

**Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997**

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>								
Farms .....	34 030	15 648	106	621	2 472	3 325	3 562	5 562
number .....								
percent .....	100.0	46.0	.3	1.8	7.3	9.8	10.5	16.3
Land in farms .....	17 449 293	13 785 103	49 742	530 410	2 464 673	3 562 572	3 100 054	4 077 652
acres .....								
Average size of farm .....	513	881	469	854	997	1 071	870	733
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>								
Total sales (see text) .....	34 030	15 648	106	621	2 472	3 325	3 562	5 562
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	2 969 194	2 606 415	9 904	118 280	551 678	784 210	708 022	434 321
Average per farm .....	87 252	166 565	93 437	190 467	223 171	235 853	198 771	78 087
dollars .....								
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	5 719	1 440	5	53	150	224	303	705
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	6 302	1 619	9	36	146	234	341	853
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	5 027	1 731	8	45	165	252	419	842
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	3 971	1 686	12	45	177	250	390	812
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	3 189	1 525	8	46	183	287	342	659
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	932	542	9	16	78	116	144	179
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	1 670	1 015	9	54	155	245	243	309
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	748	472	9	22	81	100	121	139
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 904	1 460	11	78	305	356	361	349
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	2 192	1 932	12	115	475	541	421	368
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	1 184	1 099	10	59	290	344	214	182
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	694	664	4	32	171	231	131	95
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	374	351	—	15	80	111	92	53
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	67	59	—	2	11	19	17	10
\$5,000,000 or more .....	57	53	—	3	5	15	23	7
Grains .....	3 006	2 430	19	135	523	672	513	568
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	240 290	227 042	1 452	8 757	47 563	69 679	51 442	48 150
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	1 023	959	7	45	234	308	192	173
\$1,000 .....	210 111	202 168	1 314	7 525	42 145	62 678	46 004	42 502
Corn for grain .....	199	165	6	11	38	50	30	30
\$1,000 .....	14 756	13 936	155	839	2 724	2 211	2 855	5 152
Wheat .....	2 514	2 084	16	117	472	578	429	472
\$1,000 .....	196 483	185 700	1 036	7 246	39 115	56 810	43 307	38 185
Soybeans .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sorghum for grain .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barley .....	655	556	5	24	111	174	126	116
\$1,000 .....	16 377	15 547	(D)	(D)	2 778	6 861	3 210	2 163
Oats .....	470	366	3	18	65	89	81	110
\$1,000 .....	5 537	5 038	(D)	(D)	1 532	1 281	892	1 126
Other grains .....	222	195	3	10	53	64	35	30
\$1,000 .....	7 137	6 821	32	157	1 413	2 516	1 178	1 525
Cotton and cottonseed .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	8 396	4 572	56	225	796	995	1 045	1 455
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	444 541	408 202	4 040	23 701	92 682	124 345	97 567	65 867
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	1 405	1 294	21	90	356	384	261	182
\$1,000 .....	395 637	374 840	3 399	21 658	86 402	116 843	89 843	56 695
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	1 432	1 087	9	69	274	309	224	202
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	213 101	202 233	365	8 267	43 255	61 179	59 421	29 746
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	636	617	1	41	176	175	120	104
\$1,000 .....	204 208	195 534	(D)	(D)	41 653	59 221	58 142	28 569
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	3 764	2 063	6	97	367	454	491	648
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	307 917	274 753	937	13 235	51 230	88 105	74 739	46 508
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	1 052	894	3	53	206	252	231	149
\$1,000 .....	281 384	259 502	889	12 654	48 769	85 322	70 899	40 969
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	4 195	1 899	7	78	395	531	408	480
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	676 429	572 713	539	24 398	123 489	212 964	150 675	60 648
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	944	718	3	25	182	256	157	95
\$1,000 .....	640 018	556 661	465	23 625	119 908	208 680	147 461	56 522
Other crops .....	851	745	9	65	185	231	147	108
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	231 918	224 090	527	10 736	39 248	65 014	57 758	50 807
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	501	475	2	34	124	152	95	68
\$1,000 .....	226 017	219 041	(D)	(D)	37 979	63 667	56 707	50 053
Poultry and poultry products .....	1 279	456	4	18	88	105	111	130
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	99 215	57 473	(D)	(D)	15 245	11 382	22 809	6 688
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	60	48	—	2	17	11	9	9
\$1,000 .....	98 119	56 891	—	(D)	15 129	11 181	22 712	(D)
Dairy products .....	540	464	3	23	118	144	94	82
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	207 871	202 534	(D)	(D)	62 397	56 209	45 897	26 624
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	428	407	2	23	106	126	85	65
\$1,000 .....	206 380	201 694	(D)	(D)	62 236	55 969	45 749	26 370
Cattle and calves .....	15 980	7 600	47	235	1 003	1 476	1 800	3 039
farms .....								
\$1,000 .....	480 260	387 743	1 084	16 055	66 894	81 460	133 758	88 492
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	1 506	1 320	5	49	252	331	323	360
\$1,000 .....	377 093	323 613	670	13 968	57 391	67 200	118 194	66 191

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	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>							
Farms .....	18 382	70	882	4 143	6 401	4 396	2 490
number .....							
percent .....	54.0	.2	2.6	12.2	18.8	12.9	7.3
Land in farms .....	3 664 190	5 879	83 497	589 383	746 819	964 332	1 274 280
acres .....							
Average size of farm .....	199	84	95	142	117	219	512
acres .....							
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>							
Total sales (see text) .....	18 382	70	882	4 143	6 401	4 396	2 490
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	362 779	675	9 835	63 584	138 834	109 963	39 888
Average per farm .....	19 736	9 643	11 151	15 347	21 689	25 014	16 019
dollars .....							
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	4 279	8	175	1 016	1 462	989	629
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	4 683	19	249	1 071	1 634	1 078	632
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3 296	7	158	746	1 152	800	433
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 285	14	100	500	787	582	302
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	1 664	11	75	347	619	415	197
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	390	5	25	85	126	87	62
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	655	3	44	127	240	160	81
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	276	—	16	75	99	54	32
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	444	3	26	89	152	114	60
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	260	—	12	57	86	65	40
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	85	—	2	16	24	29	14
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	30	—	—	5	10	13	2
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	23	—	—	6	7	5	5
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	8	—	—	3	1	3	1
\$5,000,000 or more .....	4	—	—	—	2	2	—
Grains .....	576	6	37	124	183	120	106
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	13 248	75	808	2 111	4 647	2 349	3 258
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	64	—	1	11	28	6	18
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	7 943	—	(D)	1 181	3 024	(D)	2 422
Corn for grain .....	34	—	3	9	15	7	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	820	—	125	184	358	153	—
Wheat .....	430	3	29	87	133	93	85
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	10 783	(D)	(D)	1 502	3 750	1 865	3 016
Soybeans .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sorghum for grain .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	99	3	5	22	33	19	17
Barley .....	829	(D)	(D)	200	301	171	(D)
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	104	2	6	25	28	26	17
Oats .....	499	(D)	(D)	105	125	98	123
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	27	2	2	7	9	6	1
Other grains .....	316	(D)	(D)	120	112	62	(D)
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton and cottonseed .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	3 824	16	182	828	1 362	917	519
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	36 338	241	2 185	8 906	12 623	7 338	5 045
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	111	1	12	27	43	18	10
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	20 797	(D)	(D)	5 629	7 006	3 880	2 980
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	345	2	17	106	120	77	23
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	10 868	(D)	(D)	4 759	4 581	(D)	199
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	19	—	1	3	12	3	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	8 674	—	(D)	(D)	4 131	641	—
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	1 701	4	76	397	571	429	224
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	33 164	87	1 335	7 278	11 959	9 382	3 124
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	158	—	6	30	57	47	18
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	21 882	—	579	4 814	8 302	6 344	1 844
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	2 296	3	93	543	856	514	287
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	103 716	(D)	(D)	15 942	42 747	29 132	14 044
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	226	—	9	47	76	64	30
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	83 357	—	964	11 181	34 953	24 885	11 375
Other crops .....	106	1	5	27	40	23	10
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	7 828	(D)	(D)	(D)	4 497	1 396	797
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	26	—	—	2	12	6	6
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	6 976	—	—	(D)	4 145	1 203	(D)
Poultry and poultry products .....	823	2	33	276	293	156	63
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	41 742	(D)	38	4 769	(D)	(D)	71
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	12	—	—	6	4	2	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	41 228	—	—	4 659	(D)	(D)	—
Dairy products .....	76	—	3	12	24	24	13
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	5 337	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	2 630	560
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	21	—	1	1	9	8	2
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	4 686	—	(D)	(D)	1 438	2 385	(D)
Cattle and calves .....	8 380	34	385	1 849	2 917	2 086	1 109
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	92 518	149	1 922	15 189	19 357	44 190	11 712
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	186	—	4	40	45	59	38
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	53 480	—	293	7 383	6 061	33 782	5 962

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			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs .....	farms.. 1 182	366	3	21	80	97	90	75
	\$1,000.. 5 544	4 169	9	79	667	1 154	1 512	748
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 18	18	—	—	4	5	7	2
	\$1,000.. 2 714	2 714	—	—	(D)	739	1 107	(D)
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	farms.. 3 022	1 339	12	35	196	278	297	521
	\$1,000.. 25 806	18 908	82	414	2 694	4 106	7 035	4 578
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 57	50	—	1	13	13	10	13
	\$1,000.. 16 525	12 779	—	(D)	(D)	2 795	5 836	2 526
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	farms.. 3 933	1 603	9	60	300	456	375	403
	\$1,000.. 36 303	26 555	(D)	(D)	6 316	8 613	5 410	5 464
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms.. 103	81	1	1	28	27	15	9
	\$1,000.. 20 626	18 361	(D)	(D)	4 927	5 947	(D)	3 606
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	farms.. 4 594	1 650	11	69	251	359	392	568
	\$1,000.. 14 287	9 729	21	1 069	1 641	2 917	2 307	1 774
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>								
Total farm production expenses .....								
	farms.. 34 035	15 753	97	623	2 497	3 243	3 560	5 733
	\$1,000.. 2 210 747	1 894 093	6 402	87 245	393 003	560 162	508 085	339 195
Average per farm .....	dollars.. 64 955	120 237	66 002	140 040	157 390	172 730	142 721	59 165
Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms.. 9 806	4 640	24	185	757	996	1 152	1 526
	\$1,000.. 144 065	110 374	71	4 137	19 664	22 625	44 771	19 105
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	7 557	2 978	22	97	445	610	731	1 073
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 592	1 122	2	65	181	259	309	306
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	484	392	—	9	98	87	76	122
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	108	92	—	11	20	28	20	13
\$250,000 or more .....	65	56	—	3	13	12	16	12
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms.. 18 390	8 064	50	265	1 243	1 669	1 907	2 930
	\$1,000.. 229 748	192 717	719	6 952	45 461	46 013	61 402	32 169
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	15 425	5 751	22	147	786	1 091	1 347	2 358
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 031	1 430	26	69	259	337	348	391
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	565	534	1	34	106	141	130	122
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	199	189	1	9	47	61	40	31
\$250,000 or more .....	170	160	—	6	45	39	42	28
Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms.. 10 104	4 512	39	135	817	932	1 150	1 439
	\$1,000.. 107 419	88 636	375	2 502	25 462	19 418	26 330	14 550
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	9 146	3 688	18	98	617	723	944	1 288
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	529	413	20	17	100	82	113	81
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	241	236	1	10	43	84	56	42
\$100,000 or more .....	188	175	—	10	57	43	37	28
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms.. 9 564	6 234	26	346	1 197	1 669	1 405	1 591
	\$1,000.. 74 020	67 965	167	2 328	17 329	22 214	14 956	10 971
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	4 949	2 365	—	108	313	494	599	851
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 504	1 932	19	101	455	511	381	465
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 544	1 411	5	119	310	477	289	211
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	332	305	2	12	71	107	80	33
\$50,000 or more .....	235	221	—	6	48	80	56	31
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms.. 17 542	9 879	52	458	1 686	2 121	2 315	3 247
	\$1,000.. 150 171	139 167	548	6 784	27 918	41 609	33 400	28 909
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	13 639	6 364	35	212	943	1 043	1 532	2 599
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 597	2 270	8	179	423	671	527	462
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	613	577	5	44	156	182	105	85
\$50,000 or more .....	693	668	4	23	164	225	151	101
Agricultural chemicals .....	farms.. 16 232	8 689	51	394	1 463	2 130	1 953	2 698
	\$1,000.. 124 154	115 468	545	4 663	21 802	36 007	28 374	24 077
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	13 276	6 014	40	173	912	1 245	1 361	2 283
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 894	1 644	2	175	286	524	375	282
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	536	525	4	30	150	190	97	54
\$50,000 or more .....	526	506	5	16	115	171	120	79
Petroleum products .....	farms.. 30 564	14 819	71	568	2 391	3 091	3 409	5 289
	\$1,000.. 88 887	76 349	399	3 180	15 479	22 199	19 911	15 181
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	26 673	11 270	51	403	1 563	1 989	2 640	4 624
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	3 346	3 038	18	145	716	938	642	579
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	364	340	2	14	82	117	67	58
\$50,000 or more .....	181	171	—	6	30	47	60	28
Gasoline and gasohol .....	farms.. 25 064	12 840	70	503	2 042	2 707	2 956	4 562
	\$1,000.. 35 624	30 231	171	1 233	5 951	8 547	7 411	6 918
Diesel fuel .....	farms.. 21 260	11 495	49	453	1 968	2 572	2 685	3 768
	\$1,000.. 39 125	34 071	195	1 556	7 002	10 192	8 762	6 364
Natural gas .....	farms.. 726	496	11	4	112	125	131	113
	\$1,000.. 4 680	4 024	6	7	747	839	2 004	420
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. ....	farms.. 19 706	11 532	42	472	1 961	2 642	2 612	3 803
	\$1,000.. 9 458	8 023	28	383	1 779	2 621	1 734	1 478

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<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs .. farms..	816	2	45	349	275	111	34
\$1,000..	1 375	(D)	(D)	504	547	177	71
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep, lambs, and wool .. farms..	1 683	5	62	434	648	339	195
\$1,000..	6 897	5	87	679	1 399	4 358	369
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	7	—	—	1	1	5	—
\$1,000..	3 747	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .. farms..	2 330	9	178	648	866	460	169
\$1,000..	9 748	81	1 079	2 022	3 484	2 444	638
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	22	1	3	2	6	8	2
\$1,000..	2 265	(D)	625	(D)	450	858	(D)
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .. farms..	2 944	4	139	791	1 113	644	253
\$1,000..	4 559	3	193	1 243	1 716	1 015	389
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
Total farm production expenses .. farms..	18 282	81	992	4 066	6 059	4 422	2 662
\$1,000..	316 654	766	10 116	58 336	120 604	95 107	31 725
Average per farm .. dollars..	17 321	9 456	10 198	14 347	19 905	21 508	11 918
Livestock and poultry purchased .. farms..	5 166	22	338	1 364	1 844	1 117	481
\$1,000..	33 691	28	798	7 190	4 827	19 193	1 655
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	4 579	22	307	1 220	1 727	895	408
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	470	—	21	106	103	183	57
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	92	—	10	27	11	28	16
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	16	—	—	9	1	6	—
\$250,000 or more ..	9	—	—	2	2	5	—
Feed for livestock and poultry .. farms..	10 326	49	591	2 470	3 589	2 443	1 184
\$1,000..	37 031	44	861	5 100	15 696	13 056	2 275
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	9 674	49	564	2 337	3 393	2 223	1 108
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	601	—	27	123	189	196	66
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	31	—	—	4	4	13	10
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	10	—	—	4	1	5	—
\$250,000 or more ..	10	—	—	2	2	6	—
Commercially mixed formula feeds .. farms..	5 592	15	380	1 381	2 096	1 185	535
\$1,000..	18 783	10	233	2 133	11 828	3 897	681
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	5 458	15	378	1 359	2 061	1 129	516
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	116	—	2	16	32	50	16
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	5	—	—	1	—	1	3
\$100,000 or more ..	13	—	—	5	3	5	—
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .. farms..	3 330	22	265	832	1 040	703	468
\$1,000..	6 055	15	566	1 418	1 339	1 690	1 027
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 ..	2 584	16	165	671	819	530	383
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	572	6	79	117	182	139	49
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	133	—	21	29	33	19	31
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	27	—	—	11	2	12	2
\$50,000 or more ..	14	—	—	4	4	3	3
Commercial fertilizer .. farms..	7 663	26	460	1 658	2 515	1 948	1 056
\$1,000..	11 004	74	705	1 907	3 637	3 044	1 636
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	7 275	21	420	1 604	2 384	1 833	1 013
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	327	5	39	36	114	97	36
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	36	—	—	14	8	10	4
\$50,000 or more ..	25	—	1	4	9	8	3
Agricultural chemicals .. farms..	7 543	45	424	1 731	2 475	1 825	1 043
\$1,000..	8 686	77	408	1 528	2 875	2 422	1 376
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	7 262	40	408	1 691	2 380	1 751	992
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	250	5	16	35	84	62	48
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	11	—	—	2	6	2	1
\$50,000 or more ..	20	—	—	3	5	10	2
Petroleum products .. farms..	15 745	69	880	3 434	5 236	3 850	2 276
\$1,000..	12 538	24	559	2 258	4 532	3 393	1 774
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	15 403	69	856	3 392	5 122	3 746	2 218
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	308	—	24	34	104	92	54
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	24	—	—	7	6	8	3
\$50,000 or more ..	10	—	—	1	4	4	1
Gasoline and gasohol .. farms..	12 224	53	705	2 667	4 047	2 941	1 811
\$1,000..	5 394	13	275	1 102	1 680	1 468	857
Diesel fuel .. farms..	9 765	52	619	2 129	3 162	2 469	1 334
\$1,000..	5 054	8	226	818	1 953	1 442	606
Natural gas .. farms..	230	—	6	51	91	62	20
\$1,000..	656	—	(Z)	87	415	84	69
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. .. farms..	8 174	20	417	1 814	2 697	1 967	1 259
\$1,000..	1 435	3	57	250	484	399	242

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>								
—Con.								
Total farm production expenses—Con.								
Electricity .....	farms .. 23 607	12 405	66	468	1 980	2 781	2 870	4 240
	\$1,000.. 47 980	40 789	164	1 830	6 508	11 254	11 198	9 835
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	17 268	7 335	40	203	969	1 335	1 744	3 044
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	4 648	3 509	13	176	694	968	691	967
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 463	1 348	13	81	275	401	380	198
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	146	138	—	4	30	55	29	20
\$50,000 or more .....	82	75	—	4	12	22	26	11
Hired farm labor .....	farms.. 12 798	7 700	44	309	1 456	1 951	1 735	2 205
	\$1,000.. 478 595	422 147	898	19 931	88 692	132 484	114 144	65 999
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	7 758	3 400	16	86	517	618	770	1 393
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	2 387	1 933	19	127	392	535	426	434
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 761	1 541	7	55	371	519	335	254
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	554	513	1	27	110	177	110	88
\$250,000 or more .....	338	313	1	14	66	102	86	44
Workers by days worked:								
150 days or more .....	farms.. 5 391	3 982	31	151	847	1 165	875	913
	workers.. 23 484	20 491	77	805	4 338	6 658	5 220	3 393
Less than 150 days .....	farms.. 11 853	6 915	43	274	1 307	1 751	1 549	1 991
	workers.. 100 936	80 880	263	5 175	18 564	22 460	17 639	16 779
Contract labor .....	farms.. 5 212	2 934	14	143	688	653	634	802
	\$1,000.. 45 902	39 769	406	2 200	8 563	14 369	8 202	6 029
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	2 274	915	—	27	198	121	212	357
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	1 624	914	1	56	225	205	193	234
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	985	803	2	47	202	228	152	172
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	167	153	10	6	28	43	43	23
\$50,000 or more .....	162	149	1	7	35	56	34	16
Repair and maintenance .....	farms.. 26 900	13 852	57	537	2 221	3 032	3 226	4 779
	\$1,000.. 157 011	132 108	592	5 640	25 898	40 815	32 364	26 799
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	21 266	9 119	30	299	1 281	1 612	2 165	3 732
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	4 346	3 516	20	177	643	1 030	783	863
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	795	753	6	41	199	235	156	116
\$50,000 or more .....	493	464	1	20	98	155	122	68
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment .....	farms.. 9 343	5 416	38	298	1 053	1 389	1 198	1 440
	\$1,000.. 56 963	47 905	351	3 517	9 782	15 011	11 121	8 123
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	4 841	2 001	8	81	316	359	514	723
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 644	1 767	9	104	347	516	324	467
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 419	1 248	19	87	305	391	269	177
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	233	210	1	19	45	59	47	39
\$50,000 or more .....	206	190	1	7	40	64	44	34
Interest .....	farms.. 11 839	6 990	34	350	1 481	1 916	1 535	1 674
	\$1,000.. 151 901	126 920	293	5 699	26 859	40 050	30 903	23 116
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	6 180	2 848	26	151	472	617	659	923
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	4 335	2 903	4	140	721	881	595	562
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 139	1 066	4	53	246	373	231	159
\$100,000 or more .....	185	173	—	6	42	45	50	30
Secured by real estate .....	farms.. 8 909	5 042	24	183	1 031	1 403	1 102	1 299
	\$1,000.. 93 378	72 657	139	2 771	15 361	23 701	16 479	14 207
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	986	411	—	9	73	81	75	173
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	3 590	1 640	19	32	259	367	416	547
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	3 595	2 305	4	121	527	747	465	441
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	481	442	1	14	118	133	83	93
\$50,000 or more .....	257	244	—	7	54	75	63	45
Not secured by real estate .....	farms.. 5 849	4 260	12	248	952	1 269	977	802
	\$1,000.. 58 523	54 263	154	2 929	11 498	16 349	14 424	8 909
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 .....	1 600	813	6	50	142	183	202	230
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....	2 222	1 560	2	98	354	422	351	333
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	1 518	1 409	1	79	346	500	305	178
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	320	301	3	14	73	102	68	41
\$50,000 or more .....	189	177	—	7	37	62	51	20
Cash rent .....	farms.. 5 872	4 132	25	303	978	1 122	852	852
	\$1,000.. 98 115	91 384	469	6 615	21 586	27 651	20 077	14 987
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	3 444	1 933	19	108	433	436	395	542
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	669	558	1	52	132	134	137	102
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	810	735	—	65	158	257	153	102
\$25,000 or more .....	949	906	5	78	255	295	167	106
Property taxes .....	farms.. 31 894	14 656	77	453	2 131	3 011	3 430	5 554
	\$1,000.. 62 214	39 575	117	1 185	5 764	10 115	10 187	12 207
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	29 951	13 015	75	407	1 835	2 517	3 037	5 144
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1 242	1 020	1	25	202	320	218	254
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	573	504	1	18	83	140	135	127
\$25,000 or more .....	128	117	—	3	11	34	40	29
All other farm production expenses .....	farms.. 30 735	14 966	97	615	2 437	3 180	3 392	5 245
	\$1,000.. 301 022	251 456	663	12 582	51 699	77 747	67 076	41 689
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	24 217	9 421	75	301	1 211	1 545	2 151	4 138
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....	4 320	3 492	14	186	694	985	813	800
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	1 054	980	5	71	291	287	180	146
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	660	625	2	35	141	212	132	103
\$100,000 or more .....	484	448	1	22	100	151	116	58

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity . . . . . farms . . . . .	11 202	28	490	2 354	3 936	2 759	1 635
\$1,000 . . . . .	7 191	17	232	1 227	3 078	1 770	867
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	9 933	22	424	2 135	3 527	2 373	1 452
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 139	6	60	206	357	352	158
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	115	—	6	8	47	29	25
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	8	—	—	3	2	3	—
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	7	—	—	2	3	2	—
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 098	30	237	1 106	1 608	1 300	817
\$1,000 . . . . .	56 448	73	838	9 605	25 221	15 768	4 943
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	4 358	23	206	894	1 432	1 086	717
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	454	7	21	158	97	98	73
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	220	—	9	40	63	91	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	41	—	1	6	12	17	5
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	25	—	—	8	4	8	5
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 409	7	57	263	436	374	272
Less than 150 days . . . . . workers . . . . .	2 993	7	114	487	1 083	876	426
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	4 938	30	227	1 096	1 566	1 238	781
Less than 150 days . . . . . workers . . . . .	20 056	65	452	4 700	6 500	5 728	2 611
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 278	—	112	490	806	566	304
\$1,000 . . . . .	6 132	—	148	1 232	1 839	1 960	953
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 359	—	99	296	524	305	135
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	710	—	7	155	223	181	144
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	182	—	6	35	50	71	20
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	14	—	—	1	5	6	2
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	13	—	—	3	4	3	3
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	13 048	43	699	2 948	4 413	3 207	1 738
\$1,000 . . . . .	24 903	57	934	4 540	9 456	6 491	3 425
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	12 147	43	656	2 786	4 098	2 966	1 598
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	830	—	42	153	290	219	126
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	42	—	1	3	17	12	9
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	29	—	—	6	8	10	5
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	3 927	12	241	958	1 293	895	528
\$1,000 . . . . .	9 057	86	160	1 216	3 656	2 024	1 916
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	2 840	—	169	750	952	642	327
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	877	1	72	192	264	183	165
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	171	11	—	11	66	53	30
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	23	—	—	1	7	11	4
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	16	—	—	4	4	6	2
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	4 849	8	289	1 217	1 781	1 171	437
\$1,000 . . . . .	24 981	6	1 343	6 128	9 107	6 329	2 068
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 332	8	186	834	1 196	779	329
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 432	—	101	367	562	306	96
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	73	—	2	12	21	27	11
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	12	—	—	4	2	5	1
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	3 867	2	215	976	1 473	873	328
\$1,000 . . . . .	20 721	(D)	(D)	5 196	8 018	5 095	1 315
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	575	1	35	164	167	130	78
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 950	1	94	479	755	453	168
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 290	—	86	320	540	266	78
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	39	—	—	10	8	17	4
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	13	—	—	3	3	7	—
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 589	6	113	397	525	403	145
\$1,000 . . . . .	4 260	(D)	(D)	932	1 088	1 234	753
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	787	5	55	196	267	197	67
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	662	1	56	177	211	171	46
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	109	—	1	20	42	22	24
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	19	—	—	2	5	8	4
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	12	—	1	2	—	5	4
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 740	34	106	477	554	369	200
\$1,000 . . . . .	6 731	132	278	2 153	2 219	1 349	600
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 511	17	91	417	484	311	191
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	111	17	14	19	41	19	1
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	75	—	1	34	11	26	3
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	43	—	—	7	18	13	5
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	17 238	40	785	3 777	5 802	4 293	2 541
\$1,000 . . . . .	22 639	44	866	4 681	7 942	5 757	3 349
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	16 936	39	779	3 736	5 719	4 195	2 468
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	222	—	6	28	60	77	51
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	69	1	—	11	19	19	19
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	11	—	—	2	4	2	3
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	15 769	72	900	3 634	5 160	3 772	2 231
\$1,000 . . . . .	49 567	90	1 421	8 153	25 182	10 861	3 860
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	14 796	67	860	3 406	4 856	3 482	2 125
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	828	5	34	201	267	234	87
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	74	—	4	13	15	34	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	35	—	2	5	10	10	8
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	36	—	—	9	12	12	3

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>								
All farms..... number..	34 036	15 754	97	623	2 497	3 243	3 560	5 734
\$1,000..	727 810	694 020	2 529	36 146	142 332	225 617	191 201	96 196
Average per farm..... dollars..	21 384	44 054	26 069	58 019	57 001	69 571	53 708	16 776
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	13 946	8 525	59	403	1 508	1 883	1 852	2 820
Average net gain..... dollars..	63 303	92 219	48 772	99 144	103 753	133 694	114 273	43 792
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	2 193	724	1	8	68	77	144	426
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	4 989	2 437	16	73	346	341	508	1 153
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	3 932	2 803	26	185	485	618	670	819
\$50,000 or more.....	2 832	2 561	16	137	609	847	530	422
Farms with net losses..... number..	20 090	7 229	38	220	989	1 360	1 708	2 914
Average net loss..... dollars..	7 716	12 746	9 180	17 315	14 284	19 212	11 963	9 367
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	3 276	933	10	3	97	122	174	527
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	13 503	4 360	24	129	541	717	1 118	1 831
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	3 015	1 694	2	78	304	452	356	502
\$50,000 or more.....	296	242	2	10	47	69	60	54
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>								
Government payments..... farms..	4 521	3 273	14	137	648	867	724	883
\$1,000..	46 160	38 486	135	1 337	7 418	10 312	9 331	9 953
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	9 234	5 355	15	204	884	1 159	1 127	1 966
\$1,000..	74 463	55 895	777	2 063	9 907	17 145	11 742	14 262
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	2 726	1 786	11	105	386	465	360	459
\$1,000..	27 307	23 084	682	869	5 594	8 741	3 531	3 667
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	3 693	1 898	9	36	268	339	395	851
\$1,000..	22 274	14 688	45	203	2 049	3 616	3 866	4 908
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	1 626	750	—	13	87	172	135	343
\$1,000..	16 984	11 015	—	598	939	2 416	2 684	4 378
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	3 183	2 353	5	99	328	555	587	779
\$1,000..	7 898	7 109	50	393	1 325	2 371	1 661	1 308
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>								
Total..... farms..	210	193	2	12	37	72	28	42
\$1,000..	6 417	6 285	(D)	(D)	1 020	3 290	879	959
Corn..... farms..	18	17	—	2	6	4	—	5
\$1,000..	130	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	32
Wheat..... farms..	186	173	—	10	37	66	26	34
\$1,000..	5 874	5 756	—	35	904	3 105	795	917
Soybeans..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	39	35	2	2	3	12	9	7
\$1,000..	414	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	84	10
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>								
Total cropland..... farms..	28 101	13 640	88	531	2 154	2 927	3 126	4 814
acres..	5 285 659	4 453 794	26 629	160 579	888 189	1 310 697	1 018 104	1 049 596
Harvested cropland..... farms..	22 312	11 624	81	476	1 933	2 600	2 652	3 882
acres..	3 154 523	2 810 530	18 228	110 438	580 606	846 202	647 930	607 126
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	15 091	5 773	28	176	701	1 059	1 329	2 480
50 to 99 acres.....	2 212	1 459	15	72	265	307	348	452
100 to 199 acres.....	1 720	1 352	15	69	259	330	314	365
200 to 499 acres.....	1 706	1 547	12	102	352	432	336	313
500 to 999 acres.....	873	814	7	34	211	254	156	152
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	478	459	4	16	110	149	107	73
2,000 acres or more.....	232	220	—	7	35	69	62	47
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	13 384	6 010	25	174	794	1 227	1 451	2 339
acres..	909 186	629 337	4 944	17 445	105 932	161 056	131 554	208 406
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	1 372	831	2	26	183	209	182	229
acres..	204 150	147 386	(D)	(D)	34 128	31 739	34 554	45 656
On which all crops failed..... farms..	429	264	1	13	63	73	53	61
acres..	15 164	10 394	(D)	(D)	1 649	3 529	1 631	3 286
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	1 441	1 128	3	39	227	311	239	309
acres..	635 207	592 416	(D)	(D)	121 928	190 892	141 884	114 752
Idle..... farms..	3 279	1 867	10	96	327	446	437	551
acres..	367 429	263 731	1 900	9 685	43 946	77 279	60 551	70 370
Total woodland..... farms..	10 616	4 946	12	108	630	958	1 149	2 089
acres..	1 841 874	1 168 925	3 005	54 071	212 604	269 014	249 682	380 549
Woodland pastured..... farms..	5 352	2 583	10	53	314	469	619	1 118
acres..	1 281 806	838 500	2 625	39 016	165 490	200 186	165 559	265 624
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	7 018	3 219	3	70	412	647	738	1 349
acres..	560 068	330 425	380	15 055	47 114	68 828	84 123	114 925

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>							
All farms..... number..	18 282	81	992	4 066	6 059	4 422	2 662
..... \$1,000..	33 790	197	-536	-438	7 190	19 027	8 350
Average per farm..... dollars..	1 848	2 427	-540	-108	1 187	4 303	3 137
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	5 421	53	282	1 071	1 614	1 377	1 024
Average net gain..... dollars..	17 832	5 145	7 970	15 487	17 632	24 704	14 729
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	1 469	14	56	327	509	298	265
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	2 552	28	136	499	702	706	481
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 129	11	87	200	299	298	234
\$50,000 or more.....	271	-	3	45	104	75	44
Farms with net losses..... number..	12 861	28	710	2 995	4 445	3 045	1 638
Average net loss..... dollars..	4 889	2 720	3 920	5 684	4 785	4 923	4 110
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	2 343	5	151	464	760	533	430
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	9 143	22	466	2 195	3 185	2 215	1 060
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 321	1	93	309	495	283	140
\$50,000 or more.....	54	-	-	27	5	14	8
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>							
Government payments..... farms..	1 248	7	49	255	405	275	257
..... \$1,000..	7 674	(D)	(D)	1 144	1 933	1 819	2 481
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	3 879	11	191	841	1 212	963	661
..... \$1,000..	18 568	24	404	3 278	6 013	5 156	3 692
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	940	3	46	259	311	179	142
..... \$1,000..	4 223	15	71	877	1 768	706	786
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	1 795	-	76	335	594	457	333
..... \$1,000..	7 587	-	231	1 099	2 317	2 735	1 205
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	876	8	31	215	183	285	154
..... \$1,000..	5 969	9	24	1 182	1 608	1 607	1 540
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	830	-	50	123	283	220	154
..... \$1,000..	789	-	79	120	322	108	161
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>							
Total..... farms..	17	1	1	3	2	4	6
..... \$1,000..	132	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	13	(D)
Corn..... farms..	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
..... \$1,000..	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	-	-
Wheat..... farms..	13	-	1	3	2	3	4
..... \$1,000..	117	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Soybeans..... farms..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	4	1	-	-	-	1	2
..... \$1,000..	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	(D)	(D)
Cotton..... farms..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... \$1,000..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>							
Total cropland..... farms..	14 461	45	626	3 193	5 050	3 546	2 001
..... acres..	831 865	2 743	33 996	157 358	257 411	214 912	165 445
Harvested cropland..... farms..	10 688	33	478	2 353	3 739	2 617	1 468
..... acres..	343 993	1 279	16 073	71 735	110 974	84 670	59 262
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres.....	9 318	24	401	2 057	3 265	2 294	1 277
50 to 99 acres.....	753	3	53	159	260	183	95
100 to 199 acres.....	368	6	14	86	132	82	48
200 to 499 acres.....	159	-	6	35	57	34	27
500 to 999 acres.....	59	-	3	10	18	15	13
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	19	-	-	3	5	6	5
2,000 acres or more.....	12	-	1	3	2	3	3
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	7 374	15	294	1 675	2 663	1 806	921
..... acres..	279 849	290	12 169	63 273	89 726	74 822	39 569
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	541	1	15	125	194	123	83
..... acres..	56 764	(D)	(D)	7 087	17 157	18 325	13 678
On which all crops failed..... farms..	165	-	7	48	58	28	24
..... acres..	4 770	-	140	1 167	1 260	377	1 826
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	313	2	12	60	109	79	51
..... acres..	42 791	(D)	(D)	4 867	9 354	5 864	19 943
Idle..... farms..	1 412	5	45	296	514	342	210
..... acres..	103 698	(D)	(D)	9 229	28 940	30 854	31 167
Total woodland..... farms..	5 670	10	190	1 186	1 983	1 469	832
..... acres..	672 949	1 016	8 848	97 139	143 408	168 862	253 676
Woodland pastured..... farms..	2 769	8	100	572	952	748	389
..... acres..	443 306	175	4 042	65 072	82 463	93 212	198 342
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	3 799	6	122	799	1 357	949	566
..... acres..	229 643	841	4 806	32 067	60 945	75 650	55 334

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	9 415	4 797	33	192	757	1 061	1 079	1 675
..... acres..	9 663 817	7 812 433	19 598	302 474	1 303 769	1 896 698	1 767 765	2 522 129
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	21 406	9 871	32	299	1 404	2 120	2 320	3 696
..... acres..	657 943	349 951	510	13 286	60 111	86 163	64 503	125 378
Irrigated land ..... farms..	15 348	8 445	57	368	1 469	2 018	1 941	2 592
..... acres..	1 948 739	1 685 767	11 488	59 747	327 558	513 029	365 951	407 994
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	11 786	7 028	49	328	1 285	1 748	1 617	2 001
..... acres..	1 409 654	1 260 230	9 048	50 900	246 994	383 726	294 158	275 404
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	7 078	3 491	18	117	518	770	845	1 223
..... acres..	539 085	425 537	2 440	8 847	80 564	129 303	71 793	132 590
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	1 512	1 023	5	20	159	238	236	365
..... acres..	492 735	365 255	1 505	7 340	64 017	79 377	88 675	124 341
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	34 036	15 754	97	623	2 497	3 243	3 560	5 734
..... \$1,000..	16 316 362	11 134 763	48 500	478 469	2 023 068	3 030 823	2 551 506	3 002 398
Average per farm ..... dollars..	479 385	706 790	500 001	768 008	810 199	934 574	716 715	523 613
Average per acre ..... dollars..	960	828	702	883	864	849	892	740
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	2 594	794	10	33	102	95	129	425
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	1 838	639	8	19	91	116	163	242
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 715	694	8	22	129	105	93	337
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	3 492	1 303	6	41	136	242	283	595
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	3 856	1 302	25	41	197	216	266	557
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	13 016	5 487	11	217	810	994	1 363	2 092
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	4 239	2 786	11	111	474	664	696	830
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	1 942	1 544	13	98	325	451	283	374
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	1 066	957	5	30	188	290	215	229
\$5,000,000 or more .....	278	248	—	11	45	70	69	53
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	34 036	15 754	97	623	2 497	3 243	3 560	5 734
..... \$1,000..	1 885 620	1 438 767	11 134	63 645	294 724	402 291	346 315	320 659
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	4 677	1 332	14	17	181	190	313	617
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4 822	1 400	19	50	218	202	281	630
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	7 085	2 614	34	113	300	428	558	1 181
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	9 559	4 423	2	172	597	819	984	1 849
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	3 573	2 328	2	83	407	532	566	738
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	2 355	1 827	10	95	341	487	456	438
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	1 405	1 297	6	65	315	423	272	216
\$500,000 or more .....	560	533	10	28	138	162	130	65
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	30 386	14 994	97	585	2 436	3 133	3 408	5 335
..... number..	70 697	45 650	190	1 695	8 447	11 416	10 655	13 247
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	28 187	13 571	61	512	2 028	2 851	3 104	5 015
..... number..	55 838	34 021	122	1 228	5 428	8 084	7 941	11 218
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	18 823	8 390	46	241	1 202	1 701	2 024	3 176
..... number..	26 493	13 206	62	375	1 873	2 825	3 086	4 985
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	15 711	9 362	27	392	1 479	2 126	2 058	3 280
..... number..	29 345	20 815	60	853	3 555	5 259	4 855	6 233
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	14 253	8 406	20	282	1 262	1 919	1 874	3 049
..... number..	22 245	14 942	36	533	2 348	3 742	3 463	4 820
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	4 333	3 308	16	211	669	796	764	852
..... number..	7 100	5 873	24	320	1 207	1 517	1 392	1 413
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	2 918	2 513	7	124	441	708	580	653
..... number..	3 952	3 482	10	159	660	974	797	882
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	8 400	5 092	18	140	720	1 081	1 229	1 904
..... number..	9 647	6 040	27	180	864	1 252	1 488	2 229
Pickup balers ..... farms..	7 641	4 831	14	119	686	1 020	1 092	1 900
..... number..	9 203	6 079	25	141	937	1 346	1 416	2 214
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	17 375	9 830	52	458	1 677	2 108	2 294	3 241
..... acres on which used..	2 598 433	2 361 946	11 057	103 349	469 270	746 602	529 205	502 463
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	5 039	3 531	22	198	663	950	862	836
..... acres on which used..	568 993	521 907	2 103	21 718	108 324	152 942	124 243	112 577
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	779	643	8	33	160	144	182	116
..... acres on which used..	106 911	99 279	209	4 019	22 395	20 431	33 552	18 673
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	4 428	2 858	6	179	540	767	659	707
..... acres on which used..	552 949	518 017	2 533	21 997	106 041	156 295	116 891	114 260
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	11 969	6 755	36	332	1 229	1 657	1 550	1 951
..... acres on which used..	1 831 060	1 693 788	9 930	69 162	336 307	579 116	357 127	342 146
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	892	558	3	31	96	194	119	115
..... acres on which used..	72 634	66 103	225	3 118	14 274	17 610	23 674	7 202

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<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	4 618	26	263	1 095	1 610	1 036	588
acres..	1 851 384	2 000	33 357	312 815	313 094	550 414	639 704
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	11 535	24	492	2 584	4 030	2 811	1 594
acres..	307 992	120	7 296	22 071	32 906	30 144	215 455
Irrigated land ..... farms..	6 903	22	330	1 661	2 423	1 644	823
acres..	262 972	876	10 320	53 906	83 807	77 776	36 287
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	4 758	14	235	1 142	1 666	1 142	559
acres..	149 424	477	6 053	31 689	49 376	40 851	20 978
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	3 587	9	165	877	1 269	848	419
acres..	113 548	399	4 267	22 217	34 431	36 925	15 309
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	489	2	8	75	144	113	147
acres..	127 480	(D)	(D)	12 408	31 253	29 879	51 524
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of land and buildings ..... farms..	18 282	81	992	4 066	6 059	4 422	2 662
\$1,000..	5 181 599	17 126	237 830	1 033 844	1 623 616	1 371 721	897 462
Average per farm ..... dollars..	283 426	211 435	239 748	254 266	267 968	310 204	337 138
Average per acre ..... dollars..	1 461	3 081	1 801	2 184	2 517	1 230	764
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	1 800	23	156	304	529	356	432
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	1 199	8	65	316	361	251	198
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 021	6	39	264	314	259	139
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	2 189	11	102	576	699	512	289
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	2 554	—	182	593	916	538	325
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	7 529	24	370	1 696	2 527	1 987	925
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	1 453	9	51	254	580	325	234
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	398	—	25	42	106	145	80
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	109	—	2	13	24	39	31
\$5,000,000 or more .....	30	—	—	8	3	10	9
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	18 282	81	992	4 066	6 059	4 422	2 662
\$1,000..	446 853	1 623	17 939	97 588	147 156	117 564	64 983
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	3 345	11	280	659	1 115	781	499
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	3 422	6	141	718	1 172	816	569
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	4 471	24	234	1 155	1 388	1 048	622
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	5 136	40	276	1 164	1 752	1 225	679
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 245	—	38	237	446	354	170
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	528	—	22	112	144	140	110
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	108	—	1	14	31	51	11
\$500,000 or more .....	27	—	—	7	11	7	2
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	15 392	80	856	3 405	5 091	3 729	2 231
number..	25 047	102	1 298	5 388	8 182	6 321	3 756
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	14 616	48	736	3 161	4 811	3 656	2 204
number..	21 817	59	1 100	4 558	7 141	5 686	3 273
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	10 433	32	535	2 284	3 451	2 587	1 544
number..	13 287	32	690	2 783	4 389	3 406	1 987
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	6 349	24	343	1 372	1 974	1 685	951
number..	8 530	27	410	1 775	2 752	2 280	1 286
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	5 847	21	299	1 301	1 822	1 534	870
number..	7 303	21	331	1 596	2 366	1 873	1 116
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	1 025	3	68	152	323	336	143
number..	1 227	6	79	179	386	407	170
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	405	—	32	57	154	102	60
number..	470	—	38	66	177	124	65
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	3 308	8	164	685	1 028	938	485
number..	3 607	16	166	764	1 104	1 028	529
Pickup balers ..... farms..	2 810	—	122	594	964	785	345
number..	3 124	—	129	660	1 065	879	391
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	7 545	26	453	1 630	2 487	1 931	1 018
acres on which used..	236 487	1 141	13 582	38 703	76 134	65 817	41 110
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	1 508	18	91	324	465	360	250
acres on which used..	47 086	375	1 991	7 874	16 356	8 891	11 599
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	136	7	1	27	60	30	11
acres on which used..	7 632	(D)	(D)	359	3 056	859	3 145
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	1 570	5	89	359	452	398	267
acres on which used..	34 932	695	1 295	6 501	13 344	4 837	8 260
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	5 214	29	294	1 207	1 822	1 210	652
acres on which used..	137 272	1 330	6 602	24 856	45 519	37 601	21 364
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	334	11	3	84	107	53	76
acres on which used..	6 531	(D)	(D)	787	3 381	1 712	439

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>								
All operators .....	34 030	15 648	106	621	2 472	3 325	3 562	5 562
Full owners .....	24 508	9 741	25	229	1 005	1 768	2 368	4 346
Part owners .....	6 844	4 330	25	168	927	1 196	1 003	1 011
Tenants .....	2 678	1 577	56	224	540	361	191	205
White .....	33 511	15 373	106	611	2 412	3 249	3 510	5 485
Full owners .....	24 153	9 578	25	224	980	1 727	2 330	4 292
Part owners .....	6 751	4 263	25	167	911	1 173	993	994
Tenants .....	2 607	1 532	56	220	521	349	187	199
Black and other races .....	519	275	—	10	60	76	52	77
Full owners .....	355	163	—	5	25	41	38	54
Part owners .....	93	67	—	1	16	23	10	17
Tenants .....	71	45	—	4	19	12	4	6
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>								
Land owned..... farms..	31 441	14 129	50	402	1 942	2 972	3 383	5 380
acres..	12 380 671	9 126 338	(D)	(D)	1 126 509	2 219 425	2 339 612	3 226 061
Owned land in farms .....	31 352	14 071	50	397	1 932	2 964	3 371	5 357
acres..	11 328 061	8 472 796	10 945	191 401	1 064 119	2 102 570	2 141 106	2 962 655
Land rented or leased from others .....	9 617	5 960	81	394	1 473	1 565	1 206	1 241
farms..	6 255 472	5 402 226	38 836	351 028	1 410 334	1 482 243	988 451	1 131 334
landlords..	25 110	18 345	285	1 025	4 780	5 416	3 627	3 212
Rented or leased land in farms .....	9 522	5 907	81	392	1 467	1 557	1 194	1 216
farms..	6 121 232	5 312 307	38 797	339 009	1 400 554	1 460 002	958 948	1 114 997
acres..	4 278	2 174	7	58	259	387	506	957
Land rented or leased to others .....	1 186 850	743 461	(D)	(D)	72 170	139 096	228 009	279 743
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated .....	28 469	13 156	68	420	1 943	2 791	3 109	4 825
Not on farm operated .....	4 061	1 781	34	160	414	400	315	458
Not reported .....	1 500	711	4	41	115	134	138	279
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming .....	15 648	15 648	106	621	2 472	3 325	3 562	5 562
Other .....	18 382	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None .....	12 680	10 453	52	329	1 421	1 982	2 416	4 253
Any .....	19 934	3 779	44	250	883	1 117	862	623
1 to 99 days .....	3 201	2 051	23	114	438	586	483	407
100 to 199 days .....	3 623	879	13	55	209	278	200	124
200 days or more .....	13 110	849	8	81	236	253	179	92
Not reported .....	1 416	1 416	10	42	168	226	284	686
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less .....	1 664	620	25	86	157	143	125	84
3 or 4 years .....	2 923	1 048	25	115	268	278	224	138
5 to 9 years .....	6 613	2 412	15	225	579	572	554	467
10 years or more .....	19 136	9 773	—	104	1 204	1 998	2 331	4 136
Average years on present farm .....	17.1	20.6	3.4	6.3	11.4	15.5	20.2	30.0
Not reported .....	3 694	1 795	41	91	264	334	328	737
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years .....	176	106	106	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	1 503	621	—	621	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	6 615	2 472	—	—	2 472	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	4 934	1 714	—	—	—	1 714	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	4 792	1 611	—	—	—	1 611	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	4 318	1 724	—	—	—	—	1 724	—
60 to 64 years .....	3 640	1 838	—	—	—	—	1 838	—
65 to 69 years .....	2 962	1 894	—	—	—	—	—	1 894
70 years and over .....	5 090	3 668	—	—	—	—	—	3 668
Average age .....	54.5	57.7	21.5	30.9	40.1	49.4	59.6	73.0
Operators by sex:								
Male .....	29 230	13 411	97	523	2 043	2 738	3 119	4 891
Female .....	4 800	2 237	9	98	429	587	443	671
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....								
	511	262	3	14	60	60	66	59
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	28 965	12 230	87	462	1 782	2 460	2 810	4 629
farms..	9 108 061	7 309 353	33 910	318 373	1 263 352	1 796 765	1 679 569	2 217 384
acres..	2 527	1 583	13	75	287	381	336	491
Partnership .....	3 088 660	2 662 919	7 518	61 944	577 656	843 124	518 000	654 677
acres..	1 990	1 533	5	70	346	418	355	339
Corporation:	3 713 182	3 222 400	(D)	(D)	465 651	812 420	764 908	1 109 718
Family held .....	57	36	—	1	5	11	4	15
More than 10 stockholders .....	1 933	1 497	5	69	341	407	351	324
10 or less stockholders .....	192	124	1	9	35	36	30	13
Other than family held .....	240 971	125 273	(D)	(D)	24 666	(D)	38 803	14 962
acres..	29	13	—	2	1	7	2	1
More than 10 stockholders .....	163	111	1	7	34	29	28	12
10 or less stockholders .....	356	178	—	5	22	30	31	90
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	1 298 419	465 158	—	(D)	133 348	(D)	98 774	80 911
acres..								

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>							
All operators .....	18 382	70	882	4 143	6 401	4 396	2 490
Full owners .....	14 767	29	571	3 141	5 129	3 698	2 199
Part owners .....	2 514	7	137	655	943	567	205
Tenants .....	1 101	34	174	347	329	131	86
White .....	18 138	68	871	4 076	6 318	4 342	2 463
Full owners .....	14 575	29	563	3 085	5 069	3 651	2 178
Part owners .....	2 488	7	136	651	930	564	200
Tenants .....	1 075	32	172	340	319	127	85
Black and other races .....	244	2	11	67	83	54	27
Full owners .....	192	—	8	56	60	47	21
Part owners .....	26	—	1	4	13	3	5
Tenants .....	26	2	2	7	10	4	1
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>							
Land owned..... farms..	17 312	36	708	3 801	6 084	4 272	2 411
acres..	3 254 333	(D)	(D)	356 184	640 304	918 795	1 293 829
Owned land in farms .....	17 281	36	708	3 796	6 072	4 265	2 404
acres..	2 855 265	2 126	27 779	311 205	501 028	811 510	1 201 617
Land rented or leased from others .....	3 657	41	313	1 008	1 289	708	298
acres..	853 246	3 753	55 942	282 753	255 822	166 169	88 807
landlords..	6 765	62	531	1 775	2 586	1 312	499
Rented or leased land in farms .....	3 615	41	311	1 002	1 272	698	291
acres..	808 925	3 753	55 718	278 178	245 791	152 822	72 663
Land rented or leased to others .....	2 104	3	79	359	663	564	436
acres..	443 389	(D)	(D)	49 554	149 307	120 632	108 356
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated .....	15 313	33	660	3 549	5 519	3 702	1 850
Not on farm operated .....	2 280	35	151	445	655	510	484
Not reported .....	789	2	71	149	227	184	156
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other .....	18 382	70	882	4 143	6 401	4 396	2 490
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None .....	2 227	5	36	155	268	525	1 238
Any .....	16 155	65	846	3 988	6 133	3 871	1 252
1 to 99 days .....	1 150	8	83	162	266	326	305
100 to 199 days .....	2 744	17	111	629	978	706	303
200 days or more .....	12 261	40	652	3 197	4 889	2 839	644
Not reported .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less .....	1 044	21	160	359	325	124	55
3 or 4 years .....	1 875	12	217	734	589	245	78
5 to 9 years .....	4 201	9	301	1 400	1 540	735	216
10 years or more .....	9 363	—	68	1 290	3 437	2 852	1 716
Average years on present farm .....	14.2	3.0	5.1	8.3	12.8	17.9	25.4
Not reported .....	1 899	28	136	360	510	440	425
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years .....	70	70	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	882	—	882	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	4 143	—	—	4 143	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	3 220	—	—	—	3 220	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	3 181	—	—	—	3 181	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	2 594	—	—	—	—	2 594	—
60 to 64 years .....	1 802	—	—	—	—	1 802	—
65 to 69 years .....	1 068	—	—	—	—	—	1 068
70 years and over .....	1 422	—	—	—	—	—	1 422
Average age .....	51.7	21.1	31.3	40.3	49.4	58.9	72.0
Operators by sex:							
Male .....	15 819	49	747	3 490	5 499	3 950	2 084
Female .....	2 563	21	135	653	902	446	406
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....							
	249	1	15	78	84	49	22
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	16 735	59	770	3 826	5 886	4 005	2 189
acres..	1 798 708	4 485	64 691	377 408	519 762	476 822	355 540
Partnership .....	944	5	54	182	289	227	187
acres..	425 741	199	13 441	82 678	121 414	97 253	110 756
Corporation:							
Family held .....	457	3	16	94	161	121	62
acres..	490 782	735	4 516	71 479	66 617	258 341	89 094
More than 10 stockholders .....	21	—	2	4	9	3	3
10 or less stockholders .....	436	3	14	90	152	118	59
Other than family held .....	68	1	4	20	26	11	6
acres..	115 698	(D)	670	(D)	17 297	(D)	(D)
More than 10 stockholders .....	16	—	—	6	6	4	—
10 or less stockholders .....	52	1	4	14	20	7	6
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....							
farms..	178	2	38	21	39	32	46
acres..	833 261	(D)	179	(D)	21 729	(D)	(D)

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>								
Farm-related injuries:								
Operator and family members . . . . . farms..	348	224	1	5	37	52	51	78
number..	400	259	(D)	(D)	43	56	58	96
Hired workers . . . . . farms..	538	460	1	26	107	152	99	75
number..	1 042	929	(D)	(D)	169	350	225	136
Farm-related deaths:								
Operator and family members . . . . . farms..	5	3	—	—	—	1	1	1
number..	5	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hired workers . . . . . farms..	3	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
number..	4	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
<b>FARMS BY SIZE</b>								
1 to 9 acres . . . . .	7 202	1 854	15	78	279	373	390	719
10 to 49 acres . . . . .	11 954	4 118	20	132	510	736	971	1 749
50 to 69 acres . . . . .	2 028	954	5	39	132	187	209	382
70 to 99 acres . . . . .	2 028	1 051	11	24	159	178	261	418
100 to 139 acres . . . . .	1 750	1 000	8	50	144	188	250	360
140 to 179 acres . . . . .	1 314	784	7	38	112	161	182	284
180 to 219 acres . . . . .	810	505	1	19	87	98	124	176
220 to 259 acres . . . . .	578	388	2	20	66	82	95	123
260 to 499 acres . . . . .	1 981	1 429	11	81	282	348	281	426
500 to 999 acres . . . . .	1 601	1 202	8	37	257	319	265	316
1,000 to 1,999 acres . . . . .	1 035	849	12	44	168	227	165	233
2,000 acres or more . . . . .	1 749	1 514	6	59	276	428	369	376
<b>FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>								
Oilseed and grain farming (1111) . . . . .	1 587	1 032	6	42	177	251	238	318
Vegetable and melon farming (1112) . . . . .	842	634	5	52	162	180	120	115
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) . . . . .	3 336	1 673	6	75	279	340	388	585
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) . . . . .	3 572	1 476	5	53	289	397	339	393
Other crop farming (1119) . . . . .	5 511	2 896	44	164	504	644	627	913
Tobacco farming (11191) . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton farming (11192) . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199) . . . . .	5 511	2 896	44	164	504	644	627	913
Beef cattle ranching and farming (11211) . . . . .	12 037	5 269	27	131	609	876	1 253	2 373
Cattle feedlots (11212) . . . . .	1 111	293	—	6	21	44	64	158
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) . . . . .	469	419	3	22	107	130	87	70
Hog and pig farming (1122) . . . . .	415	105	2	8	19	26	25	25
Poultry and egg production (1123) . . . . .	304	121	—	6	29	27	27	32
Sheep and goat farming (1124) . . . . .	1 488	550	5	13	60	94	128	250
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) . . . . .	3 358	1 180	3	49	216	316	266	330
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>								
Cattle and calves inventory . . . . . farms..	17 122	7 905	48	260	1 068	1 526	1 877	3 126
number..	1 559 162	1 257 041	4 966	42 910	224 675	314 993	331 461	338 036
Farms with—								
1 to 9 . . . . .	5 952	1 630	5	55	189	259	385	737
10 to 49 . . . . .	6 616	2 813	25	63	269	428	667	1 361
50 to 99 . . . . .	1 628	1 030	5	41	142	192	246	404
100 to 199 . . . . .	1 250	946	6	39	171	251	228	251
200 to 499 . . . . .	1 016	881	5	36	187	239	205	209
500 or more . . . . .	660	605	2	26	110	157	146	164
Cows and heifers that had calved . . . . . farms..								
number..	13 954	6 756	44	223	946	1 360	1 560	2 623
Beef cows . . . . . farms..	782 382	635 929	2 718	23 325	114 287	168 927	149 671	177 001
number..	13 393	6 314	42	194	840	1 232	1 466	2 540
number..	695 635	552 519	2 416	19 112	90 477	143 287	132 253	164 974
Farms with—								
1 to 9 . . . . .	6 296	1 944	15	54	210	299	446	920
10 to 49 . . . . .	4 445	2 255	18	58	251	394	517	1 017
50 to 99 . . . . .	1 095	774	2	35	112	190	182	253
100 to 199 . . . . .	696	572	2	16	117	160	135	142
200 to 499 . . . . .	617	551	5	22	119	135	136	134
500 or more . . . . .	244	218	—	9	31	54	50	74
Milk cows . . . . . farms..								
number..	1 052	720	4	34	151	199	153	179
number..	86 747	83 410	302	4 213	23 810	25 640	17 418	12 027
Farms with—								
1 to 4 . . . . .	523	260	1	12	38	62	58	89
5 to 9 . . . . .	55	32	—	—	5	4	6	17
10 to 49 . . . . .	98	62	1	2	11	19	12	17
50 to 99 . . . . .	109	108	—	4	29	35	22	18
100 to 199 . . . . .	135	130	2	7	37	38	29	17
200 to 499 . . . . .	104	101	—	9	24	32	18	18
500 or more . . . . .	28	27	—	—	7	9	8	3
Heifers and heifer calves . . . . . farms..								
number..	12 545	6 216	45	220	856	1 252	1 469	2 374
number..	416 701	336 067	1 195	9 919	62 272	85 680	95 241	81 760
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves . . . . . farms..								
number..	14 307	6 748	39	201	902	1 311	1 633	2 662
number..	360 079	285 045	1 053	9 666	48 116	60 386	86 549	79 275

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Item	Other occupations							
	Total	Age of operator (years)						
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	
<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>								
Farm-related injuries:								
Operator and family members .....	farms..	124	1	5	42	40	22	14
	number..	141	(D)	(D)	45	46	25	19
Hired workers .....	farms..	78	—	4	13	27	21	13
	number..	113	—	4	19	40	33	17
Farm-related deaths:								
Operator and family members .....	farms..	2	—	—	—	1	—	1
	number..	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	(D)
Hired workers .....	farms..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
	number..	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
<b>FARMS BY SIZE</b>								
1 to 9 acres .....		5 348	19	307	1 366	1 864	1 162	630
10 to 49 acres .....		7 836	22	339	1 760	2 783	1 926	1 006
50 to 69 acres .....		1 074	8	56	228	379	270	133
70 to 99 acres .....		977	4	51	171	343	266	142
100 to 139 acres .....		750	8	30	139	257	195	121
140 to 179 acres .....		530	2	14	118	169	135	92
180 to 219 acres .....		305	1	17	52	106	82	47
220 to 259 acres .....		190	—	8	44	55	44	39
260 to 499 acres .....		552	4	36	87	173	140	112
500 to 999 acres .....		399	1	11	103	132	84	68
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....		186	1	4	33	70	31	47
2,000 acres or more .....		235	—	9	42	70	61	53
<b>FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>								
Oilseed and grain farming (1111) .....		555	5	24	100	154	110	162
Vegetable and melon farming (1112) .....		208	2	15	58	65	52	16
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) .....		1 663	4	77	347	550	447	238
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) .....		2 096	2	80	497	780	469	268
Other crop farming (1119) .....		2 615	13	121	540	928	617	396
Tobacco farming (11191) .....		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton farming (11192) .....		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199) .....		2 615	13	121	540	928	617	396
Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111) .....		6 768	29	312	1 440	2 262	1 735	990
Cattle feedlots (112112) .....		818	2	30	207	291	190	98
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) .....		50	—	2	3	19	18	8
Hog and pig farming (1122) .....		310	1	20	139	99	41	10
Poultry and egg production (1123) .....		183	—	5	55	67	43	13
Sheep and goat farming (1124) .....		938	4	39	209	375	196	115
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) .....		2 178	8	157	548	811	478	176
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>								
Cattle and calves inventory .....	farms..	9 217	34	443	2 107	3 222	2 216	1 195
	number..	302 121	672	10 665	59 677	81 720	100 956	48 431
Farms with—								
1 to 9 .....		4 322	10	223	1 106	1 520	949	514
10 to 49 .....		3 803	21	167	791	1 339	971	514
50 to 99 .....		598	3	34	115	215	154	77
100 to 199 .....		304	—	12	60	102	81	49
200 to 499 .....		135	—	6	21	39	42	27
500 or more .....		55	—	1	14	7	19	14
Cows and heifers that had calved .....	farms..	7 198	29	349	1 614	2 541	1 738	927
	number..	146 453	359	5 593	30 311	40 536	42 442	27 212
Beef cows .....	farms..	7 079	29	344	1 587	2 494	1 710	915
	number..	143 116	(D)	(D)	29 985	39 556	40 902	26 811
Farms with—								
1 to 9 .....		4 352	13	232	1 057	1 544	1 002	504
10 to 49 .....		2 190	16	87	425	778	560	324
50 to 99 .....		321	—	18	65	113	82	43
100 to 199 .....		124	—	4	23	46	35	16
200 to 499 .....		66	—	3	12	10	20	21
500 or more .....		26	—	—	5	3	11	7
Milk cows .....	farms..	332	2	17	92	115	72	34
	number..	3 337	(D)	(D)	326	980	1 540	401
Farms with—								
1 to 4 .....		263	2	15	87	86	48	25
5 to 9 .....		23	—	—	3	12	6	2
10 to 49 .....		36	—	2	1	14	14	5
50 to 99 .....		1	—	—	—	1	—	—
100 to 199 .....		5	—	—	1	1	1	2
200 to 499 .....		3	—	—	—	1	2	—
500 or more .....		1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Heifers and heifer calves .....	farms..	6 329	23	297	1 490	2 236	1 495	788
	number..	80 634	157	2 431	14 054	19 863	32 837	11 292
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves .....	farms..	7 559	26	350	1 727	2 650	1 839	967
	number..	75 034	156	2 641	15 312	21 321	25 677	9 927

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 15 980	7 600	47	235	1 003	1 476	1 800	3 039
	number.. 979 199	780 064	2 259	35 189	138 349	174 622	241 818	187 827
	\$1,000.. 480 260	387 743	1 084	16 055	66 894	81 460	133 758	88 492
Calves	farms.. 6 906	3 328	20	117	445	646	780	1 320
	number.. 201 767	146 099	376	4 869	25 547	35 966	38 038	41 303
	\$1,000.. 58 174	42 585	103	1 435	7 051	10 501	12 004	11 490
Cattle	farms.. 13 216	6 354	38	199	849	1 220	1 499	2 549
	number.. 777 432	633 965	1 883	30 320	112 802	138 656	203 780	146 524
	\$1,000.. 422 086	345 157	981	14 620	59 842	70 958	121 754	77 002
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 1 965	658	5	18	73	107	158	297
	number.. 154 234	107 257	251	902	7 541	15 465	77 300	5 798
	\$1,000.. 103 186	73 987	(D)	668	5 715	8 884	(D)	4 217
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 1 383	475	5	25	102	119	116	108
	number.. 33 152	23 889	83	637	4 628	5 914	8 454	4 173
Farms with—								
1 to 24	1 235	386	4	20	83	96	89	94
25 to 49	56	29	1	2	8	8	7	3
50 to 99	40	21	—	2	4	2	8	5
100 to 199	28	18	—	—	2	8	4	4
200 to 499	10	9	—	1	4	2	2	—
500 or more	14	12	—	—	1	3	6	2
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 486	210	3	13	45	52	58	39
	number.. 4 943	3 419	(D)	(D)	593	780	1 353	575
Other	farms.. 1 266	428	5	24	93	105	101	100
	number.. 28 209	20 470	(D)	(D)	4 035	5 134	7 101	3 598
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 1 182	366	3	21	80	97	90	75
	number.. 54 864	41 924	98	1 009	6 779	9 138	18 104	6 796
	\$1,000.. 5 544	4 169	9	79	667	1 154	1 512	748
Feeder pigs	farms.. 201	76	1	6	10	19	24	16
	number.. 14 752	9 804	(D)	(D)	846	878	6 413	1 024
	\$1,000.. 701	474	(D)	(D)	39	39	322	50
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 505	216	3	14	45	53	60	41
	number.. 6 834	5 362	(D)	(D)	938	1 229	2 206	816
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 464	203	2	12	43	51	58	37
	number.. 3 490	2 747	(D)	(D)	483	615	1 135	420
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 361	165	3	13	33	41	45	30
	number.. 3 344	2 615	7	72	455	614	1 071	396
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 3 070	1 360	12	38	213	280	300	517
	number.. 282 872	216 173	2 216	8 560	36 096	53 489	48 045	67 767
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 2 671	1 201	12	28	179	254	273	455
	number.. 158 926	121 010	1 323	5 122	22 189	23 402	28 916	40 058
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 2 846	1 277	12	33	186	260	285	501
	number.. 317 872	238 877	1 011	5 133	31 272	45 695	104 477	51 289
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 2 542	1 175	12	28	170	247	260	458
	number.. 256 564	195 642	1 175	5 867	35 382	47 152	46 725	59 341
	pounds of wool.. 1 682 143	1 316 255	8 884	38 724	237 397	313 082	323 284	394 884
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 10 688	4 511	25	178	793	1 121	1 024	1 370
	number.. 68 276	33 322	158	1 587	5 709	8 943	7 660	9 265
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 2 579	1 034	5	44	184	296	227	278
	number.. 7 610	3 588	10	150	763	967	827	871
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 556	518	3	28	98	147	124	118
	number.. 16 608	7 558	247	134	1 062	3 192	1 496	1 427
Goats sold	farms.. 614	217	2	8	44	66	58	39
	number.. 8 596	4 335	(D)	(D)	639	1 383	1 787	428
<b>POULTRY</b>								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 2 241	759	3	30	119	175	190	242
	number.. 3 272 027	(D)	53	645	2 458	5 217	(D)	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 399	2 225	752	3	30	119	173	188	239
400 to 3,199	9	4	—	—	—	2	—	2
3,200 to 9,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more	5	3	—	—	—	—	2	1
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 2 199	747	2	29	117	172	190	237
	number.. 2 748 184	(D)	(D)	576	2 102	3 938	(D)	(D)
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 383	158	1	6	22	41	34	54
	number.. 523 843	(D)	(D)	69	356	1 279	(D)	857
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 211	75	—	6	12	10	23	24
	number.. 1 367 691	(D)	—	70	(D)	510	(D)	480
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 156	74	—	4	25	13	16	16
	number.. 18 966 576	17 652 882	—	(D)	7 322 256	4 370 217	2 767 435	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	108	34	—	2	10	4	9	9
2,000 to 59,999	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
60,000 to 99,999	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
100,000 or more	44	39	—	2	15	8	7	7
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 145	61	1	4	9	20	14	13
	number.. 12 816	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	195	188	(D)
Turkeys sold	farms.. 97	34	—	—	7	10	10	7
	number.. 15 960	14 943	—	—	(D)	(D)	81	(D)

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>							
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 8 380	34	385	1 849	2 917	2 086	1 109
	number.. 199 135	340	4 776	34 741	44 895	84 357	30 026
	\$1,000.. 92 518	149	1 922	15 189	19 357	44 190	11 712
Calves	farms.. 3 578	14	187	795	1 231	897	454
	number.. 55 668	103	1 734	12 672	15 627	13 054	12 478
	\$1,000.. 15 589	34	477	3 921	4 361	3 724	3 072
Cattle	farms.. 6 862	30	300	1 506	2 371	1 737	918
	number.. 143 467	237	3 042	22 069	29 268	71 303	17 548
	\$1,000.. 76 928	115	1 445	11 268	14 996	40 466	8 639
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 1 307	3	63	322	493	288	138
	number.. 46 977	(D)	224	3 431	1 591	(D)	1 362
	\$1,000.. 29 199	(D)	148	2 582	1 064	(D)	765
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 908	2	47	379	307	125	48
	number.. 9 263	(D)	709	3 756	2 681	1 633	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 24	849	1	46	360	283	115	44
25 to 49	27	1	—	8	12	5	1
50 to 99	19	—	—	8	9	—	2
100 to 199	10	—	—	1	3	5	1
200 to 499	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
500 or more	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 276	—	16	109	93	46	12
	number.. 1 524	—	101	541	550	284	48
Other	farms.. 838	2	42	353	281	114	46
	number.. 7 739	(D)	608	3 215	2 131	1 349	(D)
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 816	2	45	349	275	111	34
	number.. 12 940	(D)	895	4 933	4 869	1 704	(D)
	\$1,000.. 1 375	(D)	(D)	504	547	177	71
Feeder pigs	farms.. 125	1	11	50	42	19	2
	number.. 4 948	(D)	257	2 506	1 546	604	(D)
	\$1,000.. 227	(D)	10	121	67	27	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—							
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 289	1	17	115	95	49	12
	number.. 1 472	(D)	94	509	499	321	(D)
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 261	1	16	107	85	43	9
	number.. 743	(D)	51	294	251	124	(D)
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 196	—	11	77	65	31	12
	number.. 729	—	43	215	248	197	26
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 1 710	5	61	453	648	343	200
	number.. 66 699	89	1 826	12 589	24 414	21 687	6 094
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 470	4	54	374	569	297	172
	number.. 37 916	42	1 129	7 123	14 584	11 488	3 550
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 1 569	4	60	404	602	320	179
	number.. 78 995	46	1 192	9 127	18 078	45 844	4 708
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 1 367	5	53	339	535	274	161
	number.. 60 922	69	1 473	9 891	18 780	25 652	5 057
	pounds of wool.. 365 888	496	8 448	65 414	120 411	135 012	36 107
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 6 177	20	313	1 631	2 355	1 307	551
	number.. 34 954	110	1 790	8 421	12 108	7 835	4 690
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 545	6	117	430	581	311	100
	number.. 4 022	9	307	925	1 251	942	588
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 038	—	57	338	372	191	80
	number.. 9 050	—	223	2 434	3 742	1 807	844
Goats sold	farms.. 397	—	23	133	142	69	30
	number.. 4 261	—	293	1 417	1 507	745	299
<b>POULTRY</b>							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 1 482	1	63	464	553	278	123
	number.. (D)	(D)	813	8 203	(D)	(D)	2 863
Farms with—							
1 to 399	1 473	1	63	462	549	276	122
400 to 3,199	5	—	—	2	2	—	1
3,200 to 9,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
100,000 or more	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 1 452	1	58	456	545	274	118
	number.. (D)	(D)	754	7 314	(D)	(D)	2 436
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 225	—	10	68	70	44	33
	number.. (D)	—	59	889	(D)	541	427
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 136	—	1	47	52	25	11
	number.. (D)	—	(D)	789	(D)	(D)	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 82	—	5	34	25	13	5
	number.. 1 313 694	—	(D)	746 013	(D)	954	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 1,999	74	—	5	29	23	13	4
2,000 to 59,999	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
60,000 to 99,999	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
100,000 or more	5	—	—	4	1	—	—
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 84	—	3	25	24	24	8
	number.. (D)	—	(D)	79	48	61	39
Turkeys sold	farms.. 63	2	2	25	21	9	4
	number.. 1 017	(D)	(D)	454	420	52	36

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 244	191	6	16	42	56	33	38
	acres.. 27 029	25 224	274	1 703	5 582	4 767	5 096	7 802
	bushels.. 5 132 811	4 846 731	50 022	304 729	984 830	834 261	1 023 857	1 649 032
Irrigated	farms.. 234	184	6	15	41	55	29	38
	acres.. 26 730	24 936	274	1 698	5 580	4 722	4 860	7 802
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 360	311	1	16	73	86	71	64
	acres.. 21 592	20 443	(D)	(D)	4 563	4 921	4 349	4 218
	tons, green.. 534 454	510 066	(D)	(D)	109 701	125 729	110 595	98 927
Irrigated	farms.. 330	285	1	14	67	79	65	59
	acres.. 20 266	19 139	(D)	(D)	4 071	4 583	4 174	3 982
Wheat for grain	farms.. 2 531	2 092	16	120	473	579	431	473
	acres.. 882 862	830 825	2 952	32 548	184 448	257 144	190 497	163 236
	bushels.. 54 694 903	51 571 416	251 559	2 070 812	11 352 767	15 552 259	11 780 904	10 563 115
Irrigated	farms.. 1 018	852	11	51	207	257	169	157
	acres.. 140 469	129 801	982	5 831	27 025	39 707	28 818	27 438
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	445	279	1	22	59	56	63	78
25 to 99 acres	828	672	9	48	141	171	126	177
100 to 249 acres	500	434	2	21	119	133	80	79
250 to 499 acres	231	204	2	13	46	62	40	41
500 acres or more	527	503	2	16	108	157	122	98
Barley for grain	farms.. 750	642	5	25	129	191	144	148
	acres.. 109 108	103 378	895	2 182	17 335	39 608	26 305	17 053
	bushels.. 7 568 675	7 180 678	84 714	149 915	1 203 226	3 157 100	1 471 473	1 114 250
Irrigated	farms.. 371	315	5	14	70	89	64	73
	acres.. 40 283	37 817	895	483	5 916	19 603	5 236	5 684
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	200	156	2	6	37	44	30	37
25 to 99 acres	277	228	1	11	42	63	45	66
100 to 249 acres	161	150	—	6	33	47	34	30
250 to 499 acres	68	65	2	2	8	23	23	7
500 acres or more	44	43	—	—	9	14	12	8
Oats for grain	farms.. 570	448	3	22	74	104	108	137
	acres.. 30 173	26 973	(D)	(D)	8 217	6 352	4 800	6 451
	bushels.. 2 742 017	2 441 939	(D)	(D)	724 856	575 328	444 556	579 743
Irrigated	farms.. 104	83	—	3	18	20	21	21
	acres.. 5 046	4 296	—	(D)	1 387	842	(D)	1 017
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 342	301	5	27	74	93	61	41
	acres.. 57 653	56 544	246	2 439	8 158	16 601	16 645	12 456
	cwt.. 28 090 477	27 709 061	108 750	1 030 981	3 628 292	7 912 777	8 671 369	6 356 892
Irrigated	farms.. 339	299	5	27	74	92	61	40
	acres.. 57 313	56 206	246	2 439	7 912	16 572	16 582	12 455
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	66	43	—	6	12	14	7	4
5.0 to 24.9 acres	45	38	3	7	10	9	6	3
25.0 to 99.9 acres	94	87	1	6	24	27	16	13
100.0 to 249.9 acres	85	81	1	3	19	26	17	15
250.0 acres or more	52	52	—	5	9	17	15	6
Sugar beets for sugar	farms.. 167	162	—	12	49	57	23	21
	acres.. 19 126	18 700	—	1 021	4 170	7 550	3 116	2 843
	tons.. 526 585	513 723	—	24 422	114 921	206 530	89 750	78 100
Irrigated	farms.. 167	162	—	12	49	57	23	21
	acres.. 19 126	18 700	—	1 021	4 170	7 550	3 116	2 843
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	farms.. 12 933	6 711	43	224	963	1 388	1 554	2 539
	acres.. 1 066 643	862 198	8 621	26 449	154 667	240 118	198 507	233 836
	tons, dry.. 3 009 247	2 498 877	26 165	92 608	479 349	739 787	577 499	583 469
Irrigated	farms.. 6 535	3 871	32	136	602	890	947	1 264
	acres.. 740 481	629 988	5 770	20 789	118 709	177 113	151 565	156 042
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	6 880	2 487	7	58	239	369	573	1 241
25 to 99 acres	3 694	2 237	11	91	330	474	530	801
100 to 249 acres	1 454	1 167	12	45	241	322	254	293
250 to 499 acres	524	477	7	20	84	128	116	122
500 acres or more	381	343	6	10	69	95	81	82
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	farms.. 1 432	1 087	9	69	274	309	224	202
	acres.. 155 242	151 051	423	7 670	35 519	41 937	35 180	30 323
Irrigated	farms.. 1 337	1 023	9	66	260	292	211	185
	acres.. 132 413	128 577	423	6 710	28 732	37 744	31 709	23 259
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	488	242	2	16	44	67	57	56
5.0 to 24.9 acres	210	142	2	9	42	41	24	24
25.0 to 99.9 acres	333	310	3	20	83	80	62	62
100.0 to 249.9 acres	226	221	2	14	64	74	37	30
250.0 acres or more	175	172	—	10	41	47	44	30

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>							
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms.. 53	—	3	16	18	13	3
	acres.. 1 805	—	(D)	557	687	344	(D)
	bushels.. 286 080	—	(D)	68 314	142 029	43 312	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms.. 50	—	3	14	18	13	2
	acres.. 1 794	—	(D)	550	687	344	(D)
Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms.. 49	—	3	13	14	14	5
	acres.. 1 149	—	(D)	208	383	375	(D)
	tons, green.. 24 388	—	(D)	3 927	10 047	7 344	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms.. 45	—	3	11	14	13	4
	acres.. 1 127	—	(D)	188	383	374	(D)
Wheat for grain .....	farms.. 439	3	29	90	136	94	87
	acres.. 52 037	(D)	(D)	7 189	16 743	7 995	16 586
	bushels.. 3 123 487	(D)	(D)	448 474	1 167 837	495 421	838 185
Irrigated .....	farms.. 166	3	9	38	60	33	23
	acres.. 10 668	(D)	(D)	1 681	5 324	2 417	979
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	166	1	14	42	39	35	35
25 to 99 acres .....	156	2	11	30	53	36	24
100 to 249 acres .....	66	—	2	13	24	17	10
250 to 499 acres .....	27	—	1	1	12	5	8
500 acres or more .....	24	—	1	4	8	1	10
Barley for grain .....	farms.. 108	3	5	27	34	20	19
	acres.. 5 730	153	166	1 499	1 997	1 122	793
	bushels.. 387 997	9 425	5 999	103 360	137 945	84 334	46 934
Irrigated .....	farms.. 56	2	2	18	17	10	7
	acres.. 2 466	(D)	(D)	708	979	425	232
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	44	—	3	11	16	8	6
25 to 99 acres .....	49	3	2	11	14	8	11
100 to 249 acres .....	11	—	—	4	—	3	2
250 to 499 acres .....	3	—	—	1	1	1	—
500 acres or more .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Oats for grain .....	farms.. 122	3	6	28	33	33	19
	acres.. 3 200	(D)	(D)	649	858	694	707
	bushels.. 300 078	(D)	(D)	57 197	76 440	63 823	71 611
Irrigated .....	farms.. 21	—	—	4	7	8	2
	acres.. 750	—	—	(D)	231	276	(D)
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms.. 41	—	3	11	16	9	2
	acres.. 1 109	—	61	(D)	561	185	(D)
	cwt.. 381 416	—	1 342	(D)	227 268	39 394	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms.. 40	—	3	11	15	9	2
	acres.. 1 107	—	61	(D)	559	185	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres .....	23	—	—	8	10	5	—
5.0 to 24.9 acres .....	7	—	2	2	1	2	—
25.0 to 99.9 acres .....	7	—	1	—	3	1	2
100.0 to 249.9 acres .....	4	—	—	1	2	1	—
250.0 acres or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugar beets for sugar .....	farms.. 5	—	—	1	3	1	—
	acres.. 426	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
	tons.. 12 862	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Irrigated .....	farms.. 5	—	—	1	3	1	—
	acres.. 426	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms.. 6 222	10	267	1 316	2 176	1 581	872
	acres.. 204 445	328	7 975	45 154	64 557	55 209	31 222
	tons, dry.. 510 370	372	20 034	115 226	164 041	132 929	77 768
Irrigated .....	farms.. 2 664	4	122	597	922	686	333
	acres.. 110 493	(D)	(D)	23 808	32 373	32 125	17 444
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	4 393	7	184	938	1 553	1 089	622
25 to 99 acres .....	1 457	1	71	293	502	399	191
100 to 249 acres .....	287	2	7	67	97	69	45
250 to 499 acres .....	47	—	4	12	15	7	9
500 acres or more .....	38	—	1	6	9	17	5
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms.. 345	2	17	106	120	77	23
	acres.. 4 192	(D)	196	1 469	1 881	518	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms.. 314	2	15	97	115	69	16
	acres.. 3 836	(D)	176	1 425	1 625	496	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres .....	246	2	5	72	91	61	15
5.0 to 24.9 acres .....	68	—	10	22	16	12	8
25.0 to 99.9 acres .....	23	—	2	10	9	2	—
100.0 to 249.9 acres .....	5	—	—	1	2	2	—
250.0 acres or more .....	3	—	—	1	2	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.



