

**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 <sup>1</sup>		
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987
<b>Tenure of operator:</b>						
All operators	74 214	66 937	70 228	4 387	3 156	2 617
Harvested cropland	33 218 677	32 143 030	31 541 977	1 032 175	866 203	613 254
Full owners	44 786	42 015	43 522	2 315	1 743	1 288
Harvested cropland	8 462 079	8 272 889	7 319 193	197 784	144 666	87 352
Part owners	41 550	35 802	40 153	2 589	1 847	1 730
Harvested cropland	9 477 509	8 693 265	9 398 448	409 185	333 697	257 479
Tenants	22 113	19 169	21 071	1 252	935	785
Harvested cropland	1 855 407	1 689 001	1 679 175	74 108	55 486	33 828
Percent of tenancy	10.1	10.6	10.3	10.0	9.2	7.8
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	50 915	44 951	46 431	3 141	2 214	1 739
Not on farm operated	18 341	16 622	17 694	948	710	595
Not reported	4 958	5 364	6 103	298	232	283
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	33 060	33 279	33 052	1 525	1 232	946
Other	41 154	33 658	37 176	2 862	1 924	1 671
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	26 047	25 434	25 405	1 216	1 022	816
Any	43 859	36 697	40 839	2 985	1 968	1 662
1 to 49 days	3 169	3 083	3 566	155	95	112
50 to 99 days	2 000	1 675	2 109	128	84	62
100 to 149 days	2 350	2 122	2 468	165	121	119
150 to 199 days	4 537	3 990	4 201	331	222	187
200 days or more	31 803	25 827	28 495	2 206	1 446	1 182
Not reported	4 308	4 806	3 984	186	166	139
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	4 705	3 841	3 714	331	257	150
3 or 4 years	6 635	4 831	4 454	525	335	167
5 to 9 years	11 172	8 666	10 302	769	448	358
10 years or more	39 578	37 553	37 893	1 963	1 497	1 251
Average years on present farm	19.0	19.5	19.0	15.4	16.1	17.5
Not reported	12 124	12 046	13 865	799	619	691
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	884	825	923	68	38	23
25 to 34 years	5 051	5 242	6 680	416	262	235
35 to 44 years	13 170	11 385	12 551	958	653	504
45 to 49 years	8 203	6 907	7 439	555	390	265
50 to 54 years	8 696	7 588	8 160	541	323	278
55 to 59 years	8 801	7 934	8 364	473	340	292
60 to 64 years	8 480	7 704	8 638	434	371	320
65 to 69 years	7 333	7 289	6 997	344	288	282
70 years and over	13 596	12 063	10 476	598	491	418
Average age	55.1	55.0	53.6	52.2	53.5	54.2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	67 876	61 611	65 387	3 941	2 858	2 349
Female	31 408 012	30 483 782	30 126 135	953 711	808 748	568 762
Not reported	6 338	5 326	4 841	446	298	268
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	1 810 665	1 659 248	1 415 842	78 464	57 455	44 492
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):</b>						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	551	270	143	57	84	38
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	194 187	91 203	41 560	14 606	13 484	6 370
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	63 708	46 399	47 246	3 650	2 035	1 477
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	9 955	20 268	22 839	680	1 037	1 102
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	67 226	60 304	64 099	4 083	2 914	2 451
Partnership	26 499 815	25 792 124	25 836 376	911 347	767 365	554 949
Corporation	4 963	4 985	4 711	240	194	130
Family held:	3 916 340	3 903 771	3 444 785	78 794	59 459	34 230
More than 10 stockholders	1 416	1 196	1 049	32	25	16
10 or less stockholders	2 281 723	2 008 865	1 865 460	27 410	19 440	13 390
Other than family held:	35	18	12	1	1	—
More than 10 stockholders	115 191	111 218	50 743	(D)	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	1 236	1 067	945	26	20	14
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	1 961 319	1 730 394	1 618 976	22 615	19 107	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	16	9	9	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	(D)	2 961	4 985	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	129	102	83	5	4	2
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	(D)	164 292	190 756	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	609	452	369	32	23	20
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	520 799	438 270	395 356	14 624	19 939	10 685

<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.