

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	51 454	52 923	60 502	189	125	98
Harvested cropland	45 525 414	44 393 129	45 305 441	193 192	85 286	72 297
	41 652	43 879	51 175	145	96	78
	17 551 212	16 146 818	15 276 151	86 470	28 516	19 493
Full owners	22 606	21 477	25 301	135	73	43
Harvested cropland	11 956 154	9 744 398	10 482 831	154 366	41 474	25 470
	15 308	14 935	18 176	105	46	27
	3 908 684	2 934 693	3 063 258	73 047	9 478	4 615
Part owners	19 804	21 030	22 361	32	34	28
Harvested cropland	27 529 895	28 018 383	27 333 481	30 252	38 538	40 077
	18 898	20 228	21 720	25	32	27
	10 842 300	10 377 950	9 214 122	8 188	15 380	10 863
Tenants	9 044	10 416	12 840	22	18	27
Harvested cropland	6 039 365	6 630 348	7 489 129	8 574	5 274	6 750
	7 446	8 716	11 279	15	18	24
	2 800 228	2 834 175	2 998 771	5 235	3 658	4 015
Percent of tenancy	17.6	19.7	21.2	11.6	14.4	27.6
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	33 948	36 444	41 061	87	88	72
Not on farm operated	12 587	12 539	14 889	28	25	20
Not reported	4 919	3 940	4 552	74	12	6
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	35 742	39 123	45 387	129	85	66
Other	15 712	13 800	15 115	60	40	32
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	25 017	27 573	31 491	51	62	49
Any	22 073	20 920	24 403	71	50	43
1 to 49 days	3 960	4 131	5 419	7	5	8
50 to 99 days	1 569	1 593	2 022	5	1	5
100 to 149 days	1 442	1 384	1 839	3	4	4
150 to 199 days	1 973	1 885	2 024	10	7	4
200 days or more	13 129	11 927	13 099	46	33	22
Not reported	4 364	4 430	4 608	67	13	6
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2 232	2 404	3 736	7	14	11
3 or 4 years	2 601	3 290	3 741	17	10	4
5 to 9 years	5 514	6 266	7 930	20	12	18
10 years or more	31 837	32 309	34 597	53	56	41
Average years on present farm	22.5	21.3	20.1	17.3	17.4	17.9
Not reported	9 270	8 654	10 498	92	33	24
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	976	1 390	2 127	1	3	12
25 to 34 years	4 555	7 487	10 482	11	5	7
35 to 44 years	11 802	11 791	11 709	27	32	16
45 to 49 years	6 360	4 980	5 424	70	13	11
50 to 54 years	5 253	4 988	5 970	15	10	10
55 to 59 years	5 030	5 160	6 780	12	16	13
60 to 64 years	5 087	5 816	7 171	19	18	9
65 to 69 years	4 543	4 642	4 781	12	13	11
70 years and over	7 848	6 669	6 058	22	15	9
Average age	52.5	50.7	49.4	51.8	53.2	49.0
Operators by sex:						
Male	48 802	50 681	58 279	175	109	89
Female	43 561 257	42 503 649	43 582 078	186 345	79 537	62 262
	2 652	2 242	2 223	14	16	9
	1 964 157	1 889 480	1 723 363	6 847	5 749	10 035
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
	254	114	80	29	18	14
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	230 327	79 618	48 458	21 230	4 316	9 756
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	42 313	38 636	42 521	76	56	46
	8 887	14 173	17 901	84	51	38
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	42 313	44 577	51 749	132	89	76
Partnership	30 501 087	30 366 655	32 501 012	100 723	30 164	45 630
Corporation	4 505	4 604	5 212	27	18	13
	5 791 772	5 498 597	5 272 093	26 969	9 046	8 294
	4 249	3 430	3 209	23	11	4
	8 696 938	7 790 143	6 962 774	30 600	17 743	2 587
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	61	61	56	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	484 917	382 843	453 507	—	—	—
	3 979	3 131	2 957	23	11	3
	7 912 772	7 053 419	6 392 820	30 600	17 743	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	35	32	16	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	(D)	154 550	11 482	—	—	—
	174	206	180	—	—	1
	(D)	199 331	104 965	—	—	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	387	312	332	7	7	5
	535 617	737 734	569 562	34 900	28 333	15 786

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