

**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 .....	98 860	44 751	512	2 288	5 843	7 076	10 107	18 925
number .....								
percent .....	100.0	45.3	.5	2.3	5.9	7.2	10.2	19.1
Land in farms .....	28 826 188	19 865 433	162 375	987 342	3 508 523	4 326 396	4 975 699	5 905 098
acres .....								
Average size of farm .....	292	444	317	432	600	611	492	312
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>								
Total sales (see text) .....	98 860	44 751	512	2 288	5 843	7 076	10 107	18 925
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	5 367 813	4 443 820	38 419	285 845	949 083	1 415 494	958 293	796 686
Average per farm .....	54 297	99 301	75 037	124 932	162 431	200 042	94 815	42 097
dollars .....								
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	13 690	2 780	18	89	235	324	537	1 577
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	11 349	2 697	25	85	219	302	592	1 474
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	13 981	4 117	36	111	280	421	891	2 378
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	15 962	6 074	54	202	385	597	1 329	3 507
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	14 198	6 840	99	233	553	760	1 471	3 724
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	3 665	2 010	28	84	196	238	460	1 004
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	6 230	3 781	53	229	475	546	858	1 620
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	2 571	1 704	22	116	241	276	426	623
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	6 529	5 056	74	380	890	1 033	1 153	1 526
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	6 415	5 758	66	468	1 370	1 444	1 425	985
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	2 579	2 409	23	169	590	680	616	331
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	1 213	1 115	13	92	299	335	251	125
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	394	344	1	29	98	93	84	39
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	54	43	-	1	6	16	13	7
\$5,000,000 or more .....	30	23	-	-	6	11	1	5
Grains .....	28 056	18 281	310	1 234	3 300	3 603	3 989	5 845
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	1 887 939	1 671 300	20 601	108 359	404 438	448 771	408 791	280 340
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	8 872	7 946	102	568	1 892	2 055	1 899	1 430
\$1,000 .....	1 605 690	1 494 532	17 196	95 889	376 690	419 093	371 120	214 544
Corn for grain .....	15 888	11 371	191	801	2 339	2 400	2 481	3 159
\$1,000 .....	612 057	547 833	7 923	36 917	139 218	146 634	127 765	89 375
Wheat .....	12 282	9 262	116	595	1 815	2 004	2 060	2 672
\$1,000 .....	161 129	142 404	1 418	8 343	33 368	38 135	35 036	26 104
Soybeans .....	24 156	16 390	274	1 111	3 059	3 317	3 619	5 010
\$1,000 .....	1 004 402	879 555	10 639	54 658	205 804	234 189	221 818	152 447
Sorghum for grain .....	3 043	2 277	24	148	499	528	565	513
\$1,000 .....	52 905	46 322	(D)	2 776	10 948	(D)	12 524	7 509
Barley .....	34	21	-	-	6	1	5	9
\$1,000 .....	140	93	-	-	36	(D)	(D)	25
Oats .....	397	304	1	29	52	54	55	113
\$1,000 .....	1 066	854	(D)	87	243	(D)	(D)	249
Other grains .....	546	504	12	52	131	143	105	61
\$1,000 .....	56 240	54 239	385	5 578	14 821	17 306	11 520	4 630
Cotton and cottonseed .....	863	748	22	78	164	189	188	107
\$1,000 .....	174 980	167 753	1 459	12 988	41 832	50 584	42 537	18 353
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	598	559	8	54	129	157	148	63
\$1,000 .....	168 907	163 290	1 189	12 438	41 086	49 737	41 462	17 377
Tobacco .....	480	268	7	20	46	61	69	65
\$1,000 .....	10 141	7 673	274	737	1 994	2 346	1 343	979
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	50	46	1	6	11	15	8	5
\$1,000 .....	4 985	4 661	(D)	522	1 423	1 677	496	(D)
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	21 679	10 233	79	543	1 422	1 635	2 245	4 309
\$1,000 .....	103 167	65 168	357	3 702	10 431	14 667	14 302	21 709
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	139	122	-	6	26	28	29	33
\$1,000 .....	13 717	12 009	-	474	1 894	4 800	2 241	2 600
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	858	546	8	44	149	128	96	121
\$1,000 .....	18 718	16 412	(D)	1 282	6 172	4 261	3 184	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	77	69	1	7	23	21	14	3
\$1,000 .....	13 228	12 281	(D)	893	5 108	3 157	2 469	(D)
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	662	338	3	10	55	59	81	130
\$1,000 .....	13 339	10 055	3	149	1 715	2 254	5 035	899
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	41	30	-	1	3	11	11	4
\$1,000 .....	10 679	8 508	-	(D)	(D)	1 983	4 630	302
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	1 062	428	7	21	92	98	98	112
\$1,000 .....	89 056	71 799	963	2 548	23 255	18 672	14 966	11 393
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	213	143	4	5	33	44	32	25
\$1,000 .....	81 156	68 275	910	2 359	22 282	17 960	14 236	10 528
Other crops .....	122	90	-	7	25	19	18	21
\$1,000 .....	9 669	9 357	-	(D)	1 482	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	13	11	-	1	3	3	3	1
\$1,000 .....	9 247	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Poultry and poultry products .....	2 273	1 304	14	141	295	310	306	238
\$1,000 .....	752 939	549 153	3 763	54 840	138 407	152 610	99 665	99 868
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	872	692	6	84	188	184	152	78
\$1,000 .....	750 001	547 059	3 732	54 402	137 905	152 225	99 182	99 613
Dairy products .....	3 125	2 709	31	293	582	669	654	480
\$1,000 .....	295 743	274 153	2 529	24 020	62 069	72 767	70 884	41 883
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	1 949	1 815	19	191	424	478	447	256
\$1,000 .....	269 954	252 972	2 292	22 271	58 212	67 918	65 572	36 707
Cattle and calves .....	66 350	32 213	276	1 464	3 846	4 861	7 485	14 281
\$1,000 .....	1 130 653	797 476	4 278	29 985	136 851	175 496	195 891	254 974
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	3 348	2 737	17	112	483	609	713	803
\$1,000 .....	539 050	442 938	1 692	14 473	93 243	118 748	108 063	106 720

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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>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>							
Farms .....	54 109	745	4 845	12 680	15 209	12 085	8 545
number ..							
percent ..	54.7	.8	4.9	12.8	15.4	12.2	8.6
Land in farms .....	8 960 755	77 257	611 561	1 933 602	2 573 336	2 252 750	1 512 249
acres ..							
Average size of farm .....	166	104	126	152	169	186	177
acres ..							
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>							
Total sales (see text) .....	54 109	745	4 845	12 680	15 209	12 085	8 545
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	923 993	9 728	67 757	247 432	295 553	182 953	120 571
Average per farm .....	17 077	13 058	13 985	19 514	19 433	15 139	14 110
dollars ..							
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	10 910	107	863	2 378	2 934	2 413	2 215
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	8 652	162	889	2 249	2 352	1 770	1 230
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	9 864	125	938	2 273	2 835	2 173	1 520
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	9 888	155	874	2 322	2 765	2 247	1 525
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	7 358	95	626	1 634	2 096	1 798	1 109
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 655	24	172	398	465	375	221
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	2 449	30	191	594	779	552	303
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	867	16	91	202	232	200	126
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 473	22	118	371	469	339	154
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	657	6	63	169	179	154	86
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	170	—	10	45	48	33	34
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	98	3	5	21	33	24	12
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	50	—	4	15	18	5	8
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	11	—	1	5	2	1	2
\$5,000,000 or more .....	7	—	—	4	2	1	—
Grains .....	9 775	201	888	2 236	2 811	2 178	1 461
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	216 639	2 986	16 528	53 099	62 671	49 381	31 974
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	926	11	77	245	280	200	113
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	111 158	924	6 808	28 406	32 109	25 823	17 088
Corn for grain .....	4 517	99	431	1 078	1 299	945	665
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	64 224	1 053	5 008	16 543	18 031	13 882	9 708
Wheat .....	3 020	61	246	733	905	647	428
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	18 725	247	1 244	4 439	5 696	4 162	2 936
Soybeans .....	7 766	155	727	1 779	2 258	1 719	1 128
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	124 847	1 552	9 729	29 927	35 925	29 101	18 612
Sorghum for grain .....	766	23	57	177	242	162	105
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	6 583	111	454	1 443	2 252	1 703	620
Barley .....	13	—	2	4	4	2	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	48	—	(D)	8	5	(D)	(D)
Oats .....	93	3	12	23	27	17	11
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	212	(D)	(D)	70	62	(D)	13
Other grains .....	42	1	3	9	19	7	3
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	2 000	(D)	73	669	699	471	(D)
Cotton and cottonseed .....	115	2	4	29	35	30	15
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	7 227	(D)	(D)	1 673	2 018	(D)	1 988
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	39	—	2	11	10	5	11
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	5 617	—	(D)	1 365	1 464	(D)	1 947
Tobacco .....	212	9	27	48	50	49	29
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	2 468	46	370	568	743	514	228
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	4	—	1	1	2	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	324	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	11 446	109	1 032	2 879	3 256	2 370	1 800
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	37 999	373	3 236	9 322	10 425	8 114	6 530
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	17	—	2	4	1	7	3
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 709	—	(D)	301	(D)	605	492
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	312	5	32	80	81	75	39
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	2 306	152	97	653	557	510	339
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	8	2	—	3	1	1	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	947	(D)	—	367	(D)	(D)	(D)
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	324	—	20	78	103	81	42
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	3 284	—	179	552	1 420	806	328
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	11	—	2	4	1	3	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	2 171	—	(D)	283	(D)	525	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	634	5	50	138	199	154	88
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	17 257	(D)	(D)	2 432	5 157	4 874	3 380
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	70	1	6	13	22	21	7
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	12 881	(D)	(D)	1 404	3 869	3 659	2 916
Other crops .....	32	—	4	6	11	5	6
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	312	—	(D)	15	46	(D)	50
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Poultry and poultry products .....	969	12	116	316	285	167	73
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	203 786	1 749	14 245	73 663	92 986	11 674	9 467
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	180	4	25	57	54	28	12
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	202 942	1 729	14 118	73 450	92 651	11 564	9 430
Dairy products .....	416	7	63	94	110	86	56
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	21 590	244	1 606	3 636	5 549	5 510	5 047
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	134	2	12	23	38	38	21
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	16 982	(D)	(D)	2 513	4 246	4 509	4 342
Cattle and calves .....	34 137	480	3 276	8 320	9 794	7 563	4 704
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	333 177	3 046	23 581	71 091	91 989	88 601	54 869
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	611	8	41	128	172	163	99
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	96 112	511	3 428	16 326	22 592	32 512	20 744

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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>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs .....	farms.. 5 183	3 583	63	341	839	823	770	747
	\$1,000.. 843 264	781 713	3 799	45 521	114 252	462 558	94 816	60 767
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 1 645	1 482	18	157	375	412	343	177
	\$1,000.. 798 977	748 523	3 197	42 121	106 275	455 923	87 621	53 386
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	farms.. 1 872	862	8	54	136	155	197	312
	\$1,000.. 4 718	2 889	(D)	(D)	705	(D)	(D)	818
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 5	5	—	—	3	2	—	—
	\$1,000.. 445	445	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	farms.. 4 312	1 552	10	93	271	369	361	448
	\$1,000.. 33 488	18 920	23	713	5 479	6 418	3 203	3 084
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 79	60	—	3	18	23	11	5
	\$1,000.. 18 641	12 628	—	415	4 568	4 563	1 427	1 654
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	farms.. 2 943	1 319	15	105	245	256	296	402
	\$1,000.. 8 774	5 838	12	277	1 181	1 775	1 371	1 222
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>								
Total farm production expenses .....	farms.. 98 852	44 298	605	2 207	5 798	7 151	9 669	18 868
	\$1,000.. 4 214 996	3 325 231	32 107	218 653	709 261	1 048 560	696 409	620 241
Average per farm .....	dollars.. 42 639	75 065	53 070	99 073	122 329	146 631	72 025	32 873
Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms.. 29 162	14 595	195	931	2 251	2 820	3 416	4 982
	\$1,000.. 574 610	444 029	1 963	23 600	75 336	184 486	73 373	85 272
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	19 521	8 249	120	498	1 124	1 380	1 964	3 163
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	6 624	3 940	50	256	615	822	939	1 258
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	2 301	1 802	23	117	383	464	354	461
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	474	408	2	43	88	94	117	64
\$250,000 or more .....	242	196	—	17	41	60	42	36
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms.. 61 570	29 112	285	1 433	3 739	4 803	6 732	12 120
	\$1,000.. 1 056 896	846 869	6 649	72 149	197 484	257 555	167 973	145 058
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	48 131	19 252	190	716	1 821	2 610	4 303	9 612
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	9 049	6 004	52	369	1 010	1 191	1 457	1 925
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	2 966	2 627	33	224	592	666	685	427
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	676	597	4	50	148	149	155	91
\$250,000 or more .....	748	632	6	74	168	187	132	65
Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms.. 37 852	18 211	141	941	2 496	3 306	4 550	6 777
	\$1,000.. 803 838	643 572	4 591	58 795	149 800	202 420	127 625	100 341
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	30 413	12 405	87	482	1 312	1 944	3 014	5 566
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	4 517	3 242	40	234	586	650	876	856
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 912	1 721	6	124	391	468	477	255
\$100,000 or more .....	1 010	843	8	101	207	244	183	100
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms.. 36 850	22 456	416	1 475	3 855	4 348	4 897	7 465
	\$1,000.. 167 388	144 868	2 103	10 251	35 270	39 388	33 741	24 115
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	17 090	7 553	139	372	758	1 074	1 607	3 603
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	11 632	7 727	173	549	1 394	1 314	1 617	2 680
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	6 794	5 918	84	446	1 373	1 571	1 405	1 039
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 016	957	17	94	242	301	196	107
\$50,000 or more .....	318	301	3	14	88	88	72	36
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms.. 61 078	32 412	417	1 724	4 634	5 654	7 224	12 759
	\$1,000.. 345 941	281 768	3 153	17 969	59 846	72 909	67 881	60 011
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	46 251	20 040	262	914	2 084	2 704	4 341	9 735
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	11 894	9 596	134	606	1 869	2 152	2 181	2 654
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 910	1 802	14	137	426	503	468	254
\$50,000 or more .....	1 023	974	7	67	255	295	234	116
Agricultural chemicals .....	farms.. 34 788	20 869	376	1 297	3 510	4 011	4 681	6 994
	\$1,000.. 230 054	201 082	2 522	13 660	48 731	55 100	48 928	32 142
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	25 311	12 798	255	660	1 658	1 913	2 808	5 504
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	7 090	5 818	102	464	1 237	1 453	1 309	1 253
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 601	1 493	14	131	393	414	380	161
\$50,000 or more .....	786	760	5	42	222	231	184	76
Petroleum products .....	farms.. 91 166	42 444	586	2 146	5 579	6 928	9 329	17 876
	\$1,000.. 208 015	161 051	1 884	8 976	32 146	45 503	35 785	36 757
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	81 942	34 142	487	1 599	3 621	4 645	7 439	16 351
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	8 482	7 605	91	511	1 787	2 058	1 724	1 434
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	571	546	7	32	146	170	128	63
\$50,000 or more .....	171	151	1	4	25	55	38	28
Gasoline and gasohol .....	farms.. 75 574	35 923	435	1 719	4 720	5 954	8 048	15 047
	\$1,000.. 72 625	51 285	633	2 560	9 324	12 725	11 426	14 618
Diesel fuel .....	farms.. 60 038	31 562	464	1 684	4 744	5 553	7 301	11 816
	\$1,000.. 91 278	75 031	864	4 234	16 292	21 375	17 178	15 087
Natural gas .....	farms.. 1 566	997	19	131	170	182	186	309
	\$1,000.. 6 320	4 917	42	229	380	2 841	564	860
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. ....	farms.. 64 260	34 901	444	1 864	4 986	5 992	7 903	13 712
	\$1,000.. 37 793	29 818	344	1 953	6 151	8 562	6 616	6 192

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		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..	1 600	55	193	517	460	254	121
\$1,000..	61 551	489	5 849	25 378	17 425	8 929	3 480
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	163	—	18	57	46	28	14
\$1,000..	50 454	—	4 569	21 863	14 362	7 010	2 649
Sheep, lambs, and wool .. farms..	1 010	16	79	302	345	171	97
\$1,000..	1 828	15	133	460	698	386	136
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .. farms..	2 760	27	284	810	917	504	218
\$1,000..	14 568	56	860	4 891	3 871	2 136	2 754
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	19	—	2	3	8	3	3
\$1,000..	6 013	—	(D)	(D)	782	439	(D)
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .. farms..	1 624	12	175	535	499	273	130
\$1,000..	2 936	24	241	671	829	970	200
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
Total farm production expenses .. farms..	54 554	966	5 101	12 781	14 813	12 428	8 465
\$1,000..	889 765	12 202	75 595	236 091	283 019	176 313	106 546
Average per farm .. dollars..	16 310	12 631	14 820	18 472	19 106	14 187	12 587
Livestock and poultry purchased .. farms..	14 567	294	1 789	4 197	3 955	2 940	1 392
\$1,000..	130 581	1 405	10 342	39 814	39 791	23 150	16 080
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	11 272	235	1 383	3 376	3 062	2 196	1 020
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	2 684	47	342	671	720	598	306
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	499	11	57	121	143	118	49
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	66	1	3	13	16	21	12
\$250,000 or more ..	46	—	4	16	14	7	5
Feed for livestock and poultry .. farms..	32 458	543	3 388	8 349	9 182	7 089	3 907
\$1,000..	210 028	2 971	20 493	53 808	82 593	31 377	18 785
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	28 879	466	3 071	7 456	8 130	6 292	3 464
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	3 045	65	248	746	901	696	389
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	339	8	45	91	90	73	32
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	79	2	11	20	24	11	11
\$250,000 or more ..	116	2	13	36	37	17	11
Commercially mixed formula feeds .. farms..	19 641	272	2 089	5 280	5 615	4 171	2 214
\$1,000..	160 266	2 325	16 550	42 694	68 710	18 620	11 366
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	18 008	240	1 922	4 854	5 191	3 806	1 995
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 275	21	116	320	317	310	191
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	191	7	27	57	55	32	13
\$100,000 or more ..	167	4	24	49	52	23	15
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .. farms..	14 394	347	1 466	3 537	4 237	3 040	1 767
\$1,000..	22 520	401	2 010	4 978	6 305	5 498	3 329
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 ..	9 537	242	1 038	2 396	2 772	1 967	1 122
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	3 905	89	304	953	1 217	824	518
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	876	16	122	170	231	219	118
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	59	—	2	16	14	23	4
\$50,000 or more ..	17	—	—	2	3	7	5
Commercial fertilizer .. farms..	28 666	444	2 732	6 873	8 070	6 705	3 842
\$1,000..	64 173	866	5 414	14 413	18 252	15 896	9 332
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	26 211	401	2 498	6 285	7 361	6 113	3 553
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	2 298	42	233	559	665	546	253
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	108	1	1	18	36	29	23
\$50,000 or more ..	49	—	—	11	8	17	13
Agricultural chemicals .. farms..	13 919	294	1 336	3 245	3 976	3 111	1 957
\$1,000..	28 972	540	2 858	6 043	7 801	7 301	4 429
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	12 513	272	1 192	2 937	3 578	2 769	1 765
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	1 272	22	130	285	368	301	166
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	108	—	14	16	27	33	18
\$50,000 or more ..	26	—	—	7	3	8	8
Petroleum products .. farms..	48 722	880	4 566	11 530	13 445	11 149	7 152
\$1,000..	46 964	925	3 948	11 152	14 153	10 097	6 689
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	47 800	861	4 486	11 331	13 205	10 936	6 981
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	877	19	78	187	225	203	165
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	25	—	2	8	6	6	3
\$50,000 or more ..	20	—	—	4	9	4	3
Gasoline and gasohol .. farms..	39 651	707	3 762	9 539	10 948	8 819	5 876
\$1,000..	21 339	437	1 854	5 083	6 118	4 668	3 180
Diesel fuel .. farms..	28 476	523	2 770	6 788	8 268	6 596	3 531
\$1,000..	16 247	329	1 377	3 955	4 558	3 805	2 224
Natural gas .. farms..	569	7	58	119	122	76	187
\$1,000..	1 403	5	39	250	827	141	141
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. .. farms..	29 359	552	2 711	7 013	8 480	6 745	3 858
\$1,000..	7 975	154	678	1 864	2 651	1 484	1 143

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 . . . . .	61 727	32 522	305	1 554	4 595	5 573	7 475	13 020
Electricity . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	59 481	45 572	386	2 095	7 800	16 480	9 014	9 797
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	49 166	22 422	150	947	2 458	3 163	5 040	10 664
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	11 247	8 945	143	526	1 836	2 063	2 176	2 201
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 239	1 097	12	80	291	323	250	141
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	42	35	—	1	8	9	7	10
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	33	23	—	—	2	15	2	4
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	25 156	14 572	182	764	2 509	3 165	3 214	4 738
Hired farm labor . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	253 888	217 496	1 067	9 564	39 657	91 362	42 464	33 381
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	18 980	9 314	145	429	1 425	1 662	1 951	3 702
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	4 111	3 388	19	217	685	946	797	724
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	1 799	1 639	17	106	338	496	408	274
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	198	179	1	8	47	45	49	29
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	68	52	—	4	14	16	9	9
Workers by days worked:								
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	8 482	5 967	54	299	1 195	1 548	1 385	1 486
150 days or more . . . . . workers . . . . .	17 225	13 556	85	580	2 772	4 776	2 763	2 580
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	22 858	12 729	175	667	2 107	2 690	2 729	4 361
Less than 150 days . . . . . workers . . . . .	54 220	33 086	317	1 765	6 398	7 612	7 507	9 487
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	8 751	4 863	88	263	791	946	1 269	1 506
Contract labor . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	24 438	17 946	174	1 079	3 732	4 700	4 557	3 704
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	4 208	1 893	43	94	218	307	510	721
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 396	2 088	35	109	395	384	526	639
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 046	802	10	56	158	228	212	138
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	69	55	—	3	15	18	15	4
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	32	25	—	1	5	9	6	4
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	76 985	37 762	422	1 875	5 206	6 389	8 589	15 281
Repair and maintenance . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	283 364	214 918	2 100	10 932	43 643	58 041	49 452	50 750
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	62 975	26 422	283	1 193	2 749	3 632	5 833	12 732
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	12 485	9 920	125	621	2 111	2 310	2 431	2 322
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	1 133	1 061	12	36	255	343	235	180
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	392	359	2	25	91	104	90	47
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	28 696	15 770	224	792	2 235	2 901	3 451	6 167
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	80 440	60 698	884	4 378	11 855	16 076	13 261	14 243
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	14 162	6 070	53	242	676	929	1 289	2 881
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	10 865	6 688	88	326	918	1 191	1 509	2 656
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	3 280	2 677	81	192	561	679	576	588
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	295	252	2	20	61	82	55	32
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	94	83	—	12	19	20	22	10
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	45 114	21 823	340	1 490	4 268	4 906	5 271	5 548
Interest . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	312 483	221 006	2 686	13 321	49 573	69 334	50 608	35 484
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	28 690	11 181	192	740	1 655	2 022	2 791	3 781
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	14 199	8 628	123	640	2 145	2 286	1 943	1 491
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	2 107	1 907	24	106	449	561	513	254
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	118	107	1	4	19	37	24	22
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	33 122	15 166	173	909	2 993	3 684	3 835	3 572
Secured by real estate . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	211 279	140 567	1 556	7 106	28 171	47 362	33 302	23 070
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	4 955	1 699	8	64	253	254	441	679
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	16 376	6 176	73	360	1 035	1 479	1 598	1 631
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	10 597	6 236	75	438	1 499	1 619	1 487	1 118
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	919	802	16	41	152	244	238	111
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	275	253	1	6	54	88	71	33
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	25 032	13 903	253	1 071	2 901	3 192	3 189	3 297
Not secured by real estate . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	101 204	80 439	1 130	6 215	21 402	21 972	17 306	12 414
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	9 238	3 781	56	231	531	612	853	1 498
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	10 428	5 533	124	451	1 139	1 313	1 323	1 183
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	4 814	4 082	66	354	1 089	1 119	894	560
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	403	371	7	25	97	113	93	36
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	149	136	—	10	45	35	26	20
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	18 556	10 827	260	865	2 385	2 580	2 491	2 246
Cash rent . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	148 276	126 166	2 641	12 672	36 003	34 732	26 789	13 330
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	12 870	6 138	153	368	1 079	1 328	1 476	1 734
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	2 318	1 661	42	145	459	399	390	226
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 981	1 710	46	180	466	481	372	165
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	1 387	1 318	19	172	381	372	253	121
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	95 852	43 187	485	2 015	5 572	6 980	9 555	18 580
Property taxes . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	101 922	63 618	485	2 284	9 408	14 968	14 544	21 928
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	93 888	41 580	472	1 959	5 276	6 570	9 121	18 182
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	1 511	1 217	6	44	220	295	342	310
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	383	336	7	12	64	91	86	76
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	70	54	—	—	12	24	6	12
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	87 172	41 301	530	2 121	5 546	6 828	9 101	17 175
All other farm production expenses . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	367 800	278 144	3 409	15 726	58 776	87 926	58 038	54 269
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	74 165	30 389	370	1 415	3 180	4 047	6 430	14 947
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	10 838	8 911	122	579	1 873	2 209	2 188	1 940
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	1 412	1 308	20	84	317	366	330	191
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	531	496	18	28	125	140	118	67
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	226	197	—	15	51	66	35	30

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	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 . . . . .	29 205	449	2 702	6 780	8 638	6 734	3 902
\$1,000 . . . . .	13 908	168	1 028	3 222	4 659	2 937	1 895
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	26 744	397	2 487	6 272	7 883	6 170	3 535
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 302	51	210	460	708	536	337
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	142	1	4	42	42	26	27
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	7	—	1	3	—	1	2
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	10	—	—	3	5	1	1
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	10 584	193	813	2 726	3 151	2 308	1 393
\$1,000 . . . . .	36 392	241	1 374	8 647	10 912	9 021	6 197
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	9 666	190	754	2 523	2 901	2 048	1 250
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	723	2	48	175	195	205	98
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	160	1	11	20	44	47	37
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	19	—	—	3	6	5	5
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	16	—	—	5	5	3	3
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 515	43	137	608	699	583	445
workers . . . . .	3 669	53	157	837	1 085	842	695
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	10 129	182	798	2 640	2 970	2 214	1 325
workers . . . . .	21 134	383	1 666	5 915	6 106	4 742	2 322
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	3 888	34	326	932	1 132	920	544
\$1,000 . . . . .	6 493	51	372	1 390	1 712	1 878	1 090
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	2 315	25	218	638	667	467	300
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 308	7	105	258	386	355	197
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	244	2	2	32	76	89	43
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	14	—	—	1	2	8	2
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	7	—	—	3	1	1	2
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	39 223	662	3 616	9 255	11 166	9 187	5 337
\$1,000 . . . . .	68 446	1 203	5 332	15 700	20 610	16 212	9 388
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	36 553	593	3 396	8 629	10 390	8 590	4 955
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	2 565	68	217	611	732	570	367
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	72	1	3	5	36	22	5
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	33	—	—	10	8	5	10
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	12 926	206	1 145	3 026	3 610	3 052	1 887
\$1,000 . . . . .	19 742	431	1 587	3 730	5 612	4 883	3 498
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	8 092	105	799	2 044	2 102	1 975	1 067
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	4 177	84	287	898	1 280	920	708
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	603	17	48	73	226	142	97
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	43	—	11	9	1	9	13
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	11	—	—	2	1	6	2
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	23 291	388	2 660	6 560	7 377	4 526	1 780
\$1,000 . . . . .	91 478	1 036	9 278	25 756	29 268	18 347	7 792
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	17 509	322	2 035	4 841	5 433	3 456	1 422
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	5 571	65	600	1 684	1 906	1 010	306
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	200	1	25	34	35	56	49
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	11	—	—	1	3	4	3
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	17 956	191	1 930	5 212	5 906	3 477	1 240
\$1,000 . . . . .	70 713	712	7 192	19 670	23 438	14 405	5 295
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	3 256	29	378	850	963	714	322
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	10 200	117	1 074	3 042	3 358	1 949	660
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	4 361	45	454	1 300	1 567	768	227
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	117	—	24	16	13	38	26
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	22	—	—	4	5	8	5
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	11 129	229	1 409	3 120	3 315	2 221	835
\$1,000 . . . . .	20 765	324	2 086	6 086	5 830	3 942	2 497
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	5 457	142	806	1 410	1 587	1 109	403
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	4 895	76	518	1 461	1 497	996	347
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	732	10	85	236	225	106	70
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	32	1	—	7	6	8	10
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	13	—	—	6	—	2	5
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	7 729	324	1 165	2 288	2 055	1 487	410
\$1,000 . . . . .	22 109	555	2 767	6 176	7 793	3 260	1 558
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	6 732	314	1 030	1 959	1 698	1 362	369
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	657	—	77	227	258	79	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	271	10	58	83	68	35	17
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	69	—	—	19	31	11	8
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	52 665	686	4 783	12 307	14 505	12 234	8 150
\$1,000 . . . . .	38 303	366	2 806	7 976	11 241	9 702	6 211
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	52 308	685	4 758	12 267	14 385	12 148	8 065
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	294	1	25	24	97	72	75
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	47	—	—	14	17	9	7
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	16	—	—	2	6	5	3
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	45 871	757	4 270	10 968	12 618	10 503	6 755
\$1,000 . . . . .	89 656	1 041	5 986	33 285	22 317	16 754	10 274
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	43 776	723	4 078	10 479	11 927	10 076	6 493
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 927	33	186	440	655	387	226
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	104	—	6	29	20	27	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	35	1	—	8	10	8	8
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	29	—	—	12	6	5	6

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>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>								
All farms..... number..	98 856	44 300	605	2 208	5 798	7 151	9 670	18 868
..... \$1,000..	1 097 695	1 063 773	12 889	61 296	222 469	357 238	235 865	174 016
Average per farm..... dollars..	11 104	24 013	21 304	27 761	38 370	49 956	24 391	9 223
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	48 020	27 303	443	1 515	3 847	4 510	5 947	11 041
Average net gain..... dollars..	29 851	44 951	33 168	48 289	65 518	87 211	45 581	20 198
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	7 576	2 501	61	85	200	223	605	1 327
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	21 851	10 271	162	404	869	1 088	2 070	5 678
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	12 420	8 917	128	616	1 455	1 696	1 873	3 149
\$50,000 or more.....	6 173	5 614	92	410	1 323	1 503	1 399	887
Farms with net losses..... number..	50 836	16 997	162	693	1 951	2 641	3 723	7 827
Average net loss..... dollars..	6 604	9 621	11 139	17 116	15 162	13 662	9 456	6 259
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	9 823	2 651	21	49	158	285	550	1 588
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	33 219	10 593	93	416	1 092	1 518	2 320	5 154
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	7 184	3 270	43	187	589	675	762	1 014
\$50,000 or more.....	610	483	5	41	112	163	91	71
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>								
Government payments..... farms..	33 842	19 209	218	1 051	3 091	3 578	4 296	6 975
..... \$1,000..	198 124	140 236	1 048	7 311	25 546	33 840	34 451	38 041
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	28 173	16 633	203	825	2 483	2 855	3 706	6 561
..... \$1,000..	106 901	75 628	1 077	5 029	14 406	17 607	16 568	20 941
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	7 690	5 128	145	436	1 198	1 129	1 125	1 095
..... \$1,000..	47 327	37 652	1 003	3 502	10 239	8 876	8 167	5 865
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	7 874	3 312	7	126	301	469	587	1 822
..... \$1,000..	39 206	22 283	7	788	1 455	5 254	4 208	10 571
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	2 285	1 201	13	46	143	206	305	488
..... \$1,000..	8 443	5 662	28	75	686	1 175	1 649	2 049
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	16 463	11 444	106	502	1 702	1 981	2 677	4 476
..... \$1,000..	11 925	10 031	39	664	2 026	2 301	2 545	2 457
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>								
Total..... farms..	2 522	1 965	46	170	490	505	391	363
..... \$1,000..	77 896	72 712	1 250	5 343	18 375	22 624	15 251	9 869
Corn..... farms..	1 501	1 191	31	104	308	308	226	214
..... \$1,000..	24 523	22 702	491	1 587	5 782	7 128	4 913	2 800
Wheat..... farms..	612	488	13	37	120	122	89	107
..... \$1,000..	3 652	3 424	26	151	838	1 130	641	637
Soybeans..... farms..	1 318	1 029	27	91	240	272	205	194
..... \$1,000..	33 826	31 187	686	2 356	7 060	9 612	6 917	4 556
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	179	151	4	13	47	41	26	20
..... \$1,000..	1 673	1 528	(D)	104	491	414	375	(D)
Cotton..... farms..	185	163	5	20	46	35	36	21
..... \$1,000..	10 651	10 435	21	627	3 276	3 136	1 939	1 436
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	73	68	1	11	17	25	11	3
..... \$1,000..	3 572	3 437	(D)	517	928	1 205	465	(D)
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>								
Total cropland..... farms..	87 092	41 370	455	2 107	5 447	6 578	9 426	17 357
..... acres..	19 229 468	14 147 527	128 858	762 880	2 706 058	3 243 646	3 479 436	3 826 649
Harvested cropland..... farms..	72 316	37 210	424	1 955	5 077	6 050	8 549	15 155
..... acres..	12 449 272	10 062 985	105 813	604 172	2 158 397	2 494 126	2 475 593	2 224 884
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	32 821	11 228	103	450	968	1 247	2 411	6 049
50 to 99 acres.....	14 207	7 072	101	335	669	852	1 596	3 519
100 to 199 acres.....	10 482	6 407	69	332	818	967	1 513	2 708
200 to 499 acres.....	8 517	6 599	96	449	1 140	1 347	1 560	2 007
500 to 999 acres.....	3 863	3 578	36	258	905	937	867	575
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 892	1 817	15	109	440	540	467	246
2,000 acres or more.....	534	509	4	22	137	160	135	51
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	50 892	24 807	176	1 075	2 918	3 846	5 772	11 020
..... acres..	5 247 558	3 268 766	19 574	124 613	429 750	599 739	799 012	1 296 078
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	9 132	4 133	28	164	555	735	959	1 692
..... acres..	694 182	360 296	2 172	14 730	43 521	61 961	94 413	143 499
On which all crops failed..... farms..	1 439	893	8	43	163	197	202	280
..... acres..	61 591	41 068	144	2 212	7 637	10 707	9 873	10 495
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	914	599	6	42	87	84	139	241
..... acres..	48 254	37 779	438	2 222	7 361	5 097	8 978	13 683
Idle..... farms..	9 635	4 408	23	203	625	756	974	1 827
..... acres..	728 611	376 633	717	14 931	59 392	72 016	91 567	138 010
Total woodland..... farms..	53 573	24 684	172	1 001	2 889	3 816	5 917	10 889
..... acres..	4 575 445	2 517 280	15 140	78 932	322 036	440 033	665 266	995 873
Woodland pastured..... farms..	33 732	16 598	109	627	1 840	2 440	4 041	7 541
..... acres..	2 268 919	1 335 524	9 007	41 071	159 853	218 110	351 169	556 314
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	31 372	14 093	89	580	1 792	2 348	3 398	5 886
..... acres..	2 306 526	1 181 756	6 133	37 861	162 183	221 923	314 097	439 559

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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>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>							
All farms..... number..	54 556	966	5 101	12 781	14 815	12 428	8 465
..... \$1,000..	33 922	1 562	-1 072	2 600	8 531	9 680	12 620
Average per farm..... dollars..	622	1 617	-210	203	576	779	1 491
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	20 717	429	1 839	4 545	5 236	4 929	3 739
Average net gain..... dollars..	9 950	7 895	8 749	10 543	11 689	9 294	8 484
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	5 075	119	535	1 214	1 194	1 138	875
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	11 580	214	936	2 471	2 940	2 815	2 204
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	3 503	94	308	720	951	846	584
\$50,000 or more.....	559	2	60	140	151	130	76
Farms with net losses..... number..	33 839	537	3 262	8 236	9 579	7 499	4 726
Average net loss..... dollars..	5 089	3 399	5 261	5 502	5 499	4 818	4 042
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	7 172	153	599	1 552	1 703	1 733	1 432
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	22 626	351	2 219	5 643	6 522	4 959	2 932
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	3 914	32	433	1 009	1 328	777	335
\$50,000 or more.....	127	1	11	32	26	30	27
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>							
Government payments..... farms..	14 633	164	1 070	3 036	4 016	3 405	2 942
..... \$1,000..	57 888	315	2 910	10 541	15 094	14 712	14 316
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	11 540	151	959	2 562	3 147	2 749	1 972
..... \$1,000..	31 273	605	2 538	5 859	6 897	7 006	8 367
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	2 562	45	331	751	759	515	161
..... \$1,000..	9 675	539	1 532	2 800	2 411	1 550	842
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	4 562	15	340	778	1 065	1 205	1 159
..... \$1,000..	16 923	48	658	1 937	3 540	4 028	6 712
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	1 084	2	84	275	339	257	127
..... \$1,000..	2 781	(D)	(D)	793	602	665	577
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	5 019	97	425	1 102	1 398	1 214	783
..... \$1,000..	1 893	(D)	(D)	329	344	762	236
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>							
Total..... farms..	557	7	55	134	166	114	81
..... \$1,000..	5 185	39	317	1 291	1 951	1 150	436
Corn..... farms..	310	3	28	77	93	63	46
..... \$1,000..	1 821	(D)	(D)	370	692	476	(D)
Wheat..... farms..	124	3	11	26	36	32	16
..... \$1,000..	228	2	12	50	80	41	44
Soybeans..... farms..	289	1	37	71	87	52	41
..... \$1,000..	2 639	(D)	(D)	743	927	541	225
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	28	—	2	6	12	6	2
..... \$1,000..	145	—	(D)	21	88	(D)	(D)
Cotton..... farms..	22	—	1	3	8	10	—
..... \$1,000..	217	—	(D)	(D)	165	42	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	5	1	—	2	—	2	—
..... \$1,000..	134	(D)	—	(D)	—	(D)	—
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>							
Total cropland..... farms..	45 722	535	3 940	10 594	12 973	10 459	7 221
..... acres..	5 081 941	45 509	366 030	1 123 187	1 469 056	1 248 739	829 420
Harvested cropland..... farms..	35 106	432	3 135	8 356	10 118	8 000	5 065
..... acres..	2 386 287	26 545	187 184	569 286	694 685	564 583	344 004
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres.....	21 593	263	2 004	5 158	6 074	4 840	3 254
50 to 99 acres.....	7 135	79	605	1 636	2 121	1 698	996
100 to 199 acres.....	4 075	67	357	965	1 228	934	524
200 to 499 acres.....	1 918	20	143	511	599	434	211
500 to 999 acres.....	285	3	25	65	69	61	62
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	75	—	1	16	22	24	12
2,000 acres or more.....	25	—	—	5	5	9	6
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	26 085	254	2 224	6 173	7 671	6 012	3 751
..... acres..	1 978 792	16 268	143 109	429 523	582 834	499 800	307 258
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	4 999	34	296	964	1 413	1 229	1 063
..... acres..	333 886	1 258	17 428	59 238	90 101	83 194	82 667
On which all crops failed..... farms..	546	6	58	135	154	125	68
..... acres..	20 523	(D)	(D)	5 404	6 777	4 003	2 649
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	315	2	14	73	79	82	65
..... acres..	10 475	(D)	(D)	2 105	2 714	2 726	2 327
Idle..... farms..	5 227	33	293	997	1 513	1 262	1 129
..... acres..	351 978	1 091	16 363	57 631	91 945	94 433	90 515
Total woodland..... farms..	28 889	235	2 286	6 733	8 639	6 691	4 305
..... acres..	2 058 165	11 920	120 656	426 862	621 297	534 443	342 987
Woodland pastured..... farms..	17 134	161	1 424	4 007	5 109	4 002	2 431
..... acres..	933 395	7 458	57 343	199 055	277 479	242 217	149 843
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	17 279	102	1 278	4 018	5 221	4 005	2 655
..... acres..	1 124 770	4 462	63 313	227 807	343 818	292 226	193 144

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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>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	28 740	13 446	116	648	1 745	2 237	3 161	5 539
acres..	3 715 717	2 390 853	14 182	117 036	360 663	475 526	634 268	789 178
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	59 048	28 010	180	1 123	3 470	4 384	6 397	12 456
acres..	1 305 558	809 773	4 195	28 494	119 766	167 191	196 729	293 398
Irrigated land ..... farms..	2 891	2 205	38	178	532	599	495	363
acres..	881 924	839 942	6 995	64 419	226 583	272 514	181 264	88 167
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	2 796	2 163	37	173	521	590	490	352
acres..	877 722	837 398	(D)	(D)	226 038	271 974	180 602	87 636
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	149	79	1	7	20	19	16	16
acres..	4 202	2 544	(D)	(D)	545	540	662	531
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	14 780	6 558	35	225	794	1 088	1 484	2 932
acres..	1 476 609	757 722	2 882	22 425	93 047	136 549	186 237	316 582
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	98 856	44 300	605	2 208	5 798	7 151	9 670	18 868
\$1,000..	30 588 971	20 224 541	212 959	1 035 889	3 785 810	4 655 080	4 796 337	5 738 466
Average per farm ..... dollars..	309 430	456 536	351 999	469 153	652 951	650 969	496 002	304 137
Average per acre ..... dollars..	1 069	1 034	1 091	1 111	1 078	1 095	1 008	971
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	8 712	2 234	58	118	177	293	421	1 167
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	11 000	3 316	50	193	251	353	582	1 887
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	11 251	3 884	79	146	369	417	608	2 265
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	15 981	6 140	103	310	508	800	1 354	3 065
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	11 527	4 576	46	215	524	622	985	2 184
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	25 917	13 087	149	601	1 743	2 106	3 024	5 464
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	8 840	6 259	82	374	1 125	1 279	1 545	1 854
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	3 877	3 224	30	189	754	788	761	702
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	1 543	1 400	5	54	300	437	343	261
\$5,000,000 or more .....	208	180	3	8	47	56	47	19
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	98 855	44 299	605	2 208	5 798	7 150	9 670	18 868
\$1,000..	4 058 126	2 822 254	39 168	157 363	562 679	666 148	651 438	745 458
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	13 461	3 823	39	170	264	412	736	2 202
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	16 145	4 979	69	147	357	613	1 012	2 781
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	21 367	7 924	139	360	698	966	1 565	4 196
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	27 435	12 679	148	663	1 534	1 826	2 816	5 692
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	10 300	6 554	103	356	1 085	1 156	1 632	2 222
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	6 007	4 690	61	321	1 057	1 128	1 061	1 062
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	3 549	3 079	34	166	643	889	720	627
\$500,000 or more .....	591	571	12	25	160	160	128	86
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	88 476	41 502	557	2 075	5 576	6 875	9 201	17 218
number..	165 412	92 673	1 199	4 514	14 672	18 423	21 481	32 384
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	89 238	41 275	458	1 887	5 353	6 671	9 205	17 701
number..	180 320	99 528	986	4 145	13 758	18 030	23 232	39 377
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	41 711	18 293	177	637	1 814	2 713	4 025	8 927
number..	55 594	25 571	239	855	2 556	3 617	5 643	12 661
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	70 074	34 998	381	1 662	4 955	5 944	7 950	14 106
number..	124 726	73 957	747	3 290	11 202	14 413	17 589	26 716
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	62 383	30 363	286	1 241	3 812	4 989	7 089	12 946
number..	91 766	49 549	435	1 859	6 168	8 580	11 972	20 535
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	21 314	14 184	221	920	2 858	2 909	3 117	4 159
number..	32 960	24 408	312	1 431	5 034	5 833	5 617	6 181
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	19 687	14 300	168	737	2 697	3 058	3 347	4 293
number..	22 348	16 326	201	791	3 018	3 600	3 850	4 866
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	771	723	27	61	160	179	196	100
number..	1 013	960	28	71	221	255	263	122
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	26 525	15 350	113	640	1 934	2 524	3 766	6 373
number..	28 620	16 785	124	684	2 163	2 770	4 069	6 975
Pickup balers ..... farms..	34 044	19 922	162	756	2 329	3 278	4 732	8 665
number..	42 538	25 533	208	971	2 943	4 256	6 271	10 884
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	60 971	32 394	417	1 725	4 628	5 644	7 223	12 757
acres on which used..	9 739 641	7 682 138	90 126	462 608	1 620 767	1 870 696	1 869 830	1 768 111
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	9 080	6 337	104	444	1 320	1 417	1 395	1 657
acres on which used..	1 396 161	1 224 734	17 698	83 118	312 007	330 649	289 378	191 884
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	784	478	17	40	73	115	85	148
acres on which used..	133 921	114 424	1 410	9 721	28 939	36 397	19 550	18 407
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	1 166	645	3	46	115	137	144	200
acres on which used..	113 941	89 316	(D)	(D)	29 504	23 856	19 241	12 040
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	26 277	16 391	317	1 095	2 966	3 331	3 651	5 031
acres on which used..	6 990 724	6 098 813	81 906	417 032	1 469 746	1 648 279	1 465 920	1 015 930
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	1 322	972	25	96	227	244	227	153
acres on which used..	416 501	392 763	3 605	35 590	99 893	124 676	86 428	42 571

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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>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	15 294	239	1 517	3 769	4 275	3 272	2 222
acres..	1 324 864	16 699	96 347	292 481	350 408	338 062	230 867
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	31 038	231	2 398	7 026	8 948	7 243	5 192
acres..	495 785	3 129	28 528	91 072	132 575	131 506	108 975
Irrigated land ..... farms..	686	11	57	160	219	156	83
acres..	41 982	312	2 398	10 653	10 963	12 550	5 106
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	633	10	53	148	208	142	72
acres..	40 324	(D)	(D)	10 418	10 627	11 848	4 765
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	70	1	4	18	17	19	11
acres..	1 658	(D)	(D)	235	336	702	341
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	8 222	38	440	1 480	2 204	2 040	2 020
acres..	718 887	2 627	34 069	120 801	183 297	184 085	194 008
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of land and buildings ..... farms..	54 556	966	5 101	12 781	14 815	12 428	8 465
\$1,000..	10 364 430	114 826	765 859	2 323 262	3 032 829	2 487 121	1 640 533
Average per farm ..... dollars..	189 978	118 868	150 139	181 775	204 713	200 122	193 802
Average per acre ..... dollars..	1 144	970	1 120	1 188	1 210	1 087	1 087
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	6 478	290	834	1 567	1 328	1 265	1 194
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	7 684	165	866	1 776	1 808	1 649	1 420
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	7 367	147	745	1 947	1 856	1 533	1 139
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	9 841	126	909	2 267	2 739	2 528	1 272
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	6 951	61	553	1 658	2 025	1 669	985
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	12 830	147	966	2 842	3 989	2 990	1 896
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	2 581	23	195	551	844	608	360
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	653	7	31	131	179	133	172
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	143	—	2	36	43	39	23
\$5,000,000 or more .....	28	—	—	6	4	14	4
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	54 556	966	5 101	12 781	14 815	12 428	8 465
\$1,000..	1 235 872	19 269	114 838	282 809	359 672	271 148	188 136
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	9 638	210	990	2 166	2 383	2 110	1 779
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	11 166	192	961	2 585	3 080	2 700	1 648
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	13 443	242	1 273	3 521	3 443	3 016	1 948
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	14 756	228	1 340	3 315	4 176	3 428	2 269
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	3 746	67	335	779	1 206	836	523
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	1 317	17	170	292	363	261	214
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	470	10	32	119	158	71	80
\$500,000 or more .....	20	—	—	4	6	6	4
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	46 974	857	4 557	11 180	12 880	10 454	7 046
number..	72 739	1 286	6 914	17 308	20 415	16 407	10 409
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	47 963	705	3 931	10 987	13 340	11 282	7 718
number..	80 792	1 232	6 282	17 437	22 855	19 746	13 240
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	23 418	300	1 617	4 755	6 521	5 869	4 356
number..	30 023	403	1 971	5 764	8 318	7 829	5 738
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	35 076	569	3 055	8 284	9 939	8 152	5 077
number..	50 769	829	4 311	11 673	14 537	11 917	7 502
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	32 020	528	2 728	7 546	9 106	7 487	4 625
number..	42 217	694	3 430	9 687	12 117	10 070	6 219
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	7 130	117	741	1 660	2 032	1 514	1 066
number..	8 552	135	881	1 986	2 420	1 847	1 283
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	5 387	157	526	1 416	1 629	1 069	590
number..	6 022	202	624	1 620	1 788	1 139	649
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	48	—	—	5	24	5	14
number..	53	—	—	7	25	6	15
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	11 175	138	896	2 571	3 444	2 670	1 456
number..	11 835	143	945	2 723	3 634	2 827	1 563
Pickup balers ..... farms..	14 122	145	1 132	3 432	4 331	3 449	1 633
number..	17 005	158	1 430	4 075	5 219	4 122	2 001
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	28 577	440	2 726	6 847	8 045	6 694	3 825
acres on which used..	2 057 503	28 560	188 263	471 171	556 546	527 126	285 837
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	2 743	43	284	755	676	588	397
acres on which used..	171 427	1 148	17 972	39 815	29 279	42 834	40 379
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	306	7	24	68	80	89	38
acres on which used..	19 497	350	3 694	2 194	5 486	4 012	3 761
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	521	3	48	118	119	179	54
acres on which used..	24 625	3	1 094	3 381	4 360	13 387	2 400
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	9 886	241	1 035	2 381	2 904	2 170	1 155
acres on which used..	891 911	18 797	91 101	206 160	243 097	214 568	118 188
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	350	8	29	59	75	104	75
acres on which used..	23 738	784	1 520	3 299	6 339	4 968	6 828

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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 .....	98 860	44 751	512	2 288	5 843	7 076	10 107	18 925
Full owners .....	65 924	26 385	120	752	2 087	3 074	5 721	14 631
Part owners .....	25 743	15 079	114	954	3 002	3 437	3 914	3 658
Tenants .....	7 193	3 287	278	582	754	565	472	636
White .....	98 313	44 557	510	2 279	5 812	7 030	10 061	18 865
Full owners .....	65 517	26 254	120	749	2 066	3 044	5 687	14 588
Part owners .....	25 631	15 026	114	949	2 993	3 423	3 903	3 644
Tenants .....	7 165	3 277	276	581	753	563	471	633
Black and other races .....	547	194	2	9	31	46	46	60
Full owners .....	407	131	—	3	21	30	34	43
Part owners .....	112	53	—	5	9	14	11	14
Tenants .....	28	10	2	1	1	2	1	3
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>								
Land owned..... farms..	91 916	41 602	236	1 714	5 108	6 530	9 658	18 356
acres..	20 706 903	13 034 079	54 534	402 407	1 529 531	2 330 746	3 360 923	5 355 938
Owned land in farms .....	91 667	41 464	234	1 706	5 089	6 511	9 635	18 289
acres..	18 857 533	12 049 991	52 599	378 924	1 461 205	2 194 740	3 183 499	4 779 024
Land rented or leased from others .....	33 192	18 492	393	1 542	3 773	4 022	4 401	4 361
acres..	10 060 132	7 868 993	110 202	610 586	2 056 244	2 143 084	1 800 241	1 148 636
landlords..	75 685	50 350	902	4 172	12 349	12 588	11 302	9 037
Rented or leased land in farms .....	32 936	18 366	392	1 536	3 756	4 002	4 386	4 294
acres..	9 968 655	7 815 442	109 776	608 418	2 047 318	2 131 656	1 792 200	1 126 074
Land rented or leased to others .....	12 496	5 697	24	163	477	638	1 065	3 330
acres..	1 940 847	1 037 639	2 361	25 651	77 252	147 434	185 465	599 476
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated .....	72 622	35 380	235	1 572	4 384	5 641	8 302	15 246
Not on farm operated .....	19 385	5 867	233	537	1 010	887	1 153	2 047
Not reported .....	6 853	3 504	44	179	449	548	652	1 632
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming .....	44 751	44 751	512	2 288	5 843	7 076	10 107	18 925
Other .....	54 109	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None .....	36 025	28 627	209	991	2 839	3 832	6 478	14 278
Any .....	57 118	10 407	256	1 083	2 407	2 497	2 544	1 620
1 to 99 days .....	7 405	5 219	127	468	1 125	1 134	1 280	1 085
100 to 199 days .....	8 335	2 626	53	280	623	672	689	309
200 days or more .....	41 378	2 562	76	335	659	691	575	226
Not reported .....	5 717	5 717	47	214	597	747	1 085	3 027
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less .....	4 900	1 328	146	237	278	257	246	164
3 or 4 years .....	6 846	1 822	113	326	373	348	389	273
5 to 9 years .....	13 782	3 980	80	697	947	711	850	695
10 years or more .....	57 593	30 038	—	620	3 270	4 681	7 153	14 314
Average years on present farm .....	20.4	26.3	3.3	7.6	13.9	19.5	25.2	36.1
Not reported .....	15 739	7 583	173	408	975	1 079	1 469	3 479
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years .....	1 257	512	512	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	7 133	2 288	—	2 288	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	18 523	5 843	—	—	5 843	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	10 977	3 438	—	—	—	3 438	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	11 308	3 638	—	—	—	3 638	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	11 482	4 544	—	—	—	—	4 544	—
60 to 64 years .....	10 710	5 563	—	—	—	—	5 563	—
65 to 69 years .....	9 609	6 124	—	—	—	—	—	6 124
70 years and over .....	17 861	12 801	—	—	—	—	—	12 801
Average age .....	54.7	59.3	21.5	30.4	39.8	49.5	59.8	73.2
Operators by sex:								
Male .....	90 823	41 298	497	2 198	5 535	6 627	9 400	17 041
Female .....	8 037	3 453	15	90	308	449	707	1 884
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....								
	444	211	3	9	34	36	43	86
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	87 919	38 884	444	1 950	4 892	5 958	8 870	16 770
acres..	22 877 627	15 376 498	129 389	738 476	2 639 984	3 251 950	3 908 098	4 708 601
Partnership .....	7 708	3 908	56	244	603	693	780	1 532
acres..	3 544 417	2 661 248	20 232	152 889	530 039	615 828	581 755	760 505
Corporation:								
Family held .....	2 362	1 576	10	84	304	371	372	435
acres..	2 040 401	1 620 492	(D)	(D)	315 018	400 027	430 222	370 904
More than 10 stockholders .....	48	32	—	—	8	5	11	8
10 or less stockholders .....	2 314	1 544	10	84	296	366	361	427
Other than family held .....	181	84	2	3	13	18	22	26
acres..	126 331	78 473	(D)	(D)	8 511	35 908	23 163	8 746
More than 10 stockholders .....	14	4	—	—	2	2	—	—
10 or less stockholders .....	167	80	2	3	11	16	22	26
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .... farms..								
acres..	690	299	—	7	31	36	63	162
	237 412	128 722	—	2 265	14 971	22 683	32 461	56 342

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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 .....	54 109	745	4 845	12 680	15 209	12 085	8 545
Full owners .....	39 539	257	2 841	8 451	10 954	9 517	7 519
Part owners .....	10 664	93	1 131	3 108	3 487	2 141	704
Tenants .....	3 906	395	873	1 121	768	427	322
White .....	53 756	738	4 831	12 602	15 087	12 000	8 498
Full owners .....	39 263	254	2 831	8 396	10 857	9 450	7 475
Part owners .....	10 605	93	1 129	3 089	3 464	2 129	701
Tenants .....	3 888	391	871	1 117	766	421	322
Black and other races .....	353	7	14	78	122	85	47
Full owners .....	276	3	10	55	97	67	44
Part owners .....	59	—	2	19	23	12	3
Tenants .....	18	4	2	4	2	6	—
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>							
Land owned..... farms..	50 314	351	3 985	11 580	14 463	11 680	8 255
acres..	7 672 824	30 217	384 572	1 394 073	2 119 133	2 100 933	1 643 896
Owned land in farms .....	50 203	350	3 972	11 559	14 441	11 658	8 223
acres..	6 807 542	28 892	357 893	1 275 956	1 933 849	1 872 370	1 338 582
Land rented or leased from others .....	14 700	489	2 008	4 256	4 281	2 604	1 062
acres..	2 191 139	48 728	259 728	666 418	645 578	389 073	181 614
landlords..	25 335	756	3 429	7 445	7 472	4 441	1 792
Rented or leased land in farms .....	14 570	488	2 004	4 229	4 255	2 568	1 026
acres..	2 153 213	48 365	253 668	657 646	639 487	380 380	173 667
Land rented or leased to others .....	6 799	27	355	1 121	1 642	1 764	1 890
acres..	903 208	1 688	32 739	126 889	191 375	237 256	313 261
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated .....	37 242	322	3 313	9 418	11 089	8 307	4 793
Not on farm operated .....	13 518	361	1 250	2 623	3 328	2 995	2 961
Not reported .....	3 349	62	282	639	792	783	791
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other .....	54 109	745	4 845	12 680	15 209	12 085	8 545
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None .....	7 398	49	158	391	613	1 381	4 806
Any .....	46 711	696	4 687	12 289	14 596	10 704	3 739
1 to 99 days .....	2 186	53	142	289	412	576	674
100 to 199 days .....	5 709	94	399	1 204	1 616	1 560	836
200 days or more .....	38 816	549	4 146	10 756	12 568	8 568	2 229
Not reported .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less .....	3 572	188	821	1 143	894	389	137
3 or 4 years .....	5 024	172	1 059	1 667	1 292	618	216
5 to 9 years .....	9 802	113	1 626	3 331	2 728	1 466	538
10 years or more .....	27 555	—	654	5 016	8 455	7 802	5 628
Average years on present farm .....	15.7	3.3	5.7	9.8	14.6	20.1	28.8
Not reported .....	8 156	272	685	1 523	1 840	1 810	2 026
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years .....	745	745	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	4 845	—	4 845	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	12 680	—	—	12 680	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	7 539	—	—	—	7 539	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	7 670	—	—	—	7 670	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	6 938	—	—	—	—	6 938	—
60 to 64 years .....	5 147	—	—	—	—	5 147	—
65 to 69 years .....	3 485	—	—	—	—	—	3 485
70 years and over .....	5 060	—	—	—	—	—	5 060
Average age .....	50.9	21.5	30.7	39.8	49.5	59.0	72.6
Operators by sex:							
Male .....	49 525	700	4 648	11 907	14 233	11 059	6 978
Female .....	4 584	45	197	773	976	1 026	1 567
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....							
	233	5	25	58	65	36	44
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	49 035	689	4 407	11 701	13 904	10 948	7 386
acres..	7 501 129	68 333	525 115	1 659 213	2 217 818	1 858 375	1 172 275
Partnership .....	3 800	44	371	762	975	840	808
acres..	883 169	7 124	63 414	177 435	217 232	222 874	195 090
Corporation:							
Family held .....	786	7	49	151	203	182	194
acres..	419 909	(D)	(D)	74 206	95 438	137 680	93 614
More than 10 stockholders .....	16	—	—	3	3	3	7
10 or less stockholders .....	770	7	49	148	200	179	187
Other than family held .....	97	—	4	15	39	17	22
acres..	47 858	—	386	2 707	18 316	10 857	15 592
More than 10 stockholders .....	10	—	—	2	5	1	2
10 or less stockholders .....	87	—	4	13	34	16	20
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .... farms..							
	391	5	14	51	88	98	135
acres..	108 690	(D)	(D)	20 041	24 532	22 964	35 678

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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.. 66 350	32 213	276	1 464	3 846	4 861	7 485	14 281
	number.. 2 494 869	1 701 697	9 812	67 236	278 536	354 306	419 466	572 341
	\$1,000.. 1 130 653	797 476	4 278	29 985	136 851	175 496	195 891	254 974
Calves	farms.. 40 240	18 730	155	834	2 195	2 806	4 314	8 426
	number.. 827 180	503 792	3 626	21 763	73 231	86 887	118 729	199 556
	\$1,000.. 257 394	156 452	1 120	6 427	22 717	27 345	37 214	61 631
Cattle	farms.. 48 080	23 912	190	1 117	2 855	3 622	5 695	10 433
	number.. 1 667 689	1 197 905	6 186	45 473	205 305	267 419	300 737	372 785
	\$1,000.. 873 258	641 023	3 158	23 559	114 134	148 152	158 678	193 344
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 4 652	2 539	20	133	363	432	569	1 022
	number.. 211 177	180 774	650	5 018	47 461	37 161	41 876	48 608
	\$1,000.. 151 270	130 842	419	3 591	35 002	26 950	30 209	34 670
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 5 419	3 575	64	340	849	818	767	737
	number.. 3 546 972	3 238 934	19 163	197 994	515 608	1 858 534	406 842	240 793
Farms with—								
1 to 24	1 698	617	12	38	115	124	118	210
25 to 49	528	320	6	19	70	61	57	107
50 to 99	596	409	7	27	90	80	112	93
100 to 199	672	527	16	59	148	99	98	107
200 to 499	917	797	13	88	175	219	180	122
500 or more	1 008	905	10	109	251	235	202	98
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 3 801	2 707	40	255	665	616	568	563
	number.. 387 559	355 037	2 350	17 855	60 884	202 820	38 834	32 294
Other	farms.. 5 048	3 405	62	330	814	779	728	692
	number.. 3 159 413	2 883 897	16 813	180 139	454 724	1 655 714	368 008	208 499
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 5 183	3 583	63	341	839	823	770	747
	number.. 8 540 647	7 720 238	46 146	490 838	1 262 918	4 478 475	998 273	443 588
	\$1,000.. 843 264	781 713	3 799	45 521	114 252	462 558	94 816	60 767
Feeder pigs	farms.. 903	587	12	49	163	115	121	127
	number.. 2 466 137	1 985 132	18 643	145 952	393 510	1 108 052	238 679	80 296
	\$1,000.. 102 405	81 171	407	6 301	15 282	44 029	8 903	6 249
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 4 024	2 837	44	263	683	640	601	606
	number.. 629 192	571 362	4 092	29 576	100 356	323 823	64 582	48 933
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 3 759	2 720	43	246	653	616	583	579
	number.. 315 999	287 335	1 800	14 504	50 191	162 687	32 816	25 337
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 3 528	2 582	40	246	640	578	549	529
	number.. 313 193	284 027	2 292	15 072	50 165	161 136	31 766	23 596
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 1 984	903	9	59	136	166	212	321
	number.. 76 956	46 710	146	2 843	9 260	10 082	9 656	14 723
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 752	813	9	55	117	144	194	294
	number.. 48 577	29 578	105	1 894	5 498	6 123	6 034	9 924
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 1 792	836	6	53	136	146	192	303
	number.. 59 059	35 382	40	1 585	8 015	7 673	7 807	10 262
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 1 590	755	7	48	104	132	180	284
	number.. 63 850	39 188	106	2 601	6 894	8 088	8 846	12 653
	pounds of wool.. 440 867	267 776	652	18 606	41 371	58 709	60 041	88 397
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 15 936	5 619	61	379	947	1 175	1 306	1 751
	number.. 85 690	35 503	270	2 133	5 998	8 840	8 302	9 960
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 3 096	1 083	9	68	194	271	239	302
	number.. 12 092	6 319	20	592	947	1 770	1 898	1 092
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 554	558	7	37	80	123	141	170
	number.. 22 683	10 503	46	523	1 427	1 952	2 648	3 907
Goats sold	farms.. 588	208	—	14	34	46	56	58
	number.. 8 883	4 112	—	327	465	885	1 305	1 130
<b>POULTRY</b>								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 3 707	1 600	10	121	260	286	351	572
	number.. 8 846 447	6 959 210	(D)	(D)	1 988 156	1 021 507	1 354 002	2 206 349
Farms with—								
1 to 399	3 515	1 456	9	101	218	254	323	551
400 to 3,199	26	17	—	3	4	3	2	5
3,200 to 9,999	17	12	—	1	4	1	6	—
10,000 to 19,999	72	54	1	6	16	12	11	8
20,000 to 49,999	59	47	—	10	15	13	4	5
50,000 to 99,999	7	5	—	—	1	—	3	—
100,000 or more	11	9	—	—	2	2	2	3
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 3 559	1 533	10	118	245	270	342	548
	number.. 7 175 652	5 605 094	(D)	(D)	1 693 511	729 252	1 276 414	1 517 056
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 634	293	4	11	39	58	52	129
	number.. 1 670 795	1 354 116	35	300	294 645	292 255	77 588	689 293
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 491	289	2	33	62	65	66	61
	number.. 9 275 057	7 529 151	(D)	(D)	2 778 738	1 128 617	905 142	2 207 556
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 451	300	3	32	82	85	71	27
	number.. 202 970 912	138 190 150	(D)	(D)	34 280 416	41 303 450	27 897 736	19 669 615
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	112	45	2	5	15	10	9	4
2,000 to 59,999	20	13	—	1	4	4	2	2
60,000 to 99,999	17	12	—	—	4	3	3	2
100,000 or more	302	230	1	26	59	68	57	19
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 289	117	—	6	25	28	35	23
	number.. 738 964	403 972	—	(D)	272 095	41 013	89 813	(D)
Turkeys sold	farms.. 402	332	4	44	87	86	73	38
	number.. 21 085 259	18 518 663	215 000	2 407 085	4 469 278	5 815 900	3 674 852	1 936 548

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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>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>								
Cattle and calves sold .....	farms..	34 137	480	3 276	8 320	9 794	7 563	4 704
	number..	793 172	7 574	59 895	172 734	222 506	207 005	123 458
	\$1,000..	333 177	3 046	23 581	71 091	91 989	88 601	54 869
Calves .....	farms..	21 510	284	2 110	5 264	6 190	4 761	2 901
	number..	323 388	3 453	29 077	74 449	93 429	77 271	45 709
	\$1,000..	100 942	1 037	8 919	23 428	28 877	24 045	14 637
Cattle .....	farms..	24 168	317	2 235	5 892	6 977	5 397	3 350
	number..	469 784	4 121	30 818	98 285	129 077	129 734	77 749
	\$1,000..	232 235	2 009	14 663	47 663	63 112	64 556	40 232
Fattened on grain and concentrates .....	farms..	2 113	31	194	544	614	432	298
	number..	30 403	256	2 000	6 445	8 824	5 512	7 366
	\$1,000..	20 428	173	1 230	4 186	6 263	3 684	4 892
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms..	1 844	53	243	615	537	272	124
	number..	308 038	3 540	23 612	101 788	101 332	60 630	17 136
Farms with—								
1 to 24 .....		1 081	24	150	366	321	150	70
25 to 49 .....		208	7	24	81	52	28	16
50 to 99 .....		187	9	22	50	57	31	18
100 to 199 .....		145	7	15	48	45	22	8
200 to 499 .....		120	6	19	33	37	21	4
500 or more .....		103	—	13	37	25	20	8
Used or to be used for breeding .....	farms..	1 094	34	130	353	300	184	93
	number..	32 522	461	1 989	12 557	10 240	4 560	2 715
Other .....	farms..	1 643	43	218	551	488	237	106
	number..	275 516	3 079	21 623	89 231	91 092	56 070	14 421
Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms..	1 600	55	193	517	460	254	121
	number..	820 409	4 785	65 289	416 620	212 492	78 478	42 745
	\$1,000..	61 551	489	5 849	25 378	17 425	8 929	3 480
Feeder pigs .....	farms..	316	9	38	109	81	57	22
	number..	481 005	763	20 643	320 695	111 266	6 589	21 049
	\$1,000..	21 235	24	837	14 512	4 677	286	898
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30 .....	farms..	1 187	37	139	391	319	198	103
	number..	57 830	603	3 337	23 897	18 218	6 513	5 262
Dec. 1 and May 31 .....	farms..	1 039	34	111	355	277	173	89
	number..	28 664	327	1 783	12 374	8 113	3 380	2 687
June 1 and Nov. 30 .....	farms..	946	28	118	311	258	154	77
	number..	29 166	276	1 554	11 523	10 105	3 133	2 575
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory .....	farms..	1 081	13	89	335	371	180	93
	number..	30 246	276	2 533	7 943	10 673	6 125	2 696
Ewes 1 year old or older .....	farms..	939	8	78	285	319	163	86
	number..	18 999	142	1 557	5 034	6 853	3 797	1 616
Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms..	956	14	76	287	322	165	92
	number..	23 677	161	1 677	6 198	8 568	5 085	1 988
Sheep and lambs shorn .....	farms..	835	10	70	244	283	145	83
	number..	24 662	226	2 224	6 400	8 719	4 879	2 214
	pounds of wool..	173 091	2 045	14 174	44 005	61 453	37 726	13 688
Horses and ponies inventory .....	farms..	10 317	88	1 082	2 906	3 392	1 978	871
	number..	50 187	336	4 262	13 480	17 105	10 137	4 867
Horses and ponies sold .....	farms..	2 013	19	225	578	691	355	145
	number..	5 773	50	571	1 500	2 064	1 077	511
Goats inventory .....	farms..	996	13	93	279	307	214	90
	number..	12 180	77	456	2 782	4 285	3 411	1 169
Goats sold .....	farms..	380	3	24	128	115	85	25
	number..	4 771	(D)	(D)	1 423	1 412	1 321	351
<b>POULTRY</b>								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms..	2 107	19	233	655	602	380	218
	number..	1 887 237	(D)	(D)	1 204 456	142 027	(D)	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 399 .....		2 059	17	224	641	591	370	216
400 to 3,199 .....		9	—	—	2	5	2	—
3,200 to 9,999 .....		5	—	4	—	1	—	—
10,000 to 19,999 .....		18	1	3	5	3	5	1
20,000 to 49,999 .....		12	1	2	6	2	1	—
50,000 to 99,999 .....		2	—	—	—	—	2	—
100,000 or more .....		2	—	—	1	—	—	1
Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms..	2 026	18	222	637	578	366	205
	number..	1 570 558	(D)	118 581	1 093 896	49 536	167 055	(D)
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old .....	farms..	341	6	34	95	104	62	40
	number..	316 679	(D)	(D)	110 560	92 491	(D)	1 385
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text) .....	farms..	202	5	41	69	43	32	12
	number..	1 745 906	(D)	398 578	626 527	208 874	325 304	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms..	151	4	25	45	53	19	5
	number..	64 780 762	908 010	6 657 279	8 351 401	43 138 598	3 631 474	2 094 000
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999 .....		67	1	13	26	21	6	—
2,000 to 59,999 .....		7	—	2	1	1	3	—
60,000 to 99,999 .....		5	1	—	—	2	2	—
100,000 or more .....		72	2	10	18	29	8	5
Turkey hens kept for breeding .....	farms..	172	2	13	69	46	31	11
	number..	334 992	(D)	45	334 592	194	115	(D)
Turkeys sold .....	farms..	70	1	9	26	21	9	4
	number..	2 566 596	(D)	222 107	833 340	1 092 127	242 018	(D)

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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>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 18 417	13 287	213	933	2 676	2 785	2 942	3 738
	acres.. 2 477 027	2 190 170	29 484	147 284	540 832	578 168	516 637	377 765
	bushels.. 274 381 159	245 586 260	3 279 436	16 892 445	61 963 757	64 840 520	58 021 835	40 588 267
Irrigated	farms.. 1 156	1 054	13	86	275	296	243	141
	acres.. 291 803	279 200	2 334	20 661	75 944	83 592	62 420	34 249
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	4 309	2 191	52	146	309	290	428	966
25 to 99 acres	6 935	4 634	81	322	763	806	999	1 663
100 to 249 acres	4 263	3 698	47	287	861	911	832	760
250 to 499 acres	1 944	1 835	21	120	487	508	456	243
500 acres or more	966	929	12	58	256	270	227	106
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 2 021	1 733	17	178	370	390	387	391
	acres.. 76 404	65 380	306	4 655	15 297	13 405	15 942	15 775
	tons, green.. 1 048 825	893 472	3 169	62 515	216 630	185 503	213 748	211 907
Irrigated	farms.. 34	31	—	3	7	9	8	4
	acres.. 1 549	(D)	—	120	146	369	372	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	1 106	909	14	100	191	215	195	194
25 to 99 acres	779	699	3	72	148	153	155	168
100 to 249 acres	118	109	—	6	25	18	32	28
250 to 499 acres	12	12	—	—	3	—	5	—
500 acres or more	6	4	—	—	3	4	—	1
Sorghum for grain or seed	farms.. 3 566	2 704	29	180	574	621	676	624
	acres.. 311 511	269 675	1 438	15 464	62 660	70 019	74 126	45 988
	bushels.. 26 886 487	23 541 852	107 123	1 399 425	5 417 334	6 179 063	6 524 051	3 914 856
Irrigated	farms.. 152	140	—	6	33	37	43	21
	acres.. 13 143	12 638	—	308	2 730	3 434	4 272	1 894
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	845	502	12	45	83	96	107	159
25 to 99 acres	1 694	1 279	12	76	265	267	325	334
100 to 249 acres	765	674	4	47	174	185	167	97
250 to 499 acres	226	215	1	11	45	67	62	29
500 acres or more	36	34	—	1	7	6	15	5
Wheat for grain	farms.. 12 394	9 326	116	595	1 822	2 015	2 070	2 708
	acres.. 1 055 664	927 063	9 809	55 123	211 870	245 038	225 321	179 902
	bushels.. 52 178 347	46 065 250	476 174	2 747 334	10 681 360	12 178 592	11 383 735	8 598 055
Irrigated	farms.. 209	183	3	18	45	50	35	32
	acres.. 38 646	35 828	480	4 369	9 558	8 646	7 083	5 692
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	3 565	2 141	35	129	316	316	422	923
25 to 99 acres	5 490	4 088	51	288	742	843	905	1 259
100 to 249 acres	2 429	2 227	22	134	543	600	517	411
250 to 499 acres	711	680	6	33	167	202	176	96
500 acres or more	199	190	2	11	54	54	50	19
Oats for grain	farms.. 1 254	1 020	8	107	151	204	208	342
	acres.. 23 339	19 424	118	1 839	3 839	3 902	4 054	5 672
	bushels.. 1 312 430	1 134 829	5 841	112 879	258 206	236 613	219 855	301 435
Irrigated	farms.. 3	3	—	—	2	—	1	—
	acres.. (D)	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	(D)	—
Rice	farms.. 418	387	11	41	103	112	77	43
	acres.. 117 595	112 223	1 255	10 261	32 028	38 663	20 931	9 085
	cwt.. 6 261 457	5 986 109	66 912	526 829	1 703 003	2 056 798	1 144 282	488 285
Irrigated	farms.. 418	387	11	41	103	112	77	43
	acres.. 117 595	112 223	1 255	10 261	32 028	38 663	20 931	9 085
Cotton	farms.. 863	748	22	78	164	189	188	107
	acres.. 388 725	371 638	3 746	31 052	92 281	113 769	91 610	39 180
	bales.. 554 360	531 873	4 442	42 583	137 143	160 853	131 101	55 751
Irrigated	farms.. 426	392	8	45	104	114	80	41
	acres.. 137 687	133 365	624	10 618	35 425	48 931	29 208	8 559
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	41	23	1	5	6	5	2	4
25 to 99 acres	165	115	11	7	23	15	26	33
100 to 249 acres	177	152	5	23	28	34	41	21
250 to 499 acres	178	165	4	20	28	39	53	21
500 acres or more	302	293	1	23	79	96	66	28
Tobacco	farms.. 481	268	7	20	46	61	69	65
	acres.. 2 677	2 001	66	192	494	541	419	289
	pounds.. 6 430 795	4 909 179	173 071	446 868	1 225 744	1 429 722	961 268	672 506
Irrigated	farms.. 6	4	—	—	1	3	—	—
	acres.. 98	(D)	—	—	(D)	64	—	—
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 24 201	16 410	274	1 112	3 060	3 319	3 622	5 023
	acres.. 4 671 797	4 048 627	49 160	254 412	948 233	1 069 171	1 002 196	725 455
	bushels.. 164 562 845	143 833 157	1 734 207	9 077 868	33 929 692	38 110 655	35 673 043	25 307 692
Irrigated	farms.. 1 152	1 025	12	86	249	308	227	143
	acres.. 273 386	260 561	2 094	18 986	69 982	85 276	54 631	29 592
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	3 943	1 744	43	86	212	198	318	887
25 to 99 acres	8 782	4 996	99	331	646	735	1 015	2 170
100 to 249 acres	5 825	4 416	77	343	879	934	979	1 204
250 to 499 acres	3 210	2 920	33	226	728	747	730	456
500 acres or more	2 441	2 334	22	126	595	705	580	306
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 79	58	—	2	14	11	10	21
	acres.. 5 979	5 873	—	(D)	856	(D)	(D)	(D)
	cwt.. 1 455 971	1 420 795	—	(D)	191 485	(D)	(D)	(D)
Irrigated	farms.. 20	17	—	1	5	5	2	4
	acres.. 5 460	5 460	—	(D)	852	(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.. 5 130	106	474	1 254	1 494	1 077	725
	acres.. 286 857	4 277	22 632	72 333	81 533	64 205	41 877
	bushels.. 28 794 899	456 366	2 260 637	7 355 571	8 050 741	6 390 511	4 281 073
Irrigated	farms.. 102	—	8	25	25	26	18
	acres.. 12 603	—	480	3 108	4 066	3 023	1 926
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	2 118	46	190	527	609	442	304
25 to 99 acres	2 301	54	223	525	683	482	334
100 to 249 acres	565	6	54	168	167	110	60
250 to 499 acres	109	—	7	24	27	33	18
500 acres or more	37	—	—	10	8	10	9
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 288	8	29	58	77	67	49
	acres.. 11 024	86	603	1 356	1 730	2 624	4 625
	tons, green.. 155 553	1 129	7 101	16 905	22 619	32 446	75 153
Irrigated	farms.. 3	—	—	—	1	2	—
	acres.. (D)	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	197	8	23	43	58	44	21
25 to 99 acres	80	—	5	14	17	19	25
100 to 249 acres	9	—	1	1	2	3	2
250 to 499 acres	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 acres or more	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
Sorghum for grain or seed	farms.. 862	23	60	202	270	190	117
	acres.. 41 836	615	2 505	9 152	14 020	10 691	4 853
	bushels.. 3 344 635	47 792	208 664	725 133	1 140 322	879 683	343 041
Irrigated	farms.. 12	—	—	2	6	1	3
	acres.. 505	—	—	(D)	385	(D)	82
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	343	14	21	86	92	76	54
25 to 99 acres	415	9	34	95	144	80	53
100 to 249 acres	91	—	5	19	30	27	10
250 to 499 acres	11	—	—	2	3	6	—
500 acres or more	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Wheat for grain	farms.. 3 068	61	247	749	923	652	436
	acres.. 128 601	1 685	9 263	29 799	38 400	29 532	19 922
	bushels.. 6 113 097	84 986	439 423	1 419 132	1 821 002	1 377 542	971 012
Irrigated	farms.. 26	—	3	8	4	4	7
	acres.. 2 818	—	280	1 171	650	354	363
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	1 424	33	122	345	424	278	222
25 to 99 acres	1 402	27	109	350	427	316	173
100 to 249 acres	202	1	13	50	62	46	30
250 to 499 acres	31	—	3	3	5	11	9
500 acres or more	9	—	—	1	5	1	2
Oats for grain	farms.. 234	10	30	58	66	49	21
	acres.. 3 915	110	293	1 165	1 180	891	276
	bushels.. 177 601	6 105	13 926	53 505	54 677	39 472	9 916
Irrigated	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rice	farms.. 31	1	2	7	14	6	1
	acres.. 5 372	(D)	(D)	1 358	1 252	2 360	(D)
	cwt.. 275 348	(D)	(D)	67 348	67 882	123 874	(D)
Irrigated	farms.. 31	1	2	7	14	6	1
	acres.. 5 372	(D)	(D)	1 358	1 252	2 360	(D)
Cotton	farms.. 115	2	4	29	35	30	15
	acres.. 17 087	(D)	(D)	4 256	5 080	3 198	4 123
	bales.. 22 487	(D)	(D)	5 772	6 491	3 885	5 719
Irrigated	farms.. 34	—	2	11	8	8	5
	acres.. 4 322	—	(D)	1 991	735	(D)	735
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	18	1	—	5	6	4	2
25 to 99 acres	50	1	2	13	15	17	2
100 to 249 acres	25	—	2	4	8	5	6
250 to 499 acres	13	—	—	5	4	3	1
500 acres or more	9	—	—	2	2	1	4
Tobacco	farms.. 213	10	27	48	50	49	29
	acres.. 676	11	86	164	205	146	64
	pounds.. 1 521 616	23 575	200 051	374 419	456 744	322 368	144 459
Irrigated	farms.. 2	—	—	—	—	2	—
	acres.. (D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 7 791	156	728	1 783	2 264	1 728	1 132
	acres.. 623 170	7 865	49 460	149 919	180 353	146 567	89 006
	bushels.. 20 729 688	259 769	1 662 071	4 953 343	5 949 016	4 836 874	3 068 615
Irrigated	farms.. 127	1	10	30	32	36	18
	acres.. 12 825	(D)	(D)	3 129	2 923	4 178	1 490
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	2 199	61	202	484	625	475	352
25 to 99 acres	3 786	74	362	839	1 091	852	568
100 to 249 acres	1 409	20	138	358	435	303	155
250 to 499 acres	290	1	24	76	82	68	39
500 acres or more	107	—	2	26	31	30	18
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 21	—	3	3	8	2	5
	acres.. 106	—	(D)	2	12	(D)	19
	cwt.. 35 176	—	(D)	520	3 206	(D)	5 780
Irrigated	farms.. 3	—	1	—	1	—	1
	acres.. (Z)	—	(D)	—	(D)	—	(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>								
<b>Con.</b>								
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms..	57 483	28 876	196	1 260	3 477	4 415	6 768	12 760
acres..	3 661 772	2 380 081	15 278	104 740	336 318	453 226	597 999	872 520
tons, dry..	6 847 820	4 625 666	29 460	216 467	688 368	913 466	1 168 080	1 609 825
Irrigated . . . . . farms..	221	156	4	15	27	31	30	49
acres..	7 024	5 707	174	398	705	1 838	931	1 661
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres . . . . .	18 491	6 557	68	314	714	869	1 347	3 245
25 to 99 acres . . . . .	28 137	14 418	77	611	1 596	1 949	3 380	6 805
100 to 249 acres . . . . .	8 970	6 367	37	264	903	1 252	1 622	2 289
250 to 499 acres . . . . .	1 541	1 248	13	58	209	270	342	356
500 acres or more . . . . .	344	286	1	13	55	75	77	65
Alfalfa hay . . . . . farms..	11 089	6 846	41	374	1 088	1 229	1 625	2 489
acres..	375 939	271 680	1 666	12 993	43 698	49 092	71 934	92 297
tons, dry..	1 022 360	768 046	6 017	39 704	127 855	146 637	208 275	239 558
Irrigated . . . . . farms..	60	47	—	5	7	11	8	16
acres..	1 882	1 680	—	128	225	491	224	612
Tame hay other than alfalfa, small grain, and wild hay (see text) . . . . . farms..	44 002	22 609	159	942	2 670	3 477	5 324	10 037
acres..	2 699 278	1 755 970	11 747	70 035	233 577	335 269	440 065	665 277
tons, dry..	4 944 781	3 309 030	20 938	141 593	459 006	656 780	829 319	1 201 394
Irrigated . . . . . farms..	118	84	4	9	12	15	18	26
acres..	3 946	3 018	174	200	205	1 175	494	770
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . . farms..	858	546	8	44	149	128	96	121
acres..	21 007	18 301	(D)	1 405	6 815	3 637	4 847	(D)
Irrigated . . . . . farms..	269	192	2	18	60	41	35	36
acres..	7 731	7 072	(D)	(D)	3 478	687	2 143	388
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .	482	271	5	20	72	46	49	79
5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .	239	160	2	15	44	49	23	27
25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .	92	75	—	4	21	24	14	12
100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .	27	23	—	3	6	5	6	3
250.0 acres or more . . . . .	18	17	1	2	6	4	4	—
Field seed and grass seed crops . . . . . farms..	4 292	2 596	27	165	423	463	598	920
acres..	316 743	224 155	2 025	16 460	35 361	49 791	50 803	69 715
Irrigated . . . . . farms..	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
acres..	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	(D)
Land in orchards . . . . . farms..	1 004	404	2	11	46	72	102	171
acres..	16 525	9 533	(D)	(D)	1 446	1 631	2 931	3 350
Irrigated . . . . . farms..	131	59	—	4	8	17	18	12
acres..	1 998	1 517	—	(D)	(D)	251	960	180
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .	532	178	1	6	16	33	40	82
5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .	335	144	1	3	20	28	44	48
25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .	103	58	—	2	7	7	11	31
100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .	23	18	—	—	1	2	5	10
250.0 acres or more . . . . .	11	6	—	—	2	2	2	—

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	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>							
<b>Con.</b>							
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . .	farms . . . 28 607	255	2 524	7 004	8 376	6 467	3 981
	acres . . . 1 281 691	11 152	102 043	304 163	378 799	305 231	180 303
	tons, dry . . . 2 222 154	18 703	173 051	529 804	665 642	528 942	306 012
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 65	1	3	18	25	8	10
	acres . . . 1 317	(D)	134	320	424	297	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres . . . . .	11 934	120	1 127	3 051	3 384	2 573	1 679
25 to 99 acres . . . . .	13 719	105	1 184	3 234	4 093	3 200	1 903
100 to 249 acres . . . . .	2 603	27	192	648	793	609	334
250 to 499 acres . . . . .	293	1	17	64	97	65	49
500 acres or more . . . . .	58	2	4	7	9	20	16
Alfalfa hay . . . . .	farms . . . 4 243	34	367	1 117	1 275	899	551
	acres . . . 104 259	697	7 497	27 044	29 688	22 815	16 518
	tons, dry . . . 254 314	1 362	17 874	64 346	72 756	55 227	42 749
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 13	1	—	3	6	1	2
	acres . . . 202	(D)	—	(D)	84	(D)	(D)
Tame hay other than alfalfa, small grain, and wild hay (see text) . . . . .	farms . . . 21 393	198	1 864	5 218	6 440	4 834	2 839
	acres . . . 943 308	9 065	73 203	220 984	284 813	227 455	127 788
	tons, dry . . . 1 635 751	15 131	123 653	384 599	498 023	396 783	217 562
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 34	—	3	10	11	7	3
	acres . . . 928	—	(D)	213	257	278	(D)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . . .	farms . . . 312	5	32	80	81	75	39
	acres . . . 2 706	(D)	(D)	913	520	599	292
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 77	4	13	14	23	16	7
	acres . . . 659	(D)	58	90	71	195	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .	211	2	25	57	53	45	29
5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .	79	1	7	17	23	25	6
25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .	17	1	—	4	5	4	3
100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .	4	1	—	1	—	1	1
250.0 acres or more . . . . .	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Field seed and grass seed crops . . . . .	farms . . . 1 696	28	225	475	466	315	187
	acres . . . 92 588	1 578	10 207	24 238	25 623	19 747	11 195
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 6	—	—	—	5	—	1
	acres . . . 104	—	—	—	(D)	—	(D)
Land in orchards . . . . .	farms . . . 600	2	36	120	180	177	85
	acres . . . 6 992	(D)	(D)	1 475	2 695	1 486	989
Irrigated . . . . .	farms . . . 72	—	8	16	24	16	8
	acres . . . 482	—	31	85	104	233	28
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .	354	2	14	76	111	116	35
5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .	191	—	20	31	52	45	43
25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .	45	—	2	9	14	14	6
100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .	5	—	—	2	—	2	1
250.0 acres or more . . . . .	5	—	—	2	3	—	—

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

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