

Table 16. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization for All Farms and Farms Operated by Black and Other Races: 1997, 1992, and 1987

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

Characteristics	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987
Tenure of operator:						
All operators	24 279	22 821	24 568	671	465	425
Harvested cropland	58 607 778	59 642 536	60 203 993	3 951 539	3 421 470	3 449 979
farms..	17 854	17 100	19 267	403	307	287
acres..	9 399 718	8 199 296	9 128 013	152 228	128 408	130 976
Full owners						
Harvested cropland	12 569	10 763	12 112	294	186	177
farms..	16 675 050	14 788 515	15 622 399	2 897 741	2 686 498	2 962 827
acres..	8 036	6 907	8 309	138	103	102
acres..	2 171 817	1 727 998	2 228 860	25 992	38 342	53 166
Part owners						
Harvested cropland	8 826	9 039	9 279	263	217	178
farms..	36 465 040	38 549 948	38 608 260	729 787	594 413	416 594
acres..	7 827	8 001	8 463	208	163	140
acres..	6 104 172	5 323 628	5 682 726	100 852	65 286	61 726
Tenants						
Harvested cropland	2 884	3 019	3 177	114	62	70
farms..	5 467 688	6 304 073	5 973 334	324 011	140 559	70 558
acres..	1 991	2 192	2 495	57	41	45
acres..	1 123 729	1 147 670	1 216 427	25 384	24 780	16 084
Percent of tenancy	11.9	13.2	12.9	17.0	13.3	16.5
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	17 907	16 982	18 259	481	348	305
Not on farm operated	4 615	4 103	4 479	134	67	69
Not reported	1 757	1 736	1 830	56	50	51
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	15 703	16 006	17 405	371	306	253
Other	8 576	6 815	7 163	300	159	172
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	11 320	11 176	12 162	246	191	156
Any	11 280	9 838	10 764	386	234	236
1 to 49 days	1 969	1 856	2 168	30	28	32
50 to 99 days	891	809	877	30	24	20
100 to 149 days	815	733	904	37	8	25
150 to 199 days	1 283	1 179	1 208	61	38	31
200 days or more	6 322	5 261	5 607	228	136	128
Not reported	1 679	1 807	1 642	39	40	33
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 200	1 196	1 321	36	29	25
3 or 4 years	1 533	1 499	1 477	56	26	20
5 to 9 years	3 502	3 048	3 662	79	57	58
10 years or more	14 304	13 583	14 043	338	254	214
Average years on present farm	20.5	20.1	19.5	17.8	18.9	17.7
Not reported	3 740	3 495	4 065	162	99	108
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	240	284	352	12	3	1
25 to 34 years	1 402	2 054	3 149	37	36	45
35 to 44 years	5 138	5 006	5 205	161	108	99
45 to 49 years	3 251	2 677	2 620	74	67	52
50 to 54 years	3 026	2 509	2 470	99	46	60
55 to 59 years	2 769	2 280	2 843	67	62	49
60 to 64 years	2 328	2 494	2 789	80	58	44
65 to 69 years	2 183	2 123	2 252	56	39	29
70 years and over	3 942	3 394	2 888	85	46	46
Average age	54.0	52.9	51.4	52.8	52.2	51.2
Operators by sex:						
Male	21 951	20 995	22 991	589	410	373
Female	55 860 330	56 760 584	57 121 673	3 863 745	3 293 475	3 379 507
farms..	2 328	1 826	1 577	82	55	52
acres..	2 747 448	2 881 952	3 082 320	87 794	127 995	70 472
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	173	90	42	33	19	14
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	380 653	214 412	56 110	31 657	15 147	6 014
farms..	20 580	16 320	17 012	490	287	231
acres..	3 526	6 411	7 514	148	159	180
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	18 751	17 723	19 506	554	388	352
Partnership	29 000 090	29 917 236	31 982 774	916 015	723 404	524 888
Corporation	2 065	2 046	2 147	40	23	20
farms..	7 792 104	7 180 806	6 952 689	89 428	45 593	39 430
acres..	3 121	2 798	2 656	20	16	14
acres..	16 910 326	17 924 054	16 422 333	61 789	71 421	19 499
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	55	76	59	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	894 053	1 667 766	1 488 073	—	—	—
farms..	2 943	2 593	2 520	18	14	13
acres..	15 427 704	15 406 836	14 168 713	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	12	22	13	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	81 479	266 866	417 450	—	—	—
farms..	111	107	64	2	2	1
acres..	507 090	582 586	348 097	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	342	254	259	57	38	39
farms..	4 905 258	4 620 440	4 846 197	2 884 307	2 581 052	2 866 162
acres..						

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