

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	31 757	32 306	37 743	176	121	151
Harvested cropland	7 254 470	7 458 015	8 416 228	24 454	20 601	21 989
	27 569	28 715	33 664	139	97	112
	3 716 942	3 534 898	3 899 819	9 208	7 755	6 656
Full owners	19 170	18 924	23 039	114	89	111
Harvested cropland	2 782 516	2 746 164	3 406 754	13 579	12 075	14 207
	15 640	15 878	19 527	68	68	75
	977 994	908 920	1 192 878	3 069	2 715	2 705
Part owners	10 742	11 417	12 532	42	23	34
Harvested cropland	4 126 147	4 310 632	4 598 934	8 844	7 740	7 094
	10 367	11 100	12 236	41	21	32
	2 524 688	2 401 488	2 494 606	5 016	4 492	3 353
Tenants	1 845	1 965	2 172	20	9	6
Harvested cropland	345 807	401 219	410 540	2 031	786	668
	1 562	1 737	1 901	17	8	5
	214 260	224 490	212 335	1 123	548	598
Percent of tenancy	5.8	6.1	5.8	11.4	7.4	4.0
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	26 320	26 939	31 903	133	89	120
Not on farm operated	3 849	3 522	3 816	34	26	19
Not reported	1 588	1 845	2 024	9	6	12
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	18 426	19 934	22 977	82	59	69
Other	13 331	12 372	14 766	94	62	82
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	14 960	15 838	18 079	55	45	44
Any	15 286	14 472	17 596	113	70	98
1 to 49 days	1 685	1 669	1 974	11	4	8
50 to 99 days	863	719	969	4	5	4
100 to 149 days	932	908	1 138	8	9	7
150 to 199 days	1 920	1 821	2 009	12	11	10
200 days or more	9 886	9 355	11 506	78	41	69
Not reported	1 511	1 996	2 068	8	6	9
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 251	1 249	1 650	14	8	16
3 or 4 years	1 647	1 897	2 439	17	11	21
5 to 9 years	3 946	4 391	5 676	31	36	25
10 years or more	20 632	20 270	22 616	91	52	57
Average years on present farm	21.4	20.9	20.0	13.6	13.5	12.7
Not reported	4 281	4 499	5 362	23	14	32
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	225	331	370	—	1	5
25 to 34 years	1 977	2 736	4 100	11	8	18
35 to 44 years	6 628	6 997	8 413	46	36	42
45 to 49 years	4 189	4 012	4 473	27	16	17
50 to 54 years	4 338	3 900	4 389	27	13	17
55 to 59 years	3 832	3 719	4 551	22	20	17
60 to 64 years	3 323	3 622	4 309	17	12	19
65 to 69 years	2 845	2 905	3 230	15	8	9
70 years and over	4 400	4 084	3 908	11	7	7
Average age	53.5	52.5	51.4	51.2	50.4	48.0
Operators by sex:						
Male	28 632	29 452	35 007	155	110	140
Female	6 848 063	7 092 466	8 067 367	22 354	18 993	21 216
	3 125	2 854	2 736	21	11	11
	406 407	365 549	348 861	2 100	1 608	753
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
	210	105	93	27	16	13
	45 090	23 329	16 448	3 218	2 829	858
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	27 995	24 298	27 362	116	69	73
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	3 552	7 903	10 288	33	36	65
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	26 855	27 346	32 149	146	99	127
Partnership	5 165 428	5 387 802	6 258 203	18 372	12 448	13 539
Corporation	3 153	3 284	3 835	11	8	13
	1 358 273	1 350 596	1 434 134	(D)	(D)	1 709
	1 568	1 521	1 545	14	11	6
	656 468	666 195	642 649	2 194	5 523	3 015
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	21	14	16	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	21 462	9 902	15 269	—	—	—
	1 395	1 351	1 396	12	9	6
	575 018	591 752	577 138	(D)	(D)	3 015
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	9	12	10	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	8 300	4 366	10 484	—	—	—
	143	144	123	2	2	—
	51 688	60 175	39 758	(D)	(D)	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	181	155	214	5	3	5
	74 301	53 422	81 242	(D)	(D)	3 706

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