

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	34 030	31 892	32 014	519	501	482
Harvested cropland	17 449 293	17 609 497	17 809 165	862 035	529 831	513 539
Full owners	22 312	20 743	21 712	350	365	361
Harvested cropland	3 154 523	2 823 972	2 832 663	48 515	62 341	48 421
Part owners	24 508	22 152	22 289	355	313	305
Harvested cropland	7 084 329	6 722 566	7 122 499	784 476	417 761	445 096
Tenants	14 989	13 407	14 203	221	214	218
Harvested cropland	828 677	760 468	877 419	17 278	22 184	22 434
Percent of tenancy	7.9	8.6	8.4	13.7	11.4	13.3
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	28 469	26 714	26 664	397	408	374
Not on farm operated	4 061	3 730	3 765	104	81	89
Not reported	1 500	1 448	1 585	18	12	19
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	15 648	15 306	15 359	275	282	261
Other	18 382	16 586	16 655	244	219	221
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	12 680	11 957	11 536	211	213	176
Any	19 934	18 419	18 897	293	270	279
1 to 49 days	2 033	1 930	1 999	35	33	31
50 to 99 days	1 168	1 002	1 063	21	19	17
100 to 149 days	1 310	1 248	1 202	18	20	23
150 to 199 days	2 313	2 150	1 987	41	42	29
200 days or more	13 110	12 089	12 646	178	156	179
Not reported	1 416	1 516	1 581	15	18	27
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 664	1 719	1 778	46	40	38
3 or 4 years	2 923	3 141	2 251	46	53	31
5 to 9 years	6 513	5 318	6 167	100	110	116
10 years or more	19 136	18 069	17 858	262	244	224
Average years on present farm	17.1	16.7	16.4	15.4	15.2	16.1
Not reported	3 694	3 645	3 960	65	54	73
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	176	226	222	2	3	2
25 to 34 years	1 503	2 079	2 732	21	33	56
35 to 44 years	6 615	6 997	7 102	127	141	134
45 to 49 years	4 934	4 109	3 801	92	56	54
50 to 54 years	4 792	3 926	3 715	67	64	44
55 to 59 years	4 318	3 694	3 745	57	45	57
60 to 64 years	3 640	3 469	3 593	49	54	58
65 to 69 years	2 962	2 881	3 093	47	58	37
70 years and over	5 090	4 511	4 011	57	47	40
Average age	54.5	53.4	52.7	52.6	51.6	50.2
Operators by sex:						
Male	29 230	27 967	28 861	443	442	447
Female	16 415 151	16 437 388	16 896 835	856 013	511 803	502 797
Not reported	4 800	3 925	3 153	76	59	35
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	1 034 142	1 172 109	912 330	6 022	18 028	10 742
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	511	306	238	93	104	63
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	187 245	177 871	146 650	5 841	46 586	11 490
Other	29 773	24 116	23 066	365	298	282
Not reported	3 746	7 470	8 710	61	99	137
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	28 965	27 506	27 766	401	392	377
Partnership	9 108 061	9 941 065	9 628 803	82 183	103 014	39 771
Corporation	2 527	2 481	2 603	41	47	55
Family held:	3 088 660	3 172 316	3 281 669	23 139	32 538	43 734
More than 10 stockholders	2 182	1 672	1 490	73	57	47
10 or less stockholders	3 954 153	3 499 862	3 898 393	42 405	(D)	38 610
Other than family held:	57	29	25	3	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	272 394	235 634	250 671	(D)	—	—
10 or less stockholders	1 933	1 448	1 357	60	50	46
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	3 440 788	2 941 239	3 300 674	23 118	15 552	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	29	25	11	2	1	—
More than 10 stockholders	63 359	(D)	148 085	(D)	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	163	170	97	8	6	1
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	177 612	(D)	198 963	(D)	(D)	(D)
Not reported	3 612	233	155	4	5	3
Not reported	1 298 419	996 254	1 000 300	714 308	(D)	391 424

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