

**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	98 860	98 082	106 105	547	420	375
Harvested cropland	28 826 188 farms... acres... 12 449 272	28 546 875 farms... acres... 12 158 832	29 209 187 farms... acres... 11 655 304	103 466 farms... acres... 31 868	82 327 farms... acres... 28 063	72 667 farms... acres... 34 985
Full owners	65 924	63 421	70 551	407	291	276
Harvested cropland	12 281 798 farms... acres... 44 041 3 522 301	11 745 633 farms... acres... 44 350 3 380 487	12 783 089 farms... acres... 49 387 3 565 126	56 699 farms... acres... 12 948	40 752 farms... acres... 9 065	50 303 farms... acres... 24 011
Part owners	25 743	26 498	26 116	112	92	72
Harvested cropland	14 300 732 farms... acres... 22 882 7 542 950	14 365 319 farms... acres... 23 710 7 302 761	13 560 367 farms... acres... 23 456 6 480 963	43 172 farms... acres... 93 16 908	36 144 farms... acres... 76 15 672	19 721 farms... acres... 62 9 513
Tenants	7 193	8 163	9 438	28	37	27
Harvested cropland	2 243 658 farms... acres... 5 393 1 384 021	2 435 923 farms... acres... 6 180 1 475 584	2 865 731 farms... acres... 7 553 1 609 215	3 595 farms... acres... 13 2 012	5 431 farms... acres... 32 3 326	2 643 farms... acres... 19 1 461
Percent of tenancy	7.3	8.3	8.9	5.1	8.8	7.2
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	72 622	72 664	77 539	383	296	245
Not on farm operated	19 385	18 482	19 983	111	91	101
Not reported	6 853	6 936	8 583	53	33	29
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	44 751	49 248	53 694	194	165	162
Other	54 109	48 834	52 411	353	255	213
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	36 025	38 371	40 016	134	137	109
Any	57 118	53 243	58 409	375	262	233
1 to 49 days	4 847	4 711	5 697	29	21	21
50 to 99 days	2 558	2 550	2 963	17	15	18
100 to 149 days	2 955	2 897	3 303	26	21	7
150 to 199 days	5 380	5 286	5 521	38	22	20
200 days or more	41 378	37 799	40 925	265	183	167
Not reported	5 717	6 468	7 680	38	21	33
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	4 900	5 049	5 667	35	25	30
3 or 4 years	6 846	6 734	6 215	58	57	23
5 to 9 years	13 782	12 874	14 194	97	65	68
10 years or more	57 593	56 933	61 046	250	182	168
Average years on present farm	20.4	19.9	19.4	14.5	14.9	14.8
Not reported	15 739	16 492	18 983	107	91	86
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	1 257	1 662	2 023	9	—	2
25 to 34 years	7 133	9 296	11 748	23	35	28
35 to 44 years	18 523	18 109	19 210	109	100	74
45 to 49 years	10 977	10 157	11 206	84	42	54
50 to 54 years	11 308	11 001	11 500	84	70	56
55 to 59 years	11 482	10 832	12 208	67	42	33
60 to 64 years	10 710	10 752	12 213	64	45	35
65 to 69 years	9 609	9 689	10 172	46	35	31
70 years and over	17 861	16 584	15 825	61	51	62
Average age	54.7	53.8	52.9	53.0	52.6	53.8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	90 823	90 965	99 684	469	365	335
Female	27 280 499 farms... acres... 8 037 1 545 689	27 157 812 farms... acres... 7 117 1 389 063	28 039 535 farms... acres... 6 421 1 169 652	89 527 farms... acres... 78 13 939	70 266 farms... acres... 55 12 061	67 756 farms... acres... 40 4 911
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):</b>						
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	444	266	197	49	26	12
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	130 454	80 489	47 912	4 662	2 151	879
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	84 921	69 834	72 722	395	229	191
	13 495	27 982	33 186	103	165	172
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	87 919	86 776	94 574	505	388	348
Partnership	22 877 627 farms... acres... 7 708 3 544 417	22 718 187 farms... acres... 8 537 3 700 419	23 514 049 farms... acres... 9 050 3 876 692	96 234 farms... acres... 27 4 938	70 184 farms... acres... 18 6 626	66 114 farms... acres... 19 4 731
Corporation	2 543	2 283	2 096	9	12	4
Family held:	2 166 732	1 952 632	1 705 404	1 475	(D)	612
More than 10 stockholders	48	60	42	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	43 874 farms... acres... 2 314 1 996 527	55 457 farms... acres... 2 011 1 771 226	27 190 farms... acres... 1 912 1 589 004	— farms... acres... 7 (D)	— farms... acres... 7 4 777	— farms... acres... 4 612
Other than family held:	14	25	16	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	38 136	20 357	15 344	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	167	187	126	2	5	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	88 195	105 592	73 866	(D)	(D)	—
	690	486	385	6	2	4
	237 412	175 637	113 042	819	(D)	1 210

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