

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	2 829	2 890	3 027	157	137	130
Harvested cropland	6 409 288	9 263 684	9 988 520	1 416 837	1 270 071	1 024 252
	1 765	1 753	1 884	101	99	102
	526 338	408 568	526 067	22 656	15 398	29 137
Full owners	2 095	2 110	2 214	107	88	88
Harvested cropland	3 849 054	3 293 002	3 905 199	1 266 012	1 208 348	1 012 138
	1 258	1 238	1 328	64	64	70
	343 565	241 562	320 609	11 849	11 184	25 584
Part owners	492	509	542	25	25	23
Harvested cropland	2 030 171	5 586 779	4 526 967	(D)	56 463	10 213
	371	367	402	18	18	19
	132 717	133 019	158 079	2 919	1 612	2 702
Tenants	242	271	271	25	24	19
Harvested cropland	530 063	383 903	1 556 354	(D)	5 260	1 901
	136	148	154	19	17	13
	50 056	33 987	47 379	7 888	2 602	851
Percent of tenancy	8.6	9.4	9.0	15.9	17.5	14.6
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	2 126	2 204	2 293	113	93	97
Not on farm operated	506	493	532	31	31	21
Not reported	197	193	202	13	13	12
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	1 558	1 656	1 675	83	80	80
Other	1 271	1 234	1 352	74	57	50
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	1 131	1 192	1 217	52	42	47
Any	1 515	1 518	1 654	92	78	75
1 to 49 days	178	178	172	10	19	12
50 to 99 days	109	88	114	8	2	5
100 to 149 days	105	116	125	7	4	6
150 to 199 days	184	226	201	14	6	8
200 days or more	939	910	1 042	53	47	44
Not reported	183	180	156	13	17	8
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	213	182	201	20	8	10
3 or 4 years	254	256	275	12	12	5
5 to 9 years	462	488	634	18	17	21
10 years or more	1 457	1 514	1 419	75	60	67
Average years on present farm	16.9	16.5	14.9	15.2	15.2	16.8
Not reported	443	450	498	32	40	27
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	8	20	27	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	141	169	305	8	9	17
35 to 44 years	516	573	641	38	27	28
45 to 49 years	387	367	334	15	20	16
50 to 54 years	379	367	340	30	16	16
55 to 59 years	324	341	386	16	22	18
60 to 64 years	270	327	356	19	18	14
65 to 69 years	307	303	301	18	9	8
70 years and over	497	423	337	13	16	13
Average age	55.4	54.2	52.3	52.8	53.1	51.1
Operators by sex:						
Male	2 423	2 540	2 693	139	129	121
Female	6 004 162	8 990 170	9 635 346	(D)	1 269 144	1 022 247
	406	350	334	18	8	9
	405 126	273 514	353 174	(D)	927	2 005
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	108	86	89	43	24	9
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	83 411	427 088	117 083	15 026	(D)	1 036
	2 298	2 073	2 147	97	68	78
	423	731	791	17	45	43
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	2 197	2 269	2 342	118	86	85
Partnership	1 668 011	3 238 951	3 564 719	22 210	70 311	17 423
Corporation	295	323	356	5	11	7
	614 324	1 261 389	1 501 329	(D)	(D)	896
	233	221	261	1	7	9
	2 646 048	3 339 475	3 515 727	(D)	(D)	1 057
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	8	14	6	—	1	—
10 or less stockholders	29 977	624 024	56 997	(D)	(D)	—
	1 320 944	2 349 418	2 849 713	1	5	8
				(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	6	9	5	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	(D)	(D)	294 830	—	—	—
	20	19	26	—	1	1
	(D)	(D)	314 187	—	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	104	77	68	33	33	29
	1 480 905	1 423 869	1 406 745	1 391 344	1 187 287	1 004 876

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