

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	30 504	31 123	35 289	199	130	155
Harvested cropland	39 359 346	39 438 144	40 336 869	780 903	793 217	829 496
Full owners	25 153	27 804	32 360	151	111	116
Harvested cropland	20 438 149	19 216 531	18 363 910	75 525	47 160	40 469
Part owners	10 760	9 898	11 425	60	39	69
Harvested cropland	6 450 549	7 130 011	7 740 715	36 309	660 812	692 085
Tenants	6 579	7 515	9 300	29	29	40
Harvested cropland	2 360 478	2 425 478	2 923 992	11 176	15 021	13 186
Percent of tenancy	15.3	16.6	17.9	20.1	26.9	14.8
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	20 071	21 830	24 955	136	89	108
Not on farm operated	7 238	6 812	7 734	36	19	27
Not reported	3 195	2 481	2 600	27	22	20
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	22 677	25 189	29 031	97	85	74
Other	7 827	5 934	6 258	102	45	81
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	15 176	16 741	19 542	59	40	38
Any	12 837	11 827	13 137	127	68	102
1 to 49 days	2 758	3 065	3 797	3	7	8
50 to 99 days	1 317	1 270	1 403	13	4	5
100 to 149 days	1 174	1 150	1 197	8	6	7
150 to 199 days	1 453	1 426	1 445	24	6	7
200 days or more	6 135	4 916	5 295	79	45	75
Not reported	2 491	2 555	2 610	13	22	15
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 160	1 159	1 658	13	6	9
3 to 4 years	1 271	1 401	1 827	7	5	12
5 to 9 years	2 846	3 249	4 755	35	18	25
10 years or more	19 512	20 407	21 298	96	63	62
Average years on present farm	23.4	22.5	21.0	17.0	17.2	15.3
Not reported	5 715	4 907	5 751	48	38	47
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	659	845	1 153	7	3	2
25 to 34 years	2 976	4 255	6 554	14	15	22
35 to 44 years	7 290	7 397	7 543	48	40	36
45 to 49 years	3 858	3 235	3 152	23	6	28
50 to 54 years	3 344	2 948	3 486	30	27	23
55 to 59 years	2 955	3 238	4 148	33	15	15
60 to 64 years	2 903	3 350	4 044	21	11	15
65 to 69 years	2 581	2 619	2 437	13	9	7
70 years and over	3 938	3 236	2 772	10	4	7
Average age	51.4	50.0	48.3	49.9	48.0	47.8
Operators by sex:						
Male	29 168	30 184	34 478	189	127	147
Female	38 318 211	38 541 351	39 610 366	772 898	784 454	821 281
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	145	66	30	—	3	2
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	169 142	93 719	24 004	—	(D)	(D)
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	25 373	23 035	26 026	163	70	93
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	26 660	27 093	31 153	175	111	130
Partnership	31 485 262	31 657 333	33 095 542	225 008	165 444	167 039
Corporation	3 075	3 504	3 692	16	11	13
Family held:	5 298 054	5 621 486	5 255 341	35 215	12 049	(D)
More than 10 stockholders	551	349	293	1	—	1
10 or less stockholders	1 130 350	674 125	514 085	(D)	—	(D)
Other than family held:	2	2	1	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	520	323	272	1	—	1
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	3	2	1	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	26	22	19	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	218	177	151	7	8	11
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	1 445 680	1 485 200	1 471 901	(D)	615 724	635 515

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