..	328 519	2 060	14 693	52 979	93 991	89 940	74 856
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	8 407	36	391	1 491	2 332	2 265	1 892
..... acres..	1 135 247	2 479	38 823	155 073	311 014	312 646	315 212

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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
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	7 935	3 102	24	133	381	508	681	1 375
acres..	934 371	513 663	2 844	20 178	74 572	101 992	124 884	189 193
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	18 235	7 488	61	325	945	1 306	1 624	3 227
acres..	567 773	338 141	2 097	26 402	52 802	78 578	75 509	102 753
Irrigated land ..... farms..	1 769	1 381	18	106	344	374	266	273
acres..	1 076 231	1 020 122	7 520	75 283	261 544	313 303	187 475	174 997
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	1 760	1 376	18	106	342	372	266	272
acres..	1 075 974	1 020 045	7 520	75 283	261 528	(D)	187 475	(D)
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	20	8	—	—	4	2	—	2
acres..	257	77	—	—	16	(D)	—	(D)
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	5 331	1 777	8	55	176	252	363	923
acres..	572 593	220 925	240	9 320	21 386	38 425	52 873	98 681
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	31 312	12 555	130	586	1 575	2 055	2 590	5 619
\$1,000..	10 554 676	6 437 018	36 925	344 233	1 224 785	1 565 614	1 447 844	1 817 618
Average per farm ..... dollars..	337 081	512 706	284 039	587 428	777 641	761 856	559 013	323 477
Average per acre ..... dollars..	1 052	1 003	916	977	1 004	1 035	1 016	972
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	3 198	814	26	40	103	55	136	454
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	3 644	1 092	14	75	71	108	213	611
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	3 591	1 070	10	44	73	165	158	620
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	4 483	1 725	20	30	188	154	405	928
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	3 752	1 224	4	45	82	213	266	614
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	7 981	3 487	41	143	404	615	730	1 554
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	2 613	1 621	10	108	308	320	334	541
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	1 261	871	1	72	191	215	207	185
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	642	530	4	25	131	173	111	86
\$5,000,000 or more .....	147	121	—	4	24	37	30	26
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	31 312	12 555	130	586	1 575	2 055	2 590	5 619
\$1,000..	1 621 991	1 110 652	8 581	65 885	237 962	284 491	243 644	270 090
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	2 845	816	6	25	46	99	127	513
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4 559	1 227	7	36	94	112	221	757
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	7 369	2 406	35	98	152	236	565	1 320
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	9 666	3 756	49	164	411	601	694	1 837
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	3 669	1 787	13	77	265	285	431	716
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	1 503	1 080	7	84	242	278	227	242
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	1 224	1 039	9	75	253	318	223	161
\$500,000 or more .....	477	444	4	27	112	126	102	73
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	27 642	11 814	124	559	1 503	1 996	2 480	5 152
number..	52 097	27 203	277	1 420	4 208	5 522	5 994	9 782
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	29 086	11 868	117	543	1 478	1 938	2 455	5 337
number..	56 709	28 698	246	1 408	4 267	5 697	6 220	10 860
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	11 986	4 597	66	157	486	626	1 002	2 260
number..	15 015	6 146	81	236	666	859	1 303	3 001
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	23 326	10 059	92	518	1 302	1 753	2 103	4 291
number..	41 694	22 552	165	1 172	3 601	4 838	4 917	7 859
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	20 155	8 353	51	372	961	1 403	1 726	3 840
number..	28 984	13 520	66	631	1 735	2 561	2 812	5 715
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	6 571	3 595	72	239	744	744	823	1 048
number..	12 710	9 032	99	541	1 866	2 277	2 105	2 144
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	2 679	2 020	26	124	438	506	444	482
number..	3 529	2 733	29	151	577	741	606	629
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	1 375	1 260	18	99	310	338	256	239
number..	2 340	2 186	29	155	547	575	459	421
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	6 969	3 050	25	128	336	477	681	1 403
number..	8 095	3 560	28	148	430	538	805	1 611
Pickup balers ..... farms..	7 532	3 499	29	118	387	526	789	1 650
number..	9 140	4 296	31	153	476	678	981	1 977
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	18 617	8 332	60	349	1 096	1 456	1 779	3 592
acres on which used..	2 939 611	2 356 787	17 381	125 662	552 855	633 106	536 816	490 967
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	3 153	2 184	20	151	448	502	461	602
acres on which used..	1 283 937	1 203 548	7 890	72 723	311 121	319 532	283 455	208 827
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	449	330	11	40	50	86	78	65
acres on which used..	224 048	204 144	1 041	23 154	42 497	52 720	62 712	22 020
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	963	607	3	53	124	131	110	186
acres on which used..	276 037	251 904	435	22 073	59 621	75 924	49 286	44 565
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	7 126	4 173	55	225	724	914	908	1 347
acres on which used..	2 914 141	2 626 609	22 956	159 509	618 503	781 784	587 782	456 075
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	1 276	1 084	16	97	232	310	228	201
acres on which used..	816 835	778 521	6 208	54 718	192 648	211 906	189 541	123 500

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<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	4 833	26	331	1 012	1 392	1 174	898
acres..	420 708	1 108	24 786	71 769	117 765	118 273	87 007
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	10 747	44	636	2 019	3 023	2 811	2 214
acres..	229 632	667	7 634	34 005	57 230	68 921	61 175
Irrigated land ..... farms..	388	3	33	71	118	112	51
acres..	56 109	(D)	2 083	8 633	22 318	16 801	(D)
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	384	3	33	70	117	111	50
acres..	55 929	(D)	2 083	(D)	22 224	16 762	(D)
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	12	—	—	3	4	4	1
acres..	180	—	—	(D)	94	39	(D)
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	3 554	5	107	457	866	961	1 158
acres..	351 668	226	11 297	45 983	90 588	89 008	114 566
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of land and buildings ..... farms..	18 757	142	1 402	3 669	5 264	4 687	3 593
\$1,000..	4 117 658	16 788	201 114	747 360	1 232 643	1 105 842	813 911
Average per farm ..... dollars..	219 526	118 225	143 448	203 696	234 165	235 938	226 527
Average per acre ..... dollars..	1 140	857	1 030	1 108	1 169	1 223	1 063
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	2 384	19	179	494	622	563	507
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	2 552	26	250	468	633	636	539
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	2 521	32	220	541	613	641	474
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	2 758	19	277	544	775	616	527
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	2 528	21	171	548	738	635	415
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	4 494	21	264	784	1 428	1 229	768
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	992	4	37	208	266	236	241
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	390	—	3	60	146	87	94
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	112	—	—	21	37	29	25
\$5,000,000 or more .....	26	—	1	1	6	15	3
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	18 757	142	1 402	3 669	5 264	4 687	3 593
\$1,000..	511 339	3 799	33 552	100 359	151 761	128 994	92 874
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	2 029	37	105	339	452	572	524
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	3 332	18	291	676	882	767	698
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	4 963	32	385	941	1 455	1 140	1 010
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	5 910	40	477	1 151	1 706	1 585	951
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 882	1	102	454	554	493	278
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	423	13	33	62	145	77	93
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	185	1	7	38	64	41	34
\$500,000 or more .....	33	—	2	8	6	12	5
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	15 828	114	1 238	3 200	4 455	3 861	2 960
number..	24 894	162	1 871	5 130	7 185	6 025	4 521
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	17 218	124	1 115	3 328	4 933	4 445	3 273
number..	28 011	172	1 771	5 315	8 299	7 390	5 064
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	7 389	41	424	1 336	1 931	2 119	1 538
number..	8 869	50	565	1 588	2 335	2 515	1 816
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	13 267	91	873	2 591	3 981	3 337	2 394
number..	19 142	122	1 206	3 727	5 964	4 875	3 248
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	11 802	74	733	2 264	3 559	2 999	2 173
number..	15 464	91	952	2 921	4 791	3 953	2 756
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	2 976	30	222	672	907	736	409
number..	3 678	31	254	806	1 173	922	492
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	659	8	56	122	234	174	65
number..	796	16	64	134	293	208	81
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	115	—	11	17	18	48	21
number..	154	—	13	22	27	67	25
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	3 919	19	311	953	1 182	971	483
number..	4 535	19	355	1 082	1 353	1 176	550
Pickup balers ..... farms..	4 033	17	212	958	1 401	1 002	443
number..	4 844	23	248	1 171	1 719	1 169	514
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	10 285	104	721	2 250	3 110	2 569	1 531
acres on which used..	582 824	5 318	34 456	114 758	195 692	148 931	83 669
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	969	8	94	180	258	263	166
acres on which used..	80 389	56	2 881	10 954	30 128	22 461	13 909
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	119	—	14	25	46	26	8
acres on which used..	19 904	—	92	364	15 985	1 465	1 998
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	356	4	35	54	119	113	31
acres on which used..	24 133	4	913	3 631	11 447	5 439	2 699
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	2 953	35	227	688	880	731	392
acres on which used..	287 532	3 605	13 788	54 970	83 489	91 998	39 682
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	192	—	25	32	70	45	20
acres on which used..	38 314	—	1 374	4 226	17 503	10 242	4 969

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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
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>								
All operators .....	31 318	12 753	113	631	1 686	2 227	2 794	5 302
Full owners .....	20 508	7 390	34	246	669	974	1 532	3 935
Part owners .....	8 267	4 036	30	213	668	943	1 042	1 140
Tenants .....	2 543	1 327	49	172	349	310	220	227
White .....	29 094	11 947	106	614	1 604	2 084	2 639	4 900
Full owners .....	19 059	6 881	30	238	632	912	1 447	3 622
Part owners .....	7 701	3 814	30	210	636	879	988	1 071
Tenants .....	2 334	1 252	46	166	336	293	204	207
Black and other races .....	2 224	806	7	17	82	143	155	402
Full owners .....	1 449	509	4	8	37	62	85	313
Part owners .....	566	222	—	3	32	64	54	69
Tenants .....	209	75	3	6	13	17	16	20
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>								
Land owned..... farms..	28 847	11 472	65	464	1 347	1 928	2 584	5 084
acres..	6 644 703	3 599 035	14 282	143 724	463 266	662 043	841 825	1 473 895
Owned land in farms .....	28 775	11 426	64	459	1 337	1 917	2 574	5 075
acres..	6 046 550	3 288 543	13 828	120 603	437 178	610 308	774 265	1 332 361
Land rented or leased from others .....	10 897	5 404	79	387	1 023	1 263	1 269	1 383
farms..	4 162 597	3 372 552	29 893	247 861	838 329	954 818	774 192	527 459
landlords..	27 482	17 288	248	1 204	4 120	4 422	4 165	3 669
Rented or leased land in farms .....	10 810	5 363	79	385	1 017	1 253	1 262	1 367
farms..	4 078 272	3 310 357	29 893	244 625	820 312	940 886	761 637	513 004
acres..	3 286	1 396	5	51	137	190	268	745
Land rented or leased to others .....	682 478	372 687	454	26 357	44 105	65 667	80 115	155 989
acres..								
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated .....	21 338	9 274	57	414	1 159	1 563	2 115	3 966
Not on farm operated .....	7 517	2 379	45	189	416	463	500	766
Not reported .....	2 463	1 100	11	28	111	201	179	570
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming .....	12 753	12 753	113	631	1 686	2 227	2 794	5 302
Other .....	18 565	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None .....	11 554	8 328	55	356	1 011	1 278	1 811	3 817
Any .....	17 989	2 650	44	227	531	694	687	467
1 to 99 days .....	2 126	1 125	15	102	206	242	309	251
100 to 199 days .....	2 859	715	15	49	144	202	192	113
200 days or more .....	13 004	810	14	76	181	250	186	103
Not reported .....	1 775	1 775	14	48	144	255	296	1 018
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less .....	1 632	482	32	87	115	95	104	49
3 or 4 years .....	2 361	644	22	104	177	159	113	69
5 to 9 years .....	4 482	1 474	16	207	398	293	288	272
10 years or more .....	16 663	7 692	—	130	776	1 293	1 831	3 662
Average years on present farm .....	19.5	23.6	3.3	6.6	11.5	16.8	22.7	34.1
Not reported .....	6 180	2 461	43	103	220	387	458	1 250
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years .....	223	113	113	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	1 835	631	—	631	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	5 334	1 686	—	—	1 686	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	3 737	1 146	—	—	—	1 146	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	3 742	1 081	—	—	—	1 081	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	3 812	1 263	—	—	—	—	1 263	—
60 to 64 years .....	3 677	1 531	—	—	—	—	1 531	—
65 to 69 years .....	3 181	1 723	—	—	—	—	—	1 723
70 years and over .....	5 777	3 579	—	—	—	—	—	3 579
Average age .....	55.6	59.1	21.6	30.7	40.0	49.4	59.8	73.1
Operators by sex:								
Male .....	28 438	11 588	107	600	1 549	2 047	2 559	4 726
Female .....	2 880	1 165	6	31	137	180	235	576
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....								
	149	75	—	2	13	16	18	26
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	27 452	10 530	88	514	1 232	1 692	2 319	4 685
farms..	6 194 139	3 388 042	21 754	177 894	536 163	686 838	800 289	1 165 104
acres..	2 753	1 595	17	80	320	397	338	443
Partnership .....	3 012 236	2 562 505	12 370	127 427	554 013	724 773	597 821	546 101
acres..								
Corporation:								
Family held .....	803	515	5	27	113	113	114	143
farms..	656 367	501 678	5 066	23 252	123 108	120 582	109 515	120 155
acres..	20	11	—	—	3	2	2	4
More than 10 stockholders .....	783	504	5	27	110	111	112	139
farms..								
Other than family held .....	114	55	1	6	15	18	9	6
farms..	123 187	77 655	(D)	(D)	38 527	12 624	14 771	3 337
acres..	15	3	—	—	1	2	—	—
More than 10 stockholders .....	99	52	1	6	14	16	9	6
farms..								
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	196	58	2	4	6	7	14	25
farms..	138 893	69 020	(D)	(D)	5 679	6 377	13 506	10 668
acres..								

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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
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>							
All operators .....	18 565	110	1 204	3 648	5 252	4 695	3 656
Full owners .....	13 118	48	611	2 197	3 534	3 536	3 192
Part owners .....	4 231	19	347	1 108	1 408	974	375
Tenants .....	1 216	43	246	343	310	185	89
White .....	17 147	106	1 129	3 383	4 842	4 383	3 304
Full owners .....	12 178	45	572	2 050	3 292	3 317	2 902
Part owners .....	3 887	19	326	1 035	1 281	899	327
Tenants .....	1 082	42	231	298	269	167	75
Black and other races .....	1 418	4	75	265	410	312	352
Full owners .....	940	3	39	147	242	219	290
Part owners .....	344	—	21	73	127	75	48
Tenants .....	134	1	15	45	41	18	14
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>							
Land owned..... farms..	17 375	67	962	3 310	4 946	4 517	3 573
acres..	3 045 668	7 687	97 459	416 773	805 301	911 609	806 839
Owned land in farms .....	17 349	67	958	3 305	4 942	4 510	3 567
acres..	2 758 007	7 366	90 584	384 561	745 698	813 889	715 909
Land rented or leased from others .....	5 493	65	596	1 462	1 729	1 174	467
acres..	790 045	(D)	(D)	203 672	264 579	177 263	64 870
landlords..	9 654	114	1 100	2 575	2 937	2 112	816
Rented or leased land in farms .....	5 447	62	593	1 451	1 718	1 159	464
acres..	767 915	4 926	72 817	198 731	258 101	169 582	63 758
Land rented or leased to others .....	1 890	4	59	274	453	490	610
acres..	309 791	(D)	(D)	37 153	66 081	105 401	92 042
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated .....	12 064	53	782	2 519	3 587	3 017	2 106
Not on farm operated .....	5 138	48	356	931	1 324	1 306	1 173
Not reported .....	1 363	9	66	198	341	372	377
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other .....	18 565	110	1 204	3 648	5 252	4 695	3 656
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None .....	3 226	5	52	164	292	613	2 100
Any .....	15 339	105	1 152	3 484	4 960	4 082	1 556
1 to 99 days .....	1 001	6	52	173	210	285	275
100 to 199 days .....	2 144	20	140	475	634	550	325
200 days or more .....	12 194	79	960	2 836	4 116	3 247	956
Not reported .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less .....	1 150	24	201	364	320	178	63
3 or 4 years .....	1 717	30	300	523	525	261	78
5 to 9 years .....	3 008	11	357	978	918	539	205
10 years or more .....	8 971	—	158	1 245	2 631	2 720	2 217
Average years on present farm .....	16.6	3.1	5.6	9.3	14.2	19.8	29.9
Not reported .....	3 719	45	188	538	858	997	1 093
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years .....	110	110	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	1 204	—	1 204	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	3 648	—	—	3 648	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	2 591	—	—	—	2 591	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	2 661	—	—	—	2 661	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	2 549	—	—	—	—	2 549	—
60 to 64 years .....	2 146	—	—	—	—	2 146	—
65 to 69 years .....	1 458	—	—	—	—	—	1 458
70 years and over .....	2 198	—	—	—	—	—	2 198
Average age .....	53.3	21.5	30.8	40.1	49.5	59.2	72.5
Operators by sex:							
Male .....	16 850	103	1 130	3 404	4 941	4 313	2 959
Female .....	1 715	7	74	244	311	382	697
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....							
	74	—	6	15	14	27	12
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	16 922	103	1 102	3 359	4 766	4 312	3 280
acres..	2 806 097	11 315	132 877	470 502	780 891	793 203	617 309
Partnership .....	1 158	6	80	203	335	270	264
acres..	449 731	(D)	(D)	72 142	141 940	103 299	114 038
Corporation:							
Family held .....	288	—	14	63	98	66	47
acres..	154 689	—	5 033	25 018	53 989	43 403	27 246
More than 10 stockholders .....	9	—	—	3	4	1	1
10 or less stockholders .....	279	—	14	60	94	65	46
Other than family held .....	59	—	2	9	23	13	12
acres..	45 532	—	(D)	8 958	16 689	8 835	(D)
More than 10 stockholders .....	12	—	1	2	5	1	3
10 or less stockholders .....	47	—	1	7	18	12	9
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .... farms..							
	138	1	6	14	30	34	53
acres..	69 873	(D)	(D)	6 672	10 290	34 731	(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
<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 18 912	7 587	44	250	738	1 118	1 800	3 637
	number.. 590 771	355 556	1 076	14 767	53 693	78 560	85 548	121 912
	\$1,000.. 214 842	134 493	408	6 213	19 713	33 396	31 586	43 177
Calves	farms.. 16 052	6 406	34	202	611	916	1 519	3 124
	number.. 322 078	174 969	576	5 827	24 100	29 517	45 580	69 369
	\$1,000.. 86 332	46 644	179	1 725	5 280	8 275	12 711	18 474
Cattle	farms.. 10 504	4 391	28	146	422	672	1 048	2 075
	number.. 268 693	180 587	500	8 940	29 593	49 043	39 968	52 543
	\$1,000.. 128 510	87 849	229	4 488	14 433	25 121	18 875	24 703
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 589	270	—	3	19	30	65	153
	number.. 10 425	6 691	—	4	1 099	1 436	1 595	2 557
	\$1,000.. 6 610	4 296	—	3	731	884	1 106	1 571
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 662	259	2	15	49	58	53	82
	number.. 215 936	134 929	(D)	(D)	27 843	45 668	49 135	7 055
Farms with—								
1 to 24	479	155	—	5	34	19	31	66
25 to 49	53	20	—	2	3	7	3	5
50 to 99	31	12	—	2	3	5	1	1
100 to 199	18	10	1	—	—	5	1	3
200 to 499	20	15	—	2	1	4	5	3
500 or more	61	47	1	4	8	18	12	4
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 328	141	2	11	31	31	32	34
	number.. 31 976	8 037	(D)	(D)	1 980	3 174	1 644	602
Other	farms.. 605	240	2	15	45	55	48	75
	number.. 183 960	126 892	(D)	(D)	25 863	42 494	47 491	6 453
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 425	197	2	12	35	53	50	45
	number.. 756 595	354 386	(D)	(D)	77 103	145 373	110 744	12 177
	\$1,000.. 80 052	32 194	(D)	(D)	9 098	7 820	12 808	1 501
Feeder pigs	farms.. 56	22	—	3	3	7	7	2
	number.. 57 177	(D)	—	76	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	\$1,000.. 1 277	1 224	—	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 349	151	2	11	32	34	34	38
	number.. 51 637	16 901	(D)	(D)	2 945	7 776	4 071	874
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 309	134	2	11	30	28	29	34
	number.. 23 690	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 454	3 905	1 958	475
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 262	125	2	11	26	32	25	29
	number.. 27 947	(D)	(D)	426	1 491	3 871	2 113	399
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 231	89	—	5	9	22	10	43
	number.. 4 797	2 434	—	87	183	1 315	180	669
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 165	63	—	2	7	16	7	31
	number.. 2 294	1 094	—	(D)	111	446	(D)	398
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 164	62	—	3	6	17	6	30
	number.. 3 300	1 890	—	(D)	100	1 162	(D)	515
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 110	51	—	2	7	14	5	23
	number.. 2 744	1 458	—	(D)	(D)	675	130	518
	pounds of wool.. 15 901	9 493	—	(D)	(D)	4 192	1 017	3 545
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 5 679	1 797	6	123	291	366	405	606
	number.. 31 591	11 281	18	1 131	1 575	2 307	2 787	3 463
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 054	309	—	21	52	75	79	82
	number.. 3 950	1 789	—	211	228	696	373	281
Goats inventory	farms.. 960	300	1	19	45	49	71	115
	number.. 18 389	5 580	(D)	(D)	953	1 040	1 343	1 959
Goats sold	farms.. 410	120	1	8	17	22	37	35
	number.. 5 596	1 818	(D)	(D)	237	446	597	486
<b>POULTRY</b>								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 941	472	—	38	85	94	85	170
	number.. 6 537 982	5 538 111	—	(D)	2 832 763	1 209 503	708 064	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 399	701	286	—	10	35	36	46	159
400 to 3,199	11	6	—	2	1	1	3	—
3,200 to 9,999	18	16	—	2	4	3	4	3
10,000 to 19,999	127	95	—	14	29	29	17	6
20,000 to 49,999	77	63	—	11	13	23	14	2
50,000 to 99,999	5	5	—	1	1	2	1	—
100,000 or more	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 885	437	—	32	79	84	80	162
	number.. 5 328 691	4 520 815	—	337 650	2 536 782	872 118	635 983	138 282
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 189	86	—	7	17	18	11	33
	number.. 1 209 291	1 017 296	—	(D)	295 981	337 385	72 081	(D)
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 331	233	—	30	60	75	46	22
	number.. 7 359 686	6 043 014	—	733 351	1 904 096	2 135 894	814 947	454 726
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 1 393	1 104	12	103	277	345	254	113
	number.. 554 915 961	451 522 517	4 362 755	44 818 206	125 159 837	146 011 396	95 569 569	35 600 754
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	30	10	—	—	7	—	2	1
2,000 to 59,999	36	30	—	4	2	10	8	6
60,000 to 99,999	62	47	—	5	8	16	12	6
100,000 or more	1 265	1 017	12	94	260	319	232	100
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 82	17	—	—	5	2	4	6
	number.. 239	37	—	—	11	(D)	11	(D)
Turkeys sold	farms.. 11	2	—	—	1	—	—	1
	number.. 57	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	(D)

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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
<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>							
Cattle and calves sold .....	farms.. 11 325	60	798	2 319	3 262	2 930	1 956
	number.. 235 215	1 607	14 947	42 657	67 463	69 064	39 477
	\$1,000.. 80 349	611	4 975	14 395	22 838	24 337	13 192
Calves .....	farms.. 9 646	53	683	1 946	2 825	2 495	1 644
	number.. 147 109	533	9 399	26 765	44 147	41 014	25 251
	\$1,000.. 39 688	143	2 477	7 224	12 064	11 221	6 559
Cattle .....	farms.. 6 113	31	424	1 255	1 757	1 633	1 013
	number.. 88 106	1 074	5 548	15 892	23 316	28 050	14 226
	\$1,000.. 40 661	468	2 499	7 172	10 773	13 116	6 633
Fattened on grain and concentrates .....	farms.. 319	—	17	52	100	98	52
	number.. 3 734	—	728	647	757	950	652
	\$1,000.. 2 314	—	372	425	495	639	382
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms.. 403	2	34	116	115	77	59
	number.. 81 007	(D)	839	43 523	16 614	11 563	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 24 .....	324	2	26	93	87	62	54
25 to 49 .....	33	—	4	10	10	7	2
50 to 99 .....	19	—	3	3	9	2	2
100 to 199 .....	8	—	—	2	2	4	—
200 to 499 .....	5	—	1	1	3	—	—
500 or more .....	14	—	—	7	4	2	1
Used or to be used for breeding .....	farms.. 187	—	13	41	57	48	28
	number.. 23 939	—	185	(D)	900	1 627	(D)
Other .....	farms.. 365	2	29	107	109	68	50
	number.. 57 068	(D)	654	(D)	15 714	9 936	(D)
Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms.. 228	—	19	59	78	49	23
	number.. 402 209	—	(D)	308 265	26 162	25 878	(D)
	\$1,000.. 47 857	—	138	38 771	3 485	(D)	(D)
Feeder pigs .....	farms.. 34	—	2	10	16	5	1
	number.. (D)	—	(D)	350	821	431	(D)
	\$1,000.. 53	—	(D)	11	25	(D)	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—							
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30 .....	farms.. 198	—	13	45	63	48	29
	number.. 34 736	—	180	(D)	2 417	2 021	(D)
Dec. 1 and May 31 .....	farms.. 175	—	13	38	57	40	27
	number.. (D)	—	92	(D)	1 117	1 051	56
June 1 and Nov. 30 .....	farms.. 137	—	12	34	45	29	17
	number.. (D)	—	88	(D)	1 300	970	(D)
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory .....	farms.. 142	—	7	41	46	27	21
	number.. 2 363	—	53	611	708	610	381
Ewes 1 year old or older .....	farms.. 102	—	3	25	39	20	15
	number.. 1 200	—	(D)	325	370	(D)	244
Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms.. 102	—	3	29	40	16	14
	number.. 1 410	—	12	260	481	405	252
Sheep and lambs shorn .....	farms.. 59	—	1	16	21	13	8
	number.. 1 286	—	(D)	372	400	(D)	248
	pounds of wool.. 6 408	—	(D)	2 011	2 104	1 195	(D)
Horses and ponies inventory .....	farms.. 3 882	18	333	1 023	1 268	786	454
	number.. 20 310	60	1 569	4 915	6 593	4 766	2 407
Horses and ponies sold .....	farms.. 745	3	97	195	268	132	50
	number.. 2 161	3	275	483	735	404	261
Goats inventory .....	farms.. 660	4	56	175	168	170	87
	number.. 12 809	89	776	3 507	3 316	3 336	1 785
Goats sold .....	farms.. 290	3	26	81	84	71	25
	number.. 3 778	8	356	1 132	1 159	737	386
<b>POULTRY</b>							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms.. 469	2	25	105	134	116	87
	number.. 999 871	(D)	(D)	285 858	358 615	(D)	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 399 .....	415	2	23	85	112	109	84
400 to 3,199 .....	5	—	—	5	—	—	—
3,200 to 9,999 .....	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
10,000 to 19,999 .....	32	—	1	11	16	2	2
20,000 to 49,999 .....	14	—	1	4	4	5	—
50,000 to 99,999 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms.. 448	2	24	99	126	111	86
	number.. 807 876	(D)	(D)	201 819	303 992	126 336	(D)
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old .....	farms.. 103	—	6	26	37	21	13
	number.. 191 995	—	(D)	84 039	54 623	(D)	173
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text) .....	farms.. 98	—	6	32	37	19	4
	number.. 1 316 672	—	185 070	394 993	428 369	(D)	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms.. 289	3	79	79	97	69	22
	number.. 103 393 444	643 600	5 012 946	27 383 589	36 760 971	24 146 777	9 445 561
Farms with—							
1 to 1,999 .....	20	—	3	6	7	4	—
2,000 to 59,999 .....	6	—	—	2	1	2	1
60,000 to 99,999 .....	15	2	—	5	1	7	—
100,000 or more .....	248	1	16	66	88	56	21
Turkey hens kept for breeding .....	farms.. 65	3	7	9	18	20	8
	number.. 202	12	19	27	55	61	28
Turkeys sold .....	farms.. 9	—	—	3	5	1	—
	number.. (D)	—	—	5	46	(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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 2 497	1 634	29	116	315	370	365	439
	acres.. 405 393	365 271	4 147	22 403	91 025	103 801	90 809	53 086
	bushels.. 43 851 007	40 134 514	416 831	2 467 048	9 971 046	11 638 393	9 865 888	5 775 308
Irrigated	farms.. 293	274	2	25	70	83	53	41
	acres.. 93 808	87 500	(D)	(D)	18 476	29 139	19 180	15 761
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	1 034	440	4	14	32	55	99	236
25 to 99 acres	497	323	13	21	50	74	87	78
100 to 249 acres	445	385	6	50	98	109	64	58
250 to 499 acres	281	257	5	21	70	65	62	34
500 acres or more	240	229	1	10	65	67	53	33
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 271	191	1	3	44	43	51	49
	acres.. 24 202	21 722	(D)	(D)	5 445	2 940	5 975	6 722
	tons, green.. 284 029	258 319	(D)	(D)	81 250	30 720	70 831	69 418
Irrigated	farms.. 4	3	—	1	1	1	—	—
	acres.. 177	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	90	37	—	—	5	14	6	12
25 to 99 acres	101	80	—	1	26	15	23	15
100 to 249 acres	60	55	—	2	8	13	18	14
250 to 499 acres	14	13	1	—	4	1	2	5
500 acres or more	6	6	—	—	1	—	2	3
Sorghum for grain or seed	farms.. 154	137	—	1	28	43	38	27
	acres.. 25 499	24 871	—	(D)	4 661	10 057	7 741	(D)
	bushels.. 1 648 269	1 614 711	—	(D)	326 377	581 192	559 611	(D)
Irrigated	farms.. 12	12	—	—	3	4	2	3
	acres.. 1 466	1 466	—	—	510	531	(D)	(D)
Wheat for grain	farms.. 697	574	5	33	139	154	111	132
	acres.. 155 049	138 730	615	10 013	33 261	39 053	29 528	26 260
	bushels.. 6 547 211	5 968 815	32 125	340 213	1 497 152	1 669 830	1 237 581	1 191 914
Irrigated	farms.. 27	25	—	1	7	5	4	8
	acres.. 5 020	(D)	—	(D)	860	1 146	645	2 042
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	52	22	—	1	5	5	6	5
25 to 99 acres	210	154	2	8	29	38	27	50
100 to 249 acres	213	199	3	11	54	59	33	39
250 to 499 acres	154	139	—	9	36	36	33	25
500 acres or more	68	60	—	4	15	16	12	13
Rice	farms.. 530	497	5	33	139	166	75	79
	acres.. 234 244	223 675	780	12 384	54 867	81 807	38 216	35 621
	cwt.. 13 330 366	12 752 201	46 060	684 095	3 181 740	4 704 068	2 140 506	1 995 732
Irrigated	farms.. 530	497	5	33	139	166	75	79
	acres.. 234 244	223 675	780	12 384	54 867	81 807	38 216	35 621
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	5	4	—	—	1	—	2	1
25 to 99 acres	40	35	2	2	5	16	5	5
100 to 249 acres	159	147	2	13	46	49	18	19
250 to 499 acres	167	157	—	10	48	50	22	27
500 acres or more	159	154	1	8	39	51	28	27
Cotton	farms.. 1 701	1 487	19	134	347	384	322	281
	acres.. 966 443	924 230	6 433	65 580	242 608	238 741	215 890	154 978
	bales.. 1 714 762	1 640 380	10 819	119 547	415 957	431 795	377 806	284 456
Irrigated	farms.. 509	494	3	46	125	130	95	95
	acres.. 300 311	288 872	915	25 241	70 421	75 237	58 234	58 824
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	125	72	1	7	11	10	19	24
25 to 99 acres	240	154	3	13	20	32	30	56
100 to 249 acres	292	254	2	27	44	68	69	44
250 to 499 acres	375	356	8	36	98	93	67	54
500 acres or more	669	651	5	51	174	181	137	103
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 3 851	2 826	47	215	626	722	586	630
	acres.. 1 964 202	1 756 771	17 204	119 600	431 557	498 099	403 031	287 280
	bushels.. 59 370 926	53 776 109	515 910	3 750 678	13 270 414	15 599 293	11 837 108	8 802 706
Irrigated	farms.. 814	746	14	64	204	219	126	119
	acres.. 441 181	415 475	5 595	32 719	115 929	126 352	70 365	64 515
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	348	138	4	7	17	17	16	77
25 to 99 acres	815	406	4	19	59	73	86	165
100 to 249 acres	797	563	23	67	91	147	113	122
250 to 499 acres	678	584	7	43	147	177	116	94
500 acres or more	1 213	1 135	9	79	312	308	255	172
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 25	12	—	—	—	4	4	4
	acres.. 61	19	—	—	—	13	4	3
	cwt.. 3 167	1 533	—	—	—	765	530	238
Irrigated	farms.. 1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
	acres.. (D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Sweetpotatoes	farms.. 68	51	1	2	12	14	10	12
	acres.. 8 835	7 993	(D)	(D)	1 780	2 151	1 550	1 992
	bushels.. 1 875 843	1 705 893	(D)	(D)	391 970	578 210	332 140	268 273
Irrigated	farms.. 2	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
	acres.. (D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—

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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	
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>								
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms..	863	14	73	199	239	199	139
	acres..	40 122	384	1 903	11 261	13 427	8 267	4 880
	bushels..	3 716 493	31 063	156 125	1 047 124	1 361 015	693 641	427 525
Irrigated .....	farms..	19	—	2	5	4	7	1
	acres..	6 308	—	(D)	1 561	3 040	1 501	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres .....		594	7	53	121	167	148	98
25 to 99 acres .....		174	7	14	48	43	33	29
100 to 249 acres .....		60	—	5	20	18	10	7
250 to 499 acres .....		24	—	1	7	5	5	5
500 acres or more .....		11	—	—	3	5	3	—
Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms..	80	—	5	11	23	25	16
	acres..	2 480	—	(D)	545	629	680	(D)
	tons, green..	25 710	—	(D)	(D)	5 180	5 729	6 609
Irrigated .....	farms..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
	acres..	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres .....		53	—	4	9	15	16	9
25 to 99 acres .....		21	—	—	1	7	8	5
100 to 249 acres .....		5	—	1	—	1	1	2
250 to 499 acres .....		1	—	—	1	—	—	—
500 acres or more .....		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sorghum for grain or seed .....	farms..	17	—	1	7	4	3	2
	acres..	628	—	(D)	347	147	120	(D)
	bushels..	33 558	—	(D)	(D)	9 065	4 414	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wheat for grain .....	farms..	123	—	5	24	47	26	21
	acres..	16 319	—	103	2 882	5 610	5 751	1 973
	bushels..	578 396	—	3 195	109 337	218 460	184 331	63 073
Irrigated .....	farms..	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
	acres..	(D)	—	(D)	—	—	—	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres .....		30	—	3	4	12	2	9
25 to 99 acres .....		56	—	2	12	22	11	9
100 to 249 acres .....		14	—	—	3	6	5	—
250 to 499 acres .....		15	—	—	5	5	4	1
500 acres or more .....		8	—	—	—	2	4	2
Rice .....	farms..	33	—	6	6	12	8	1
	acres..	10 569	—	(D)	1 415	4 422	3 482	(D)
	cwt..	578 165	—	(D)	79 501	241 691	202 858	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms..	33	—	6	6	12	8	1
	acres..	10 569	—	(D)	1 415	4 422	3 482	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres .....		1	—	—	1	—	—	—
25 to 99 acres .....		5	—	2	—	1	2	—
100 to 249 acres .....		12	—	4	—	4	2	—
250 to 499 acres .....		10	—	—	3	5	2	—
500 acres or more .....		5	—	—	—	2	2	1
Cotton .....	farms..	214	1	12	49	46	53	53
	acres..	42 213	(D)	(D)	5 405	17 792	10 546	7 464
	bales..	74 382	(D)	(D)	8 591	33 781	17 976	12 372
Irrigated .....	farms..	15	—	1	1	6	4	3
	acres..	11 439	—	(D)	(D)	6 645	(D)	2 738
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres .....		53	—	4	18	9	9	13
25 to 99 acres .....		86	1	5	15	23	16	26
100 to 249 acres .....		38	—	2	9	5	16	6
250 to 499 acres .....		19	—	1	5	2	6	5
500 acres or more .....		18	—	—	2	7	6	3
Soybeans for beans .....	farms..	1 025	20	86	216	302	243	158
	acres..	207 431	1 922	12 102	42 732	62 295	62 835	25 545
	bushels..	5 594 817	60 905	299 168	1 163 393	1 682 585	1 708 514	680 252
Irrigated .....	farms..	68	1	5	17	21	18	6
	acres..	25 706	(D)	(D)	5 030	7 461	9 454	2 667
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres .....		210	4	17	35	49	55	50
25 to 99 acres .....		409	9	33	89	128	91	59
100 to 249 acres .....		234	4	25	52	74	54	25
250 to 499 acres .....		94	3	5	22	29	22	13
500 acres or more .....		78	—	6	18	22	21	11
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms..	13	—	—	2	1	5	5
	acres..	41	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	4
	cwt..	1 634	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	325
Irrigated .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sweetpotatoes .....	farms..	17	2	—	7	1	3	4
	acres..	842	(D)	—	114	(D)	366	(D)
	bushels..	169 950	(D)	—	9 540	(D)	81 760	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—</b>								
<b>Con.</b>								
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms . . .	13 999	5 907	30	208	600	912	1 414	2 743
acres . . .	648 809	344 511	2 014	13 164	45 824	65 313	87 747	130 449
tons, dry . . .	1 486 117	810 538	4 748	34 133	113 374	157 167	205 894	295 222
Irrigated . . . farms . . .	25	12	—	1	1	1	5	4
acres . . .	1 008	703	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	530	100
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres . . .	6 217	2 138	9	70	171	262	466	1 160
25 to 99 acres . . .	6 176	2 789	14	100	276	442	689	1 268
100 to 249 acres . . .	1 367	807	5	28	125	172	210	267
250 to 499 acres . . .	188	136	2	9	20	27	39	39
500 acres or more . . .	51	37	—	1	8	9	10	9
Tame hay other than alfalfa, small grain, and wild hay (see text) . . . farms . . .	10 517	4 538	25	169	487	721	1 092	2 044
acres . . .	469 646	252 732	1 711	9 964	33 599	48 449	63 825	95 184
tons, dry . . .	1 160 675	637 974	4 234	25 881	88 623	126 214	160 758	232 264
Irrigated . . . farms . . .	20	7	—	—	—	—	5	2
acres . . .	925	620	—	—	—	—	(D)	(D)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . farms . . .	507	228	—	15	19	38	54	102
acres . . .	7 280	5 166	—	1 132	1 137	912	912	1 073
Irrigated . . . farms . . .	70	37	—	5	2	10	9	11
acres . . .	793	665	—	383	(D)	59	154	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres . . .	283	116	—	3	6	17	26	64
5.0 to 24.9 acres . . .	166	77	—	5	9	15	18	30
25.0 to 99.9 acres . . .	43	21	—	4	2	2	7	6
100.0 to 249.9 acres . . .	10	9	—	1	1	3	3	1
250.0 acres or more . . .	5	5	—	2	1	1	—	1
Land in orchards . . . farms . . .	902	357	—	11	28	61	85	172
acres . . .	13 428	7 131	—	151	669	2 184	1 672	2 455
Irrigated . . . farms . . .	106	45	—	3	6	4	10	22
acres . . .	744	362	—	18	200	21	21	102
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres . . .	445	174	—	3	9	30	40	92
5.0 to 24.9 acres . . .	331	116	—	5	11	17	29	54
25.0 to 99.9 acres . . .	107	52	—	3	6	7	12	24
100.0 to 249.9 acres . . .	13	10	—	—	2	4	3	1
250.0 acres or more . . .	6	5	—	—	—	3	1	1

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