

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	2 937	2 445	2 515	6	5	16
Harvested cropland	415 031	385 832	426 237	179	(D)	1 551
	2 256	2 039	2 044	3	5	13
	101 753	100 746	106 629	14	(D)	214
Full owners	1 971	1 642	1 679	6	4	13
Harvested cropland	229 123	203 005	229 366	179	179	1 269
	1 442	1 295	1 271	3	4	11
	28 560	29 134	33 870	14	48	(D)
Part owners	783	664	714	—	—	3
Harvested cropland	170 706	168 783	185 290	—	—	282
	688	631	677	—	—	2
	66 267	64 626	66 256	—	—	(D)
Tenants	183	139	122	—	1	—
Harvested cropland	15 202	14 044	11 581	—	(D)	—
	126	113	96	—	1	—
	6 926	6 986	6 503	—	(D)	—
Percent of tenancy	6.2	5.7	4.9	—	20.0	—
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	2 455	2 095	2 201	6	5	12
Not on farm operated	343	236	203	—	—	2
Not reported	139	114	111	—	—	2
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	1 260	1 204	1 153	6	3	11
Other	1 677	1 241	1 362	—	2	5
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	1 028	927	857	6	3	6
Any	1 807	1 420	1 539	—	1	10
1 to 49 days	193	178	168	—	—	—
50 to 99 days	118	99	101	—	—	4
100 to 149 days	145	99	106	—	—	—
150 to 199 days	199	196	205	—	—	3
200 days or more	1 152	848	959	—	1	3
Not reported	102	98	119	—	1	—
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	117	73	110	—	1	1
3 or 4 years	166	138	188	—	—	—
5 to 9 years	406	411	475	—	—	2
10 years or more	1 872	1 511	1 409	6	3	8
Average years on present farm	19.4	19.2	18.0	33.3	21.8	19.5
Not reported	376	312	333	—	1	5
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	12	17	13	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	145	142	253	—	—	1
35 to 44 years	587	544	594	—	1	1
45 to 49 years	435	342	307	1	—	1
50 to 54 years	425	317	263	—	—	2
55 to 59 years	365	232	319	2	1	6
60 to 64 years	259	282	219	—	1	—
65 to 69 years	257	208	236	—	—	1
70 years and over	452	361	311	3	2	4
Average age	54.3	53.4	51.9	70.0	63.0	57.4
Operators by sex:						
Male	2 420	2 043	2 197	5	3	15
Female	371 726	348 106	398 827	(D)	(D)	(D)
	517	402	318	1	2	1
	43 305	37 726	27 410	(D)	(D)	(D)
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
	15	14	9	—	2	—
	1 701	1 839	1 984	—	(D)	—
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	2 540	1 769	1 744	4	2	10
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	382	662	762	2	1	6
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	2 547	2 136	2 234	6	4	16
Partnership	310 774	299 670	336 484	179	(D)	1 551
Corporation	179	147	140	—	1	—
	42 740	39 224	38 661	—	(D)	—
Family held:	160	133	112	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	40 753	34 205	35 255	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	1	1	1	—	—	—
	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
Other than family held:	143	119	95	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	15	12	15	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
	51	29	29	—	—	—
	20 764	12 733	15 837	—	—	—

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