

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	14 094	14 279	14 249	2 132	2 530	2 175
Harvested cropland	45 787 108	46 849 244	46 018 005	8 069 297	8 475 975	8 416 037
	7 008	7 213	7 269	1 288	1 496	1 277
	1 079 953	1 060 345	989 214	97 177	111 397	94 823
Full owners	8 653	8 383	8 698	1 348	1 572	1 452
Harvested cropland	15 462 750	17 109 602	16 089 586	4 919 324	6 287 533	6 534 739
	4 553	4 520	4 555	850	949	858
	373 308	325 789	290 922	73 743	79 089	36 879
Part owners	4 079	4 389	4 148	602	739	548
Harvested cropland	26 677 298	25 162 266	24 747 623	2 985 063	1 894 779	1 633 049
	1 914	2 161	2 110	352	451	340
	574 810	614 753	529 588	19 286	28 343	18 055
Tenants	1 362	1 507	1 403	182	219	175
Harvested cropland	3 647 060	4 577 376	5 180 796	164 910	293 663	248 249
	541	532	604	86	96	79
	131 835	119 803	168 704	4 148	3 965	39 889
Percent of tenancy	9.7	10.6	9.8	8.5	8.7	8.0
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	9 454	9 404	9 235	1 391	1 646	1 328
Not on farm operated	3 754	3 854	3 889	613	705	659
Not reported	886	1 021	1 125	128	179	188
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	7 197	7 540	7 243	883	1 088	838
Other	6 897	6 739	7 006	1 249	1 442	1 337
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	5 752	5 708	5 265	702	806	629
Any	7 506	7 590	8 137	1 324	1 578	1 440
1 to 49 days	1 007	1 025	1 070	210	230	213
50 to 99 days	495	484	595	109	110	125
100 to 149 days	555	531	685	117	121	142
150 to 199 days	857	877	850	145	216	202
200 days or more	4 592	4 673	4 937	743	901	761
Not reported	836	981	847	106	146	106
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	806	827	862	120	124	128
3 or 4 years	1 048	1 141	1 079	161	220	157
5 to 9 years	2 134	2 076	2 383	291	351	322
10 years or more	7 735	7 621	7 075	1 095	1 216	990
Average years on present farm	19.1	18.2	17.5	18.6	17.9	17.2
Not reported	2 371	2 614	2 850	465	619	578
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	111	156	150	12	23	20
25 to 34 years	717	943	1 268	140	202	232
35 to 44 years	2 238	2 526	2 613	385	519	443
45 to 49 years	1 702	1 503	1 556	286	291	264
50 to 54 years	1 712	1 585	1 646	257	301	243
55 to 59 years	1 608	1 729	1 767	264	270	246
60 to 64 years	1 610	1 713	1 770	227	287	246
65 to 69 years	1 517	1 609	1 388	227	230	174
70 years and over	2 879	2 515	2 091	334	407	307
Average age	56.5	55.3	53.7	54.6	54.0	52.5
Operators by sex:						
Male	12 429	12 846	13 065	1 947	2 333	2 016
Female	42 585 512	44 090 263	43 420 771	7 981 690	8 342 542	8 227 777
	1 665	1 433	1 184	185	197	159
	3 201 596	2 758 981	2 597 234	87 607	133 433	188 260
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
	3 477	3 363	3 013	1 412	1 773	1 269
	3 716 427	3 311 319	2 540 060	731 391	1 052 293	736 207
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	8 767	7 603	7 624	458	330	458
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	1 850	3 313	3 612	262	427	448
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	11 783	11 959	11 929	1 878	2 244	1 930
Partnership	20 874 338	21 543 276	19 416 398	794 151	1 245 698	943 902
	1 158	1 276	1 362	104	151	135
Corporation	7 257 592	7 227 086	8 749 233	153 141	125 839	120 394
	848	794	753	43	37	44
	8 827 942	9 044 362	8 976 683	79 168	116 048	138 554
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	21	33	18	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	551 400	761 518	663 067	—	—	—
	733	665	657	33	33	43
	7 167 539	7 120 969	6 867 998	71 435	116 020	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	4	9	7	1	1	—
10 or less stockholders	(D)	(D)	469 879	(D)	(D)	—
	90	87	71	9	3	1
	(D)	(D)	975 739	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	305	250	205	107	98	66
	8 827 236	9 034 520	8 875 691	7 042 837	6 988 390	7 213 187

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