

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	farms.. 68 591	farms.. 70 711	farms.. 79 277	319	243	303
Harvested cropland	acres.. 14 103 085	acres.. 14 247 969	acres.. 14 997 381	40 815	30 536	32 899
Full owners	farms.. 58 048	farms.. 62 535	farms.. 70 577	255	197	254
Harvested cropland	acres.. 9 900 570	acres.. 9 790 327	acres.. 9 297 596	22 748	16 084	15 615
Part owners	farms.. 40 819	farms.. 41 342	farms.. 47 166	239	173	235
Harvested cropland	acres.. 4 207 470	acres.. 4 314 187	acres.. 5 028 844	18 576	12 461	19 560
Tenants	farms.. 31 415	farms.. 34 132	farms.. 39 479	179	133	191
Harvested cropland	acres.. 1 897 794	acres.. 2 005 742	acres.. 2 287 619	7 249	4 576	6 316
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 21 505	percent.. 21 876	percent.. 23 363	64	47	43
On farm operated	acres.. 8 522 158	acres.. 8 320 042	acres.. 8 237 169	20 146	14 928	9 361
Not on farm operated	farms.. 20 912	farms.. 21 399	farms.. 22 865	60	46	41
Harvested cropland	acres.. 6 850 214	acres.. 6 459 902	acres.. 5 749 790	13 720	9 156	6 336
Tenants	farms.. 6 267	farms.. 7 493	farms.. 8 748	16	23	25
Harvested cropland	acres.. 1 373 457	acres.. 1 613 740	acres.. 1 731 368	2 093	3 147	3 978
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 5 721	percent.. 7 004	percent.. 8 233	16	18	22
On farm operated	acres.. 1 152 562	acres.. 1 324 683	acres.. 1 260 187	1 779	2 352	2 963
Not on farm operated	farms.. 31 022	farms.. 34 604	farms.. 39 569	110	97	118
Harvested cropland	acres.. 37 569	acres.. 36 107	acres.. 39 708	209	146	185
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	53 398	54 856	60 546	235	176	222
Not on farm operated	10 983	11 805	13 808	58	52	67
Not reported	4 210	4 050	4 923	26	15	14
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	31 022	34 604	39 569	110	97	118
Other	37 569	36 107	39 708	209	146	185
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	24 166	26 226	28 490	97	78	96
Any	40 955	40 575	46 025	207	146	180
1 to 49 days	3 604	3 595	4 600	15	11	18
50 to 99 days	1 849	1 837	2 138	10	9	15
100 to 149 days	1 979	1 984	2 381	16	17	11
150 to 199 days	3 781	3 829	4 157	27	10	21
200 days or more	29 742	29 330	32 749	139	99	115
Not reported	3 470	3 910	4 762	15	19	27
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2 885	3 081	3 838	18	15	19
3 or 4 years	3 865	4 567	4 660	21	18	12
5 to 9 years	8 954	9 045	10 382	42	41	46
10 years or more	42 485	42 910	47 564	165	116	150
Average years on present farm	21.2	20.3	19.6	16.8	16.9	17.1
Not reported	10 402	11 108	12 833	73	53	76
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	945	1 378	1 802	1	3	4
25 to 34 years	5 318	7 888	10 426	30	20	28
35 to 44 years	14 872	14 895	15 979	50	40	46
45 to 49 years	8 482	7 593	8 478	45	32	26
50 to 54 years	8 067	8 132	8 697	41	21	35
55 to 59 years	8 015	7 641	8 884	46	31	52
60 to 64 years	6 921	7 183	8 953	20	40	33
65 to 69 years	5 718	6 226	6 977	33	21	33
70 years and over	10 253	9 775	9 081	44	35	46
Average age	53.1	52.0	51.1	53.7	54.0	54.8
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms.. 63 852	farms.. 66 482	farms.. 75 424	264	209	278
Female	acres.. 13 577 127	acres.. 13 742 296	acres.. 14 567 576	34 241	25 077	30 032
Harvested cropland	farms.. 4 739	farms.. 4 229	farms.. 3 853	55	34	25
Harvested cropland	acres.. 525 958	acres.. 505 673	acres.. 429 805	6 574	5 459	2 867
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	farms.. 306	farms.. 168	farms.. 167	22	16	14
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	acres.. 59 380	acres.. 33 130	acres.. 25 217	1 727	2 390	1 654
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms.. 59 321	farms.. 52 009	farms.. 56 555	234	133	164
Harvested cropland	farms.. 8 964	farms.. 18 534	farms.. 22 555	63	94	125
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms.. 59 716	farms.. 60 936	farms.. 68 547	300	224	271
Partnership	acres.. 10 774 004	acres.. 10 812 704	acres.. 11 569 887	38 395	24 229	27 655
Corporation	farms.. 6 471	farms.. 7 690	farms.. 8 757	15	13	23
Family held:	acres.. 2 276 265	acres.. 2 510 540	acres.. 2 558 467	1 220	5 187	2 938
More than 10 stockholders	farms.. 2 006	farms.. 1 772	farms.. 1 690	3	5	6
10 or less stockholders	acres.. 941 031	acres.. 833 993	acres.. 793 664	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms.. 46	farms.. 58	farms.. 35	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	acres.. 28 371	acres.. 35 335	acres.. 22 378	—	—	—
Other —cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	farms.. 1 784	farms.. 1 544	farms.. 1 536	2	4	5
Harvested cropland	acres.. 860 248	acres.. 750 591	acres.. 725 374	(D)	81	(D)
Other —cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	farms.. 19	farms.. 25	farms.. 12	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	acres.. 3 300	acres.. 5 487	acres.. 4 355	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	farms.. 157	farms.. 145	farms.. 107	1	1	1
Other —cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	acres.. 49 112	acres.. 42 580	acres.. 41 557	(D)	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland	farms.. 398	farms.. 313	farms.. 283	1	1	3
Harvested cropland	acres.. 111 785	acres.. 90 732	acres.. 75 363	(D)	(D)	(D)

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