

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	49 406	51 854	59 284	2 111	2 498	3 303
Harvested cropland	9 122 379	8 936 015	9 447 705	244 539	245 006	273 696
Full owners	38 241	42 135	50 108	1 642	2 074	2 810
Harvested cropland	4 233 693	3 998 685	3 779 164	122 807	124 197	119 835
Part owners	28 608	29 242	34 664	1 089	1 313	1 892
Harvested cropland	3 184 392	3 003 960	3 562 341	80 859	73 405	108 545
Tenants	19 383	21 153	26 848	721	960	1 487
Harvested cropland	821 458	686 688	800 585	23 420	21 159	28 686
Percent of tenancy	16 591	17 572	18 874	732	839	1 003
Harvested cropland	5 217 057	5 133 947	5 053 795	131 978	138 378	138 881
Tenants	15 274	16 497	18 050	665	790	947
Harvested cropland	2 911 581	2 785 823	2 485 874	77 462	79 904	72 475
Percent of tenancy	4 207	5 040	5 746	290	346	408
Harvested cropland	720 930	798 108	831 569	31 702	33 223	26 270
Percent of tenancy	3 584	4 485	5 210	256	324	376
Harvested cropland	500 654	526 174	492 705	21 925	23 134	18 674
Percent of tenancy	8.5	9.7	9.7	13.7	13.9	12.4
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	34 817	36 678	40 702	1 297	1 512	2 037
Not on farm operated	9 771	10 223	11 905	529	597	739
Not reported	4 818	4 953	6 677	285	389	527
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	24 355	27 376	30 687	1 117	1 365	1 828
Other	25 051	24 478	28 597	994	1 133	1 475
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	19 960	21 464	23 261	882	1 028	1 372
Any	25 856	25 958	31 914	996	1 125	1 595
1 to 49 days	2 483	2 543	3 556	113	131	233
50 to 99 days	1 501	1 488	1 898	89	109	113
100 to 149 days	1 489	1 591	2 027	69	100	87
150 to 199 days	2 355	2 347	2 731	89	103	180
200 days or more	18 028	17 989	21 702	636	682	982
Not reported	3 590	4 432	4 109	233	345	336
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 953	2 155	2 749	113	123	192
3 or 4 years	2 890	2 885	3 098	128	134	168
5 to 9 years	6 015	5 901	6 979	258	216	284
10 years or more	27 958	29 263	31 990	961	1 070	1 427
Average years on present farm	21.2	21.0	20.4	19.9	20.6	20.3
Not reported	10 590	11 650	14 468	651	955	1 232
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	433	619	700	6	9	21
25 to 34 years	2 938	3 726	5 621	90	105	204
35 to 44 years	8 519	9 267	11 113	275	353	457
45 to 49 years	6 011	5 868	6 155	247	229	289
50 to 54 years	6 359	5 935	6 788	277	239	362
55 to 59 years	6 033	6 045	7 403	258	329	434
60 to 64 years	5 580	6 179	7 492	284	316	481
65 to 69 years	4 869	5 440	6 084	251	326	448
70 years and over	8 664	8 775	7 928	423	592	607
Average age	55.2	54.7	53.3	57.5	58.2	56.8
Operators by sex:						
Male	45 343	47 914	55 392	1 951	2 265	3 009
Female	8 689 487	8 539 047	9 054 348	233 349	230 962	256 952
Not reported	4 063	3 940	3 892	160	233	294
Harvested cropland	432 892	396 968	393 357	11 190	14 044	16 744
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	320	131	57	30	28	5
Not reported	74 762	21 938	6 290	2 121	2 489	246
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	40 357	33 575	35 825	1 504	1 219	1 642
Not reported	8 729	18 148	23 402	577	1 251	1 656
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	42 887	45 273	52 398	1 879	2 212	2 949
Partnership	6 506 629	6 681 020	7 260 157	207 128	214 389	240 768
Corporation	4 166	4 750	5 238	165	233	292
Family held:	1 323 383	1 247 359	1 322 080	23 682	23 725	26 249
More than 10 stockholders	2 126	1 589	1 355	47	26	33
10 or less stockholders	1 224 290	925 462	779 067	11 735	3 893	4 100
Other than family held:	23	28	10	—	2	—
More than 10 stockholders	33 365	37 221	23 771	—	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	1 928	1 387	1 209	33	15	31
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	1 128 719	829 541	640 887	10 388	3 328	(D)
More than 10 stockholders	18	27	30	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	4 276	11 041	18 171	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	157	147	106	14	9	2
More than 10 stockholders	57 930	47 659	96 238	1 347	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders	227	242	293	20	27	29
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	68 077	82 174	86 401	1 994	2 999	2 579

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