

Table 11. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1997 and 1992

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Characteristics	New Hampshire	Belknap	Carroll	Cheshire	Coos
FARMS					
Land in farms	farms, 1997.. 2 937	184	177	293	185
	1992.. 2 445	147	155	219	173
	acres, 1997.. 415 031	20 612	24 155	41 651	42 931
	1992.. 385 832	20 910	25 439	33 935	46 056
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 2 256	137	143	223	149
	1992.. 2 039	130	130	178	148
	acres, 1997.. 101 753	3 755	3 928	9 801	10 961
	1992.. 100 746	4 145	4 349	9 235	12 611
TENURE OF OPERATOR					
Full owners	farms, 1997.. 1 971	130	137	188	118
	1992.. 1 642	104	118	149	105
	acres, 1997.. 229 123	(D)	16 960	24 630	(D)
	1992.. 203 005	11 632	17 052	16 830	22 132
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 1 442	90	105	140	92
	1992.. 1 295	90	93	113	87
	acres, 1997.. 28 560	(D)	1 862	2 500	(D)
	1992.. 29 134	2 124	1 812	2 052	3 580
Part owners	farms, 1997.. 783	51	26	84	59
	1992.. 664	37	30	58	58
	acres, 1997.. 170 706	8 558	6 829	15 092	19 092
	1992.. 168 783	8 864	8 298	15 704	22 115
Owned land in farms	acres, 1997.. 114 829	6 678	5 306	9 430	13 387
	1992.. 114 910	7 239	6 167	10 376	17 158
Rented land in farms	acres, 1997.. 55 877	1 880	1 523	5 662	5 705
	1992.. 53 873	1 625	2 131	5 328	4 957
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 688	45	25	74	53
	1992.. 631	34	30	55	52
	acres, 1997.. 66 267	2 110	1 856	6 464	7 694
	1992.. 64 626	1 904	2 498	6 720	8 017
Tenants	farms, 1997.. 183	3	14	21	8
	1992.. 139	6	7	12	10
	acres, 1997.. 15 202	(D)	366	1 929	(D)
	1992.. 14 044	414	89	1 401	1 809
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 126	2	13	9	4
	1992.. 113	6	7	10	9
	acres, 1997.. 6 926	(D)	210	837	(D)
	1992.. 6 986	117	39	463	1 014
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS					
Operators by place of residence:					
On farm operated	1997.. 2 455	158	146	246	149
	1992.. 2 095	124	131	194	152
Not on farm operated	1997.. 343	13	24	35	23
	1992.. 236	12	19	19	12
Not reported	1997.. 139	13	7	12	13
	1992.. 114	11	5	6	9
Operators by principal occupation:					
Farming	1997.. 1 260	68	67	107	85
	1992.. 1 204	71	66	98	92
Other	1997.. 1 677	116	110	186	100
	1992.. 1 241	76	89	121	81
Operators by days worked off farm:					
None	1997.. 1 028	47	48	99	59
	1992.. 927	48	52	85	71
Any	1997.. 1 807	133	115	188	112
	1992.. 1 420	93	96	125	90
1 to 49 days	1997.. 193	6	6	23	14
	1992.. 178	12	10	14	5
50 to 99 days	1997.. 118	11	8	9	6
	1992.. 99	9	2	11	6
100 to 149 days	1997.. 145	10	16	13	6
	1992.. 99	3	10	9	5
150 to 199 days	1997.. 199	12	19	14	16
	1992.. 196	17	21	21	19
200 days or more	1997.. 1 152	94	66	129	70
	1992.. 848	52	53	70	55
Not reported	1997.. 102	4	14	6	14
	1992.. 98	6	7	9	12
Operators by years on present farm:					
2 years or less	1997.. 117	8	8	13	6
	1992.. 73	4	7	4	1
3 or 4 years	1997.. 166	5	6	27	7
	1992.. 138	11	13	13	12
5 to 9 years	1997.. 406	26	23	40	23
	1992.. 411	23	18	37	37
10 years or more	1997.. 1 872	114	112	176	123
	1992.. 1 511	86	89	141	99
Average years on present farm	1997.. 19.4	18.8	19.4	17.7	21.4
	1992.. 19.2	17.2	17.5	18.3	18.4
Not reported	1997.. 376	31	28	37	26
	1992.. 312	23	28	24	24

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FARMS						
Land in farms						
farms, 1997..	406	391	413	407	235	246
1992..	348	328	346	339	202	188
acres, 1997..	75 883	37 572	63 417	35 465	26 078	47 267
1992..	75 733	39 844	46 610	34 292	24 716	38 297
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	321	284	307	306	200	186
1992..	312	260	283	262	179	157
acres, 1997..	19 269	11 733	13 955	11 383	6 893	10 075
1992..	19 701	12 004	12 742	10 832	6 418	8 709
TENURE OF OPERATOR						
Full owners						
farms, 1997..	248	257	268	291	164	170
1992..	207	221	236	226	146	130
acres, 1997..	37 986	18 706	34 236	18 512	15 715	26 942
1992..	38 624	21 083	24 699	15 609	14 649	20 695
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	183	175	188	210	136	123
1992..	179	160	181	162	127	103
acres, 1997..	4 937	2 476	3 465	3 854	2 329	2 389
1992..	5 632	2 856	3 714	3 013	2 196	2 155
Part owners						
farms, 1997..	138	107	113	95	47	63
1992..	116	92	88	97	38	50
acres, 1997..	36 135	17 054	24 888	15 864	8 455	18 739
1992..	34 797	17 208	20 589	16 803	8 417	15 988
Owned land in farms						
acres, 1997..	24 207	9 664	17 967	9 818	5 591	12 781
1992..	23 173	9 577	13 212	11 413	5 601	10 994
Rented land in farms						
acres, 1997..	11 928	7 390	6 921	6 046	2 864	5 958
1992..	11 624	7 631	7 377	5 390	2 816	4 994
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	122	87	100	83	44	55
1992..	114	86	85	90	37	48
acres, 1997..	13 537	8 048	8 935	7 082	3 304	7 237
1992..	12 768	8 493	8 329	7 025	3 292	5 580
Tenants						
farms, 1997..	20	27	32	21	24	13
1992..	25	15	22	16	18	8
acres, 1997..	1 762	1 812	4 293	1 089	1 908	1 586
1992..	2 312	1 553	1 322	1 880	1 650	1 614
Harvested cropland						
farms, 1997..	16	22	19	13	20	8
1992..	19	14	17	10	15	6
acres, 1997..	795	1 209	1 555	447	1 260	449
1992..	1 301	655	699	794	930	974
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS						
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated						
1997..	341	325	343	353	182	212
1992..	279	287	299	291	166	172
Not on farm operated						
1997..	46	40	56	40	44	22
1992..	48	26	33	25	30	12
Not reported						
1997..	19	26	14	14	9	12
1992..	21	15	14	23	6	4
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming						
1997..	180	186	189	189	99	90
1992..	187	167	177	169	91	86
Other						
1997..	226	205	224	218	136	156
1992..	161	161	169	170	111	102
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None						
1997..	152	144	148	165	87	79
1992..	144	122	132	135	71	67
Any						
1997..	242	231	258	230	143	155
1992..	185	190	202	195	127	117
1 to 49 days						
1997..	21	31	28	34	20	10
1992..	31	29	21	20	21	15
50 to 99 days						
1997..	14	18	17	16	11	8
1992..	10	10	15	12	15	9
100 to 149 days						
1997..	22	23	17	23	7	8
1992..	12	13	19	11	11	6
150 to 199 days						
1997..	24	24	34	23	11	22
1992..	24	29	20	18	11	16
200 days or more						
1997..	161	135	162	134	94	107
1992..	108	109	127	134	69	71
Not reported						
1997..	12	16	7	12	5	12
1992..	19	16	12	9	4	4
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less						
1997..	10	24	14	15	7	12
1992..	10	5	14	16	7	5
3 or 4 years						
1997..	23	28	23	16	17	14
1992..	20	13	24	14	7	11
5 to 9 years						
1997..	40	51	63	62	41	37
1992..	36	66	56	68	41	29
10 years or more						
1997..	280	232	274	256	145	160
1992..	238	203	215	190	132	118
Average years on present farm						
1997..	20.2	18.7	19.5	19.6	20.1	18.8
1992..	22.2	18.8	19.0	18.1	20.0	19.9
Not reported						
1997..	53	56	39	58	25	23
1992..	44	41	37	51	15	25

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Con.					
Operators by age group:					
Under 25 years	1997.. 12	1	1	1	1
	1992.. 17	—	2	3	6
25 to 34 years	1997.. 145	11	6	14	9
	1992.. 142	9	8	12	12
35 to 44 years	1997.. 587	40	27	68	33
	1992.. 544	25	42	48	47
45 to 54 years	1997.. 860	56	49	82	53
	1992.. 659	43	46	63	36
55 to 59 years	1997.. 365	22	32	30	23
	1992.. 232	20	15	26	9
60 to 64 years	1997.. 259	24	17	37	7
	1992.. 282	18	8	16	29
65 to 69 years	1997.. 257	12	12	19	26
	1992.. 208	15	13	21	14
70 years and over	1997.. 452	18	33	42	33
	1992.. 361	17	21	30	20
Average age	1997.. 54.3	52.2	56.2	53.3	55.4
	1992.. 53.4	53.5	52.1	52.9	51.2
Operators by sex:					
Male	farms, 1997.. 2 420	149	148	248	176
	1992.. 2 043	128	138	181	147
	acres, 1997.. 371 726	17 848	21 336	38 769	42 152
	1992.. 348 106	19 680	23 196	31 717	42 697
Female	farms, 1997.. 517	35	29	45	9
	1992.. 402	19	17	38	26
	acres, 1997.. 43 305	2 764	2 819	2 882	779
	1992.. 37 726	1 230	2 243	2 218	3 359
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION					
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms, 1997.. 2 547	164	155	248	171
	1992.. 2 136	127	138	193	156
	acres, 1997.. 310 774	18 933	20 430	26 873	36 707
	1992.. 299 670	18 539	19 207	25 625	36 729
Partnership	farms, 1997.. 179	11	11	21	9
	1992.. 147	8	8	14	13
	acres, 1997.. 42 740	1 143	1 550	7 193	4 146
	1992.. 39 224	1 510	3 665	3 637	6 763
Corporation:					
Family held	farms, 1997.. 144	6	6	17	1
	1992.. 120	8	4	9	2
	acres, 1997.. 37 938	(D)	383	5 623	(D)
	1992.. 30 962	571	(D)	2 739	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 1997.. 16	1	2	3	1
	1992.. 13	1	2	1	—
	acres, 1997.. 2 815	(D)	(D)	761	(D)
	1992.. 3 243	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 1997.. 51	2	3	4	3
	1992.. 29	3	3	2	2
	acres, 1997.. 20 764	(D)	(D)	1 201	(D)
	1992.. 12 733	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Con.						
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	1997.. 4	2	1	1	—	—
	1992.. 1	—	—	2	2	1
25 to 34 years	1997.. 16	16	22	22	17	12
	1992.. 16	14	19	27	11	14
35 to 44 years	1997.. 89	82	88	79	32	49
	1992.. 79	77	72	67	46	41
45 to 54 years	1997.. 113	120	119	121	71	76
	1992.. 82	84	104	97	48	56
55 to 59 years	1997.. 47	48	49	53	25	36
	1992.. 33	33	41	23	17	15
60 to 64 years	1997.. 36	27	50	27	20	14
	1992.. 39	37	30	54	29	22
65 to 69 years	1997.. 31	34	27	44	33	19
	1992.. 31	31	35	19	14	15
70 years and over	1997.. 70	62	57	60	37	40
	1992.. 67	52	45	50	35	24
Average age	1997.. 54.4	54.3	53.7	54.5	55.4	54.3
	1992.. 54.8	54.2	53.4	53.1	54.1	52.8
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms, 1997.. 346	305	334	312	196	206
	1992.. 291	265	289	271	175	158
	acres, 1997.. 67 766	32 404	54 167	30 602	22 671	44 011
	1992.. 65 013	34 357	41 976	30 386	22 921	36 163
Female	farms, 1997.. 60	86	79	95	39	40
	1992.. 57	63	57	68	27	30
	acres, 1997.. 8 117	5 168	9 250	4 863	3 407	3 256
	1992.. 10 720	5 487	4 634	3 906	1 795	2 134
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms, 1997.. 360	338	355	345	199	212
	1992.. 309	282	305	288	171	167
	acres, 1997.. 57 941	27 899	44 544	25 828	18 970	32 649
	1992.. 61 947	29 149	38 170	27 242	19 009	24 053
Partnership	farms, 1997.. 20	19	25	28	15	20
	1992.. 21	17	20	22	12	12
	acres, 1997.. 6 767	4 187	8 223	3 213	1 386	4 932
	1992.. 7 142	3 080	4 335	2 908	1 152	5 032
Corporation:						
Family held	farms, 1997.. 19	22	26	24	15	8
	1992.. 15	21	17	23	14	7
	acres, 1997.. 7 663	4 385	4 411	5 249	3 034	7 074
	1992.. 5 057	5 116	2 562	3 455	3 564	6 907
Other than family held	farms, 1997.. 2	3	2	—	—	2
	1992.. —	2	2	4	—	1
	acres, 1997.. (D)	135	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1992.. —	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 1997.. 5	9	5	10	6	4
	1992.. 3	6	2	2	5	1
	acres, 1997.. (D)	966	(D)	1 175	2 688	(D)
	1992.. 1 587	(D)	(D)	(D)	991	(D)