

**Table 17. Selected Characteristics of Farms by Specified Racial Groups, Sex of Operators, and Persons of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin: 1997 and 1992**

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

| Characteristics  | Farms operated by specified racial groups |       |                 |                           |                  | Operators by sex |            | Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin <sup>1</sup> |
|--|---|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|---|
|  | Total                                     | Black | American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Other (see text) | Female           | Male       |   |
| <b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>   |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| Farms ..... number, 1997..   | 671                                       | 6     | 632             | 15                        | 18               | 2 328            | 21 951     | 173   |
| ..... 1992..   | 465                                       | 4     | 431             | 16                        | 14               | 1 826            | 20 995     | 90  |
| Land in farms ..... acres, 1997..  | 3 951 539                                 | 1 575 | 3 908 324       | 22 301                    | 19 339           | 2 747 448        | 55 860 330 | 380 653   |
| ..... 1992..   | 3 421 470                                 | (D)   | 3 383 004       | 29 329                    | (D)              | 2 881 952        | 56 760 584 | 214 412   |
| Harvested cropland ..... farms, 1997..   | 403                                       | 4     | 377             | 9                         | 13               | 1 277            | 16 577     | 126   |
| ..... 1992..   | 307                                       | 2     | 287             | 10                        | 8                | 1 027            | 16 073     | 68  |
| ..... acres, 1997..  | 152 228                                   | 298   | 143 982         | 4 819                     | 3 129            | 311 711          | 9 088 007  | 64 080  |
| ..... 1992..   | 128 408                                   | (D)   | 122 409         | 4 102                     | (D)              | 283 511          | 7 915 785  | 27 742  |
| <b>1997 FARMS BY SIZE</b>  |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| 1 to 9 acres .....   | 22  | -     | 20              | -                         | 2                | 178              | 720        | 9   |
| 10 to 49 acres .....   | 67  | -     | 63              | 1                         | 3                | 548              | 3 022      | 45  |
| 50 to 139 acres .....  | 71  | 4     | 59              | 5                         | 3                | 301              | 2 310      | 18  |
| 140 to 219 acres .....   | 55  | 1     | 49              | 1                         | 4                | 181              | 1 353      | 12  |
| 220 to 499 acres .....   | 103                                       | -     | 102             | -                         | 1                | 277              | 2 525      | 12  |
| 500 acres or more .....  | 353                                       | 1     | 339             | 8                         | 5                | 843              | 12 021     | 77  |
| <b>1997 OWNED AND RENTED LAND IN FARMS</b>   |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| Owned land in farms ..... farms..  | 557                                       | 5     | 521             | 14                        | 17               | 2 137            | 19 258     | 153   |
| ..... acres..  | 3 097 886                                 | (D)   | 3 069 636       | (D)                       | 9 035            | 2 014 316        | 36 350 892 | 220 554   |
| Rented or leased land in farms ..... farms..   | 377                                       | 1     | 366             | 4                         | 6                | 726              | 10 984     | 74  |
| ..... acres..  | 853 653                                   | (D)   | 838 688         | (D)                       | 10 304           | 733 132          | 19 509 438 | 160 099   |
| <b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>  |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| Full owners ..... farms, 1997..  | 294                                       | 5     | 266             | 11                        | 12               | 1 602            | 10 967     | 99  |
| ..... 1992..   | 186                                       | 3     | 164             | 9                         | 10               | 1 171            | 9 592      | 46  |
| ..... acres, 1997..  | 2 897 741                                 | (D)   | 2 875 613       | 14 188                    | (D)              | 1 023 144        | 15 651 906 | 49 817  |
| ..... 1992..   | 2 686 498                                 | (D)   | 2 666 174       | (D)                       | 1 465            | 883 891          | 13 904 624 | 64 073  |
| Part owners ..... farms, 1997..  | 263                                       | -     | 255             | 3                         | 5                | 535              | 8 291      | 54  |
| ..... 1992..   | 217                                       | 1     | 211             | 4                         | 1                | 472              | 8 567      | 33  |
| ..... acres, 1997..  | 729 787                                   | -     | 715 122         | (D)                       | (D)              | 1 515 911        | 34 949 129 | 267 019   |
| ..... 1992..   | 594 413                                   | (D)   | 580 056         | (D)                       | (D)              | 1 570 608        | 36 979 340 | 96 713  |
| Tenants ..... farms, 1997..  | 114                                       | 1     | 111             | 1                         | 3                | 191              | 2 693      | 20  |
| ..... 1992..   | 62  | -     | 56              | 3                         | 3                | 183              | 2 836      | 11  |
| ..... acres, 1997..  | 324 011                                   | (D)   | 317 589         | (D)                       | (D)              | 208 393          | 5 259 295  | 63 817  |
| ..... 1992..   | 140 559                                   | -     | 136 774         | (D)                       | (D)              | 427 453          | 5 876 620  | 53 626  |
| <b>1997 FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>  |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....                                       | 554                                       | 5     | 521             | 12                        | 16               | 1 927            | 16 824     | 137   |
| Partnership .....  | 40  | -     | 40              | -                         | -                | 165              | 1 900      | 17  |
| Family held corporation .....  | 18  | -     | 13              | 3                         | 2                | 171              | 2 827      | 12  |
| Other than family held corporation .....   | 2   | -     | 2               | -                         | -                | 10               | 113        | 4   |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....                           | 57  | 1     | 56              | -                         | -                | 55               | 287        | 3   |
| <b>1997 MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>                                 |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| Total sales ..... farms..  | 671                                       | 6     | 632             | 15                        | 18               | 2 328            | 21 951     | 173   |
| ..... \$1,000..  | 29 551                                    | 53    | 27 826          | 719                       | 954              | 65 243           | 1 805 489  | 13 226  |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ..... farms..                            | 231                                       | 4     | 214             | 6                         | 7                | 834              | 12 272     | 84  |
| ..... \$1,000..  | 11 069                                    | 41    | 10 346          | 353                       | 329              | 25 843           | 877 979    | 5 328   |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products ..... farms..                                   | 470                                       | 3     | 446             | 7                         | 14               | 1 399            | 14 563     | 122   |
| ..... \$1,000..  | 18 482                                    | 12    | 17 480          | 366                       | 624              | 39 400           | 927 510    | 7 898   |
| Farms by value of sales:   |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| Less than \$1,000 .....  | 126                                       | 1     | 117             | 5                         | 3                | 612              | 2 601      | 26  |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 .....   | 46  | -     | 41              | 1                         | 4                | 272              | 1 511      | 15  |
| \$2,500 to \$9,999 .....   | 127                                       | 1     | 120             | 2                         | 4                | 549              | 3 783      | 29  |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 .....   | 112                                       | 4     | 104             | 1                         | 3                | 255              | 2 247      | 19  |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 .....   | 27  | -     | 27              | -                         | -                | 81               | 832        | 7   |
| \$25,000 or more .....   | 233                                       | -     | 223             | 6                         | 4                | 559              | 10 977     | 77  |
| <b>1997 FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>                     |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |            |   |
| Oilseed and grain farming (1111) .....   | 116                                       | 1     | 108             | 6                         | 1                | 487              | 6 261      | 30  |
| Vegetable and melon farming (1112) .....   | 2   | -     | 2               | -                         | -                | 8                | 106        | 2   |
| Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) .....  | 6   | -     | 6               | -                         | -                | 16               | 179        | 5   |
| Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) .....                          | 1   | -     | 1               | -                         | -                | 84               | 217        | 3   |
| Other crop farming (1119) .....  | 57  | 3     | 48              | 2                         | 4                | 257              | 2 959      | 24  |
| Tobacco farming (11191) .....  | -   | -     | -               | -                         | -                | -                | -          | -   |
| Cotton farming (11192) .....   | -   | -     | -               | -                         | -                | -                | -          | -   |
| Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199) ..... | 57  | 3     | 48              | 2                         | 4                | 257              | 2 959      | 24  |
| Beef cattle ranching and farming (11211) .....   | 399                                       | -     | 385             | 4                         | 10               | 882              | 9 491      | 83  |
| Cattle feedlots (11212) .....  | 6   | -     | 6               | -                         | -                | 20               | 245        | -   |
| Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) .....   | 1   | -     | -               | -                         | 1                | 7                | 121        | 2   |
| Hog and pig farming (1122) .....   | -   | -     | -               | -                         | -                | 12               | 151        | 1   |
| Poultry and egg production (1123) .....  | 1   | -     | 1               | -                         | -                | 17               | 51         | 2   |
| Sheep and goat farming (1124) .....  | 9   | -     | 8               | 1                         | -                | 138              | 588        | 5   |
| Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) .....                      | 73  | 2     | 67              | 2                         | 2                | 400              | 1 582      | 16  |

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Table 17. **Selected Characteristics of Farms by Specified Racial Groups, Sex of Operators, and Persons of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin: 1997 and 1992—Con.**

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| Characteristics  | Farms operated by specified racial groups |       |                 |                           |                  | Operators by sex |         | Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin <sup>1</sup> |
|--|---|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|---|
|  | Total                                     | Black | American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Other (see text) | Female           | Male    |   |
| <b>1997 OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                                   |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| Operators by place of residence:                                       |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| On farm operated .....   | 481                                       | 2     | 455             | 9                         | 15               | 1 668            | 16 239  | 145   |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 134                                       | 2     | 125             | 5                         | 2                | 512              | 4 103   | 25  |
| Not reported .....   | 56  | 2     | 52              | 1                         | 1                | 148              | 1 609   | 3   |
| Operators by principal occupation:                                     |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| Farming .....  | 371                                       | 4     | 350             | 6                         | 11               | 1 225            | 14 478  | 103   |
| Other .....  | 300                                       | 2     | 282             | 9                         | 7                | 1 103            | 7 473   | 70  |
| Operators by days worked off farm:                                     |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| None .....   | 246                                       | 4     | 227             | 9                         | 6                | 1 056            | 10 264  | 81  |
| Any .....  | 386                                       | 2     | 366             | 6                         | 12               | 1 122            | 10 158  | 87  |
| 1 to 99 days .....   | 60  | —     | 58              | —                         | 2                | 243              | 2 617   | 12  |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 98  | —     | 96              | 1                         | 1                | 218              | 1 880   | 17  |
| 200 days or more .....   | 228                                       | 2     | 212             | 5                         | 9                | 661              | 5 661   | 58  |
| Not reported .....   | 39  | —     | 39              | —                         | —                | 150              | 1 529   | 5   |
| Operators by years on present farm:                                    |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| 2 years or less .....  | 36  | 1     | 34              | —                         | 1                | 158              | 1 042   | 12  |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 56  | 1     | 54              | —                         | 1                | 214              | 1 319   | 14  |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 79  | —     | 71              | 3                         | 5                | 420              | 3 082   | 41  |
| 10 years or more .....   | 338                                       | 1     | 319             | 9                         | 9                | 1 176            | 13 128  | 86  |
| Average years on present farm .....                                    | 17.8                                      | (D)   | 17.9            | 19.5                      | 14.4             | 18.3             | 20.7    | 17.2  |
| Not reported .....   | 162                                       | 3     | 154             | 3                         | 2                | 360              | 3 380   | 20  |
| Operators by age group:  |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| Under 25 years .....   | 12  | —     | 12              | —                         | —                | 24               | 216     | 2   |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 37  | —     | 36              | —                         | 1                | 87               | 1 315   | 13  |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 161                                       | 2     | 151             | 2                         | 6                | 480              | 4 658   | 34  |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 173                                       | —     | 162             | 4                         | 7                | 568              | 5 709   | 52  |
| 55 to 59 years .....   | 67  | 2     | 62              | 2                         | 1                | 245              | 2 524   | 26  |
| 60 to 64 years .....   | 80  | —     | 75              | 3                         | 2                | 221              | 2 107   | 20  |
| 65 to 69 years .....   | 56  | —     | 56              | —                         | —                | 193              | 1 990   | 10  |
| 70 years and over .....  | 85  | 2     | 78              | 4                         | 1                | 510              | 3 432   | 16  |
| Average age .....  | 52.8                                      | 56.3  | 52.7            | 59.5                      | 49.6             | 56.0             | 53.8    | 51.9  |
| Operators by sex:  |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| Male .....   | 589                                       | 6     | 553             | 13                        | 17               | (X)              | 21 951  | 158   |
| Female .....   | 82  | —     | 79              | 2                         | 1                | 2 328            | (X)     | 15  |
| Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....      | 33  | 1     | 15              | 2                         | 15               | 15               | 158     | 173   |
| <b>1997 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS AND GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS</b> |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| Amount received from Commodity Credit Corporation loans .....          |   |       |                 |                           |                  |                  |         |   |
| farms ..   | 22  | —     | 21              | 1                         | —                | 67               | 1 758   | 14  |
| \$1,000 ..   | 739                                       | —     | (D)             | (D)                       | —                | 2 286            | 65 504  | 455   |
| Government payments received .....                                     | 258                                       | 3     | 242             | 8                         | 5                | 889              | 11 119  | 70  |
| \$1,000 ..   | 2 978                                     | (D)   | 2 718           | 156                       | (D)              | 11 773           | 165 366 | 920   |

<sup>1</sup>See chapter 1, table 16 for operators not of or not reporting Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin.