

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	45 457	44 870	51 549	126	87	110
Harvested cropland	7 167 906	7 189 541	7 866 289	12 490	6 743	9 382
farms..	39 689	40 090	46 157	99	71	95
acres..	4 014 564	3 861 435	4 080 153	6 279	2 427	4 210
Full owners	26 602	25 983	31 484	93	70	83
Harvested cropland	2 715 889	2 737 577	3 307 757	6 770	4 625	6 277
farms..	21 614	21 923	26 796	69	56	70
acres..	1 029 155	1 021 902	1 263 243	2 566	1 290	2 327
Part owners	14 198	14 161	15 003	22	12	19
Harvested cropland	3 835 208	3 801 721	3 886 790	4 946	(D)	2 652
farms..	13 856	13 835	14 676	20	12	18
acres..	2 532 109	2 386 221	2 369 202	3 160	(D)	1 667
Tenants	4 657	4 726	5 062	11	5	8
Harvested cropland	616 809	650 243	671 742	774	(D)	453
farms..	4 219	4 332	4 685	10	3	7
acres..	453 300	453 312	447 708	553	(D)	216
Percent of tenancy	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.7	5.7	7.3
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	36 616	36 501	42 374	92	62	79
Not on farm operated	5 470	4 980	5 780	19	9	20
Not reported	3 371	3 389	3 395	15	16	11
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	25 635	26 959	29 797	79	52	51
Other	19 822	17 911	21 752	47	35	59
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	19 503	20 212	21 461	53	42	35
Any	22 778	21 243	26 610	57	32	62
1 to 49 days	2 706	2 600	3 330	6	2	4
50 to 99 days	1 312	1 139	1 524	4	3	4
100 to 149 days	1 340	1 370	1 621	6	4	7
150 to 199 days	2 809	2 633	3 031	2	3	6
200 days or more	14 611	13 501	17 104	39	20	41
Not reported	3 176	3 415	3 478	16	13	13
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 898	1 648	2 386	6	3	4
3 or 4 years	2 571	2 567	3 214	14	6	9
5 to 9 years	5 609	5 585	7 148	19	18	11
10 years or more	27 924	27 524	30 375	57	36	60
Average years on present farm	21.1	20.9	19.7	16.1	14.7	16.8
Not reported	7 455	7 546	8 426	30	24	26
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	692	747	853	—	—	2
25 to 34 years	3 977	4 722	6 553	17	4	7
35 to 44 years	9 606	9 183	10 747	15	19	21
45 to 49 years	5 541	5 120	5 768	18	6	11
50 to 54 years	5 595	5 125	5 558	13	11	18
55 to 59 years	5 032	4 801	6 205	22	16	15
60 to 64 years	4 389	5 036	5 994	16	16	11
65 to 69 years	4 059	4 179	4 396	8	7	11
70 years and over	6 566	5 957	5 475	17	8	14
Average age	52.7	52.2	51.1	53.3	54.2	53.5
Operators by sex:						
Male	42 208	42 063	48 757	112	73	99
Female	6 854 033	6 879 682	7 576 221	11 813	4 586	8 669
farms..	3 249	2 807	2 792	14	14	11
acres..	313 873	309 859	290 068	677	2 157	713
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	215	105	103	11	4	4
Not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	30 098	22 992	15 520	994	740	245
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	38 663	31 796	35 527	83	52	57
Not reported	6 579	12 969	15 919	32	31	49
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	40 176	39 646	45 796	106	77	99
Partnership	5 647 584	5 752 266	6 313 436	10 306	5 934	8 624
Corporation	3 957	4 063	4 581	10	3	5
farms..	1 137 170	1 092 055	1 195 400	1 007	(D)	529
acres..	1 141	1 016	982	8	6	4
farms..	335 425	294 880	297 218	(D)	412	(D)
acres..						
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	27	25	20	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	21 979	20 344	15 140	—	—	—
farms..	997	862	852	5	2	3
acres..	294 576	253 655	249 822	714	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	7	12	9	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	1 209	3 256	2 326	—	—	—
farms..	110	117	101	3	4	1
acres..	17 661	17 625	29 930	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	183	145	190	2	1	2
farms..	47 727	50 340	60 235	(D)	(D)	(D)
acres..						

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