

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	9 101	9 079	9 032	138	123	103
Harvested cropland	832 600	847 595	894 426	6 830	5 894	6 269
	7 396	7 149	7 288	111	101	81
	485 187	491 518	484 805	3 696	3 714	3 054
Full owners	6 857	6 541	6 410	106	90	73
Harvested cropland	331 958	328 645	361 294	2 711	2 605	2 910
	5 330	4 831	4 906	84	73	57
	122 637	117 530	132 301	1 325	1 402	1 036
Part owners	1 600	1 685	1 782	19	21	15
Harvested cropland	403 171	403 491	407 303	2 703	2 752	2 675
	1 505	1 598	1 662	14	17	13
	292 776	293 880	271 168	1 316	1 847	1 619
Tenants	644	853	840	13	12	15
Harvested cropland	97 471	115 459	125 829	1 416	537	684
	561	720	720	13	11	11
	69 774	80 108	81 336	1 055	465	399
Percent of tenancy	7.1	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.8	14.6
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	7 119	7 059	7 174	100	86	65
Not on farm operated	1 397	1 516	1 388	33	25	32
Not reported	585	504	470	5	12	6
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	3 920	4 218	4 180	65	72	54
Other	5 181	4 861	4 852	73	51	49
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	3 503	3 475	3 199	45	56	35
Any	5 188	5 094	5 375	88	51	63
1 to 49 days	421	439	434	12	5	10
50 to 99 days	260	265	291	5	5	8
100 to 149 days	376	361	361	10	1	6
150 to 199 days	653	633	623	8	7	2
200 days or more	3 478	3 396	3 666	53	33	37
Not reported	410	510	458	5	16	5
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	271	250	411	8	9	11
3 or 4 years	448	581	658	10	17	10
5 to 9 years	1 153	1 633	1 629	29	16	18
10 years or more	5 720	5 238	4 971	66	61	49
Average years on present farm	19.6	18.6	17.9	14.7	15.5	15.4
Not reported	1 509	1 377	1 363	25	20	15
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	47	71	80	1	1	—
25 to 34 years	399	612	770	8	5	6
35 to 44 years	1 640	1 850	1 832	27	33	23
45 to 49 years	1 133	1 132	1 157	29	20	3
50 to 54 years	1 316	1 167	1 104	20	15	17
55 to 59 years	1 145	1 036	1 057	16	12	10
60 to 64 years	1 025	970	1 044	16	13	10
65 to 69 years	852	852	803	12	3	10
70 years and over	1 544	1 389	1 185	9	21	24
Average age	55.4	53.9	52.9	52.1	52.6	56.0
Operators by sex:						
Male	7 745	7 805	8 070	128	106	95
Female	770 785	785 597	851 440	6 617	5 533	6 165
	1 356	1 274	962	10	17	8
	61 815	61 998	42 986	213	361	104
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
	112	69	29	16	7	1
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	6 718	4 567	2 434	292	(D)	(D)
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	7 787	6 740	6 480	101	68	57
	1 202	2 270	2 523	21	48	45
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	7 604	7 553	7 530	116	107	80
Partnership	531 363	565 144	594 577	4 985	4 326	2 636
Corporation	635	668	740	6	4	10
	129 055	119 321	133 063	(D)	(D)	(D)
	783	780	704	15	11	12
	148 941	148 291	150 514	1 698	1 187	2 591
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	9	12	5	1	—	—
10 or less stockholders	3 899	5 343	2 911	(D)	—	—
	693	696	646	13	11	9
	129 819	133 435	137 702	(D)	1 187	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	8	11	3	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	3 038	4 354	1 134	—	—	—
	73	61	50	1	—	3
	12 185	5 159	8 767	(D)	—	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	79	78	58	1	1	1
	23 241	14 839	16 272	(D)	(D)	(D)

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