

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
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS								
Farms	45 457	25 635	489	2 588	5 076	5 189	4 797	7 496
number	100.0	56.4	1.1	5.7	11.2	11.4	10.6	16.5
Land in farms	7 167 906	5 276 969	60 399	394 019	1 096 552	1 268 708	1 139 619	1 317 672
Average size of farm	158	206	124	152	216	244	238	176
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD								
Total sales (see text)	45 457	25 635	489	2 588	5 076	5 189	4 797	7 496
farms	3 997 565	3 476 116	55 066	369 028	926 738	935 756	716 846	472 682
Average per farm	87 942	135 600	112 609	142 592	182 573	180 335	149 436	63 058
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text)	5 475	1 419	5	49	160	189	232	784
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4 824	1 371	8	61	128	164	258	752
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5 036	1 772	12	61	156	231	304	1 008
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5 546	2 245	27	79	246	269	441	1 183
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4 971	2 504	44	175	282	360	502	1 141
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1 413	852	21	61	141	165	174	290
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2 742	1 812	37	168	326	366	368	547
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1 222	909	20	89	162	197	211	230
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4 630	3 940	126	566	1 001	935	718	594
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6 356	5 882	153	1 010	1 661	1 470	969	619
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1 943	1 771	23	179	490	498	360	221
\$500,000 to \$999,999	835	737	9	54	212	228	158	76
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999	349	323	4	29	89	98	74	29
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999	75	63	—	5	13	13	17	15
\$5,000,000 or more	40	35	—	2	9	6	11	7
Grains	15 314	10 228	181	933	2 023	2 064	2 014	3 013
Sales of \$50,000 or more	317 362	271 279	2 955	18 018	60 945	68 721	57 850	62 791
Corn for grain	10 693	6 743	115	494	1 189	1 283	1 381	2 281
Wheat	194 441	165 736	1 754	9 595	35 519	42 057	35 774	41 037
Soybeans	6 067	4 577	72	375	889	983	956	1 302
Sorghum for grain	27 728	24 056	255	1 860	5 347	5 806	5 467	5 321
Barley	6 377	4 740	91	491	1 075	1 075	920	1 088
Oats	83 689	72 010	844	5 819	18 090	18 422	14 772	14 062
Other grains	50	39	—	2	6	12	10	9
Cotton and cottonseed	386	325	—	(D)	25	65	53	(D)
Tobacco	1 415	1 059	24	108	231	226	214	256
Fruits, nuts, and berries	3 753	3 236	46	400	803	922	564	502
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3 210	2 029	27	105	333	333	413	818
Other crops	5 736	4 544	26	242	830	1 024	983	1 438
Poultry and poultry products	783	634	9	73	149	138	132	133
Dairy products	1 630	1 373	29	(D)	330	425	237	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	1 354	1 219	57	360	330	270	121	81
Sales of \$50,000 or more	24 908	23 084	917	5 912	6 489	6 010	2 512	1 244
Hay, silage, and field seeds	50	47	—	8	13	18	7	1
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3 544	3 355	—	(D)	984	1 386	495	(D)
Fruits, nuts, and berries	13 666	7 281	97	563	1 201	1 283	1 363	2 774
Sales of \$50,000 or more	119 175	82 659	1 167	7 160	19 231	18 977	15 908	20 216
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	308	252	4	21	70	80	51	26
Fruits, nuts, and berries	32 172	27 384	250	2 336	8 592	8 086	5 047	3 072
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3 103	2 118	42	256	525	459	376	460
Sales of \$50,000 or more	64 658	55 472	793	5 017	13 262	13 912	13 255	9 232
Fruits, nuts, and berries	255	234	5	16	59	58	59	37
Sales of \$50,000 or more	37 936	35 045	381	2 845	7 611	9 119	9 638	5 451
Fruits, nuts, and berries	2 092	1 319	13	86	282	286	254	398
Sales of \$50,000 or more	93 252	85 419	173	2 379	25 129	22 275	15 053	20 410
Nursery and greenhouse crops	352	323	2	15	86	84	67	69
Other crops	80 497	76 620	(D)	(D)	23 379	20 461	13 161	17 554
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3 877	1 710	21	112	411	405	325	436
Sales of \$50,000 or more	639 778	497 118	823	30 686	118 863	148 396	114 443	83 906
Other crops	1 007	691	6	44	192	182	140	127
Sales of \$50,000 or more	609 963	484 324	663	29 938	115 686	145 413	111 866	80 758
Poultry and poultry products	917	657	14	53	158	136	135	161
Sales of \$50,000 or more	23 393	22 143	72	1 578	5 701	5 655	6 192	2 944
Dairy products	99	94	—	11	22	21	29	11
Sales of \$50,000 or more	19 030	18 705	—	1 400	4 953	4 912	5 377	2 063
Poultry and poultry products	2 984	1 970	58	259	508	479	331	335
Sales of \$50,000 or more	720 263	610 878	13 751	53 500	187 026	171 286	125 346	59 969
Dairy products	1 082	869	26	94	256	237	173	83
Sales of \$50,000 or more	713 922	606 518	13 614	52 655	186 337	170 072	124 773	59 066
Dairy products	10 218	9 636	290	1 602	2 595	2 411	1 604	1 134
Sales of \$50,000 or more	1 320 801	1 274 576	25 662	179 895	349 835	336 489	239 016	143 677
Cattle and calves	8 373	8 067	222	1 384	2 277	2 040	1 326	818
Sales of \$50,000 or more	1 271 762	1 231 168	24 018	174 080	341 248	325 940	230 862	135 020
Cattle and calves	24 783	16 799	373	2 071	3 546	3 580	3 151	4 078
Sales of \$50,000 or more	355 981	294 129	4 821	34 961	66 042	82 393	62 133	43 779
Dairy products	1 147	992	18	103	242	293	212	124
Sales of \$50,000 or more	183 708	161 536	2 121	19 680	36 203	51 799	35 536	16 197

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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
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS							
Farms	19 822	203	1 389	4 530	5 947	4 624	3 129
number ..							
percent ..	43.6	.4	3.1	10.0	13.1	10.2	6.9
Land in farms	1 890 937	14 737	114 648	391 304	556 910	465 073	348 265
acres ..							
Average size of farm	95	73	83	86	94	101	111
acres ..							
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD							
Total sales (see text)	19 822	203	1 389	4 530	5 947	4 624	3 129
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	521 449	4 595	40 021	118 257	178 073	109 410	71 092
Average per farm	26 307	22 635	28 813	26 105	29 943	23 661	22 720
dollars ..							
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text)	4 056	23	204	835	1 229	986	779
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3 453	37	180	820	1 029	795	592
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3 264	30	224	686	979	821	524
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 301	34	246	787	989	769	476
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2 467	34	214	576	726	593	324
\$20,000 to \$24,999	561	9	50	126	182	116	78
\$25,000 to \$39,999	930	14	91	244	290	175	116
\$40,000 to \$49,999	313	6	26	87	95	70	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	690	5	71	167	198	149	100
\$100,000 to \$249,999	474	9	53	109	148	84	71
\$250,000 to \$499,999	172	1	17	48	44	41	21
\$500,000 to \$999,999	98	1	11	35	24	16	11
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999	26	—	2	8	6	5	5
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999	12	—	—	2	6	2	2
\$5,000,000 or more	5	—	—	—	2	2	1
Grains	5 086	90	446	1 249	1 454	1 121	726
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	46 083	770	4 147	10 718	13 044	10 237	7 167
Sales of \$50,000 or more	134	—	13	24	31	36	30
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	12 851	—	1 136	2 337	3 496	3 114	2 768
\$1,000 ..							
Corn for grain	3 950	61	345	963	1 126	878	577
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	28 705	412	2 432	6 804	7 988	6 365	4 705
Wheat	1 490	20	130	381	429	332	198
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	3 672	40	339	830	1 033	791	639
Soybeans	1 637	45	177	419	464	338	194
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	11 678	296	1 199	2 527	3 499	2 625	1 531
\$1,000 ..							
Sorghum for grain	11	—	1	4	4	1	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	61	—	(D)	17	5	(D)	(D)
Barley	356	8	27	102	94	75	50
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	517	11	34	144	147	89	93
Oats	1 181	13	109	307	359	249	144
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 192	11	115	336	332	265	134
Other grains	149	—	18	34	42	42	13
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	257	—	(D)	61	39	(D)	(D)
\$1,000 ..							
Cotton and cottonseed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 ..							
Tobacco	135	7	38	33	29	11	17
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 824	112	496	395	320	156	345
Sales of \$50,000 or more	3	—	—	—	1	1	1
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	188	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
\$1,000 ..							
Hay, silage, and field seeds	6 385	61	480	1 417	1 935	1 483	1 009
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	36 517	469	2 966	7 766	11 149	8 137	6 030
Sales of \$50,000 or more	56	2	3	9	18	12	12
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	4 788	(D)	(D)	597	1 624	1 200	960
\$1,000 ..							
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	985	11	98	279	303	192	102
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	9 185	46	771	3 274	2 515	1 557	1 023
Sales of \$50,000 or more	21	—	3	5	7	3	3
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	2 891	—	173	1 688	479	226	325
\$1,000 ..							
Fruits, nuts, and berries	773	1	49	191	244	185	103
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	7 833	(D)	(D)	1 237	3 523	1 600	961
Sales of \$50,000 or more	29	—	1	2	16	7	3
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	3 877	—	(D)	(D)	2 267	784	424
\$1,000 ..							
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2 167	12	120	545	641	526	323
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	142 660	538	3 335	18 521	67 953	33 806	18 508
Sales of \$50,000 or more	316	1	18	80	92	81	44
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	125 639	(D)	(D)	14 403	62 802	29 911	15 947
\$1,000 ..							
Other crops	260	1	25	74	88	46	26
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 250	(D)	(D)	221	463	406	118
Sales of \$50,000 or more	5	—	—	—	1	4	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	324	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	—
\$1,000 ..							
Poultry and poultry products	1 014	10	117	339	288	170	90
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	109 385	870	9 312	36 213	32 644	22 468	7 877
Sales of \$50,000 or more	213	3	26	76	53	35	20
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	107 404	827	8 983	35 488	32 254	22 108	7 743
\$1,000 ..							
Dairy products	582	9	76	127	176	103	91
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	46 226	954	5 228	9 810	13 254	9 326	7 654
Sales of \$50,000 or more	306	7	37	66	87	57	52
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	40 595	(D)	(D)	8 794	11 307	8 371	6 834
\$1,000 ..							
Cattle and calves	7 984	86	622	1 888	2 460	1 859	1 069
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	61 852	581	6 121	14 635	18 861	12 586	9 067
Sales of \$50,000 or more	155	2	21	25	60	28	19
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	22 172	(D)	(D)	5 370	7 041	3 145	3 752
\$1,000 ..							

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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
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs	farms.. 2 971	1 815	44	215	432	433	350	341
	\$1,000.. 235 303	189 642	3 843	28 441	60 291	50 760	33 925	12 380
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 707	594	14	109	175	142	108	46
	\$1,000.. 220 338	178 952	3 478	27 183	58 140	47 845	31 714	10 593
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms.. 2 346	1 036	10	81	207	206	212	320
	\$1,000.. 5 333	3 110	14	83	263	1 120	701	929
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 8	5	—	—	—	2	1	2
	\$1,000.. 895	724	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms.. 3 347	1 707	48	253	445	443	287	231
	\$1,000.. 77 358	66 608	74	1 398	13 661	9 762	30 510	11 204
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 125	99	—	2	22	36	20	19
	\$1,000.. 64 811	60 104	—	(D)	12 108	(D)	28 983	10 320
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)	farms.. 5 508	3 203	50	389	791	686	557	730
	\$1,000.. 48 745	42 304	396	2 905	10 244	10 622	10 023	8 114
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
Total farm production expenses	farms.. 45 429	25 746	633	2 379	5 058	5 130	4 847	7 699
	\$1,000.. 3 091 953	2 639 310	51 043	245 258	689 131	730 198	547 709	375 972
Average per farm	dollars.. 68 061	102 513	80 636	103 093	136 246	142 339	113 000	48 834
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms.. 16 075	10 404	368	1 324	2 388	2 259	1 876	2 189
	\$1,000.. 290 987	246 381	6 482	24 968	64 914	67 104	54 410	28 503
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	10 073	5 513	169	760	1 091	1 061	1 002	1 430
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 928	3 171	141	381	821	738	509	581
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 524	1 233	44	137	344	320	254	134
\$100,000 to \$249,999	380	332	11	32	96	93	71	29
\$250,000 or more	170	155	3	14	36	47	40	15
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms.. 26 901	17 114	509	1 950	3 832	3 887	3 179	3 757
	\$1,000.. 973 221	866 101	23 878	94 320	247 965	242 603	165 606	91 729
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	14 558	6 143	79	399	878	1 036	1 250	2 501
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 672	4 728	206	601	1 213	1 156	868	684
\$25,000 to \$99,999	5 132	4 903	196	824	1 341	1 317	789	436
\$100,000 to \$249,999	782	694	10	62	209	187	137	89
\$250,000 or more	757	646	18	64	191	191	135	47
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms.. 19 941	13 623	444	1 740	3 213	3 273	2 524	2 429
	\$1,000.. 764 882	680 839	18 333	71 029	195 055	193 121	131 216	72 086
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	10 496	5 053	79	473	951	1 041	1 066	1 443
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 159	4 607	214	691	1 209	1 139	741	613
\$25,000 to \$99,999	3 185	3 023	130	492	775	818	521	287
\$100,000 or more	1 101	940	21	84	278	275	196	86
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms.. 29 112	19 351	522	1 975	4 133	4 055	3 743	4 923
	\$1,000.. 101 230	82 207	1 093	6 472	22 573	19 632	18 206	14 232
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	14 664	7 298	215	551	1 180	1 248	1 428	2 676
\$1,000 to \$4,999	11 086	9 102	270	1 172	2 185	1 996	1 710	1 769
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 903	2 536	34	233	660	685	516	408
\$25,000 to \$49,999	270	246	1	8	68	68	53	48
\$50,000 or more	189	169	2	11	40	58	36	22
Commercial fertilizer	farms.. 30 482	19 810	491	1 888	4 150	4 117	3 856	5 308
	\$1,000.. 109 826	94 136	1 355	7 678	21 252	25 129	20 445	18 276
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	25 258	15 152	423	1 505	3 068	2 905	2 774	4 477
\$5,000 to \$24,999	4 616	4 087	66	357	961	1 029	936	738
\$25,000 to \$49,999	378	353	1	13	73	111	105	50
\$50,000 or more	230	218	1	13	48	72	41	43
Agricultural chemicals	farms.. 26 899	18 346	471	1 891	4 044	3 859	3 528	4 553
	\$1,000.. 77 519	68 100	1 010	5 723	16 464	17 115	15 247	12 540
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	23 640	15 399	431	1 627	3 285	3 125	2 871	4 060
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 788	2 499	39	237	651	617	550	405
\$25,000 to \$49,999	307	286	—	22	70	67	72	55
\$50,000 or more	164	162	1	5	38	50	35	33
Petroleum products	farms.. 43 493	25 205	618	2 345	4 937	5 047	4 772	7 486
	\$1,000.. 112 649	93 033	1 410	7 797	21 292	24 198	18 843	19 493
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	38 978	21 060	570	2 031	3 902	3 870	3 860	6 827
\$5,000 to \$24,999	4 101	3 772	48	298	941	1 069	828	588
\$25,000 to \$49,999	263	237	—	8	57	74	59	39
\$50,000 or more	151	136	—	8	37	34	25	32
Gasoline and gasohol	farms.. 35 318	21 077	475	1 860	4 089	4 219	4 126	6 308
	\$1,000.. 35 105	28 125	421	1 903	6 689	6 689	6 020	6 814
Diesel fuel	farms.. 32 248	20 474	534	2 081	4 149	4 393	3 900	5 417
	\$1,000.. 42 146	35 887	613	3 456	8 254	9 916	7 193	6 454
Natural gas	farms.. 1 804	1 370	26	168	326	357	218	275
	\$1,000.. 10 258	7 497	20	361	1 697	2 475	1 040	1 905
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms.. 32 793	21 759	565	2 156	4 364	4 557	4 179	5 938
	\$1,000.. 25 140	21 524	356	2 078	5 063	5 118	4 589	4 321

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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs .. farms..	1 156	21	111	403	354	204	63
\$1,000..	45 661	136	6 448	12 722	10 630	5 430	10 295
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	113	1	16	43	28	19	6
\$1,000..	41 386	(D)	6 039	11 124	9 373	(D)	10 025
Sheep, lambs, and wool .. farms..	1 310	9	83	339	437	282	160
\$1,000..	2 224	(D)	(D)	587	661	497	318
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	3	—	—	2	—	—	1
\$1,000..	171	—	—	(D)	—	—	(D)
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .. farms..	1 640	20	129	484	558	310	139
\$1,000..	10 750	98	501	2 159	3 058	3 204	1 729
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	26	—	1	4	7	6	8
\$1,000..	4 707	—	(D)	(D)	983	1 904	1 066
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .. farms..	2 305	12	197	716	747	459	174
\$1,000..	6 441	23	609	2 197	1 884	1 226	502
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
Total farm production expenses .. farms..	19 683	297	1 360	4 420	6 056	4 606	2 944
\$1,000..	452 643	4 387	35 062	95 001	158 928	100 118	59 147
Average per farm .. dollars..	22 997	14 769	25 781	21 494	26 243	21 737	20 091
Livestock and poultry purchased .. farms..	5 671	84	591	1 549	1 744	1 149	554
\$1,000..	44 606	474	5 055	11 069	11 946	10 310	5 752
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	4 560	50	430	1 284	1 464	916	416
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	757	31	108	173	193	170	82
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	291	3	45	72	71	51	49
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	48	—	6	17	12	9	4
\$250,000 or more ..	15	—	2	3	4	3	3
Feed for livestock and poultry .. farms..	9 787	143	800	2 469	3 173	2 103	1 099
\$1,000..	107 120	1 146	13 163	30 566	31 285	18 200	12 760
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	8 415	108	625	2 145	2 812	1 865	860
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	944	32	99	214	264	170	165
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	229	2	51	40	42	37	57
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	88	—	11	33	27	12	5
\$250,000 or more ..	111	1	14	37	28	19	12
Commercially mixed formula feeds .. farms..	6 318	71	554	1 655	2 079	1 314	645
\$1,000..	84 043	725	9 916	25 358	25 377	15 088	7 579
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	5 443	60	440	1 474	1 839	1 135	495
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	552	9	59	94	165	120	105
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	162	1	33	31	33	30	34
\$100,000 or more ..	161	1	22	56	42	29	11
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .. farms..	9 761	180	738	2 367	3 032	2 232	1 212
\$1,000..	19 022	193	842	3 086	8 331	4 864	1 707
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 ..	7 366	106	502	1 813	2 326	1 692	927
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	1 984	74	203	456	567	449	235
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	367	—	33	90	121	78	45
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	24	—	—	3	13	6	2
\$50,000 or more ..	20	—	—	5	5	7	3
Commercial fertilizer .. farms..	10 672	182	768	2 506	3 282	2 515	1 419
\$1,000..	15 690	177	1 136	3 386	4 948	3 816	2 226
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	10 106	181	719	2 375	3 093	2 387	1 351
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	529	1	47	126	179	118	58
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	25	—	2	3	5	6	9
\$50,000 or more ..	12	—	—	2	5	4	1
Agricultural chemicals .. farms..	8 553	191	628	1 979	2 633	1 991	1 131
\$1,000..	9 419	189	859	2 074	3 213	1 955	1 129
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	8 241	190	595	1 904	2 514	1 937	1 101
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	289	1	32	69	113	48	26
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	21	—	1	6	5	5	4
\$50,000 or more ..	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Petroleum products .. farms..	18 288	291	1 240	4 113	5 566	4 371	2 707
\$1,000..	19 616	197	1 173	3 824	6 436	5 167	2 820
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	17 918	290	1 220	4 008	5 450	4 288	2 662
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	329	1	19	100	100	73	36
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	26	—	1	3	10	6	6
\$50,000 or more ..	15	—	—	2	6	4	3
Gasoline and gasohol .. farms..	14 241	219	910	3 136	4 350	3 458	2 168
\$1,000..	6 980	102	434	1 370	2 189	1 727	1 159
Diesel fuel .. farms..	11 774	219	805	2 605	3 597	2 950	1 598
\$1,000..	6 259	71	414	1 310	2 134	1 449	882
Natural gas .. farms..	434	7	56	117	136	63	55
\$1,000..	2 761	4	155	125	1 177	1 205	95
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. .. farms..	11 034	156	781	2 523	3 335	2 620	1 619
\$1,000..	3 616	21	170	1 019	936	786	683

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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
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
—Con.								
Total farm production expenses—Con.								
Electricity	farms.. 33 505	21 605	590	2 104	4 413	4 538	4 101	5 859
	\$1,000.. 78 885	68 475	1 155	6 373	18 261	18 026	13 583	11 077
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	20 143	9 943	246	741	1 341	1 636	1 865	4 114
\$1,000 to \$4,999	10 333	8 848	316	1 083	2 328	2 088	1 639	1 394
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 796	2 605	26	267	678	772	550	312
\$25,000 to \$49,999	123	110	2	5	33	25	29	16
\$50,000 or more	110	99	—	8	33	17	18	23
Hired farm labor	farms.. 14 055	10 180	238	1 080	2 311	2 311	1 994	2 246
	\$1,000.. 362 811	298 994	1 205	18 512	70 352	79 749	70 742	58 434
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	8 508	5 372	163	744	1 159	976	952	1 378
\$5,000 to \$24,999	3 424	2 933	63	228	732	767	611	532
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 638	1 443	12	75	314	449	333	260
\$100,000 to \$249,999	263	235	—	19	53	73	50	40
\$250,000 or more	222	197	—	14	53	46	48	36
Workers by days worked:								
150 days or more	farms.. 6 871	5 668	94	509	1 289	1 422	1 231	1 123
	workers.. 23 543	20 551	152	1 246	4 699	6 289	4 372	3 793
Less than 150 days	farms.. 11 752	8 080	197	865	1 869	1 755	1 542	1 852
	workers.. 42 752	31 963	611	2 359	7 702	7 364	6 632	7 295
Contract labor	farms.. 3 031	2 009	52	141	539	417	441	419
	\$1,000.. 27 369	22 041	128	1 085	5 854	6 765	6 065	2 143
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	1 311	675	23	46	173	120	103	210
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 096	791	20	51	197	153	216	154
\$5,000 to \$24,999	446	387	8	37	117	99	92	34
\$25,000 to \$49,999	88	78	1	3	26	24	15	9
\$50,000 or more	90	78	—	4	26	21	15	12
Repair and maintenance	farms.. 39 966	23 711	589	2 209	4 774	4 766	4 626	6 747
	\$1,000.. 202 042	165 571	3 134	13 371	38 320	43 586	36 021	31 139
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	29 369	14 760	329	1 355	2 551	2 452	2 721	5 352
\$5,000 to \$24,999	9 343	7 790	256	790	1 937	1 952	1 624	1 231
\$25,000 to \$49,999	926	851	4	49	210	271	212	105
\$50,000 or more	328	310	—	15	76	91	69	59
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment	farms.. 14 864	10 665	276	1 326	2 445	2 422	2 073	2 123
	\$1,000.. 39 183	33 805	536	4 129	9 149	9 486	6 172	4 333
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	7 457	4 574	120	496	919	929	898	1 212
\$1,000 to \$4,999	5 621	4 497	132	628	1 087	982	904	764
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 619	1 439	24	186	401	458	238	132
\$25,000 to \$49,999	116	108	—	10	26	37	25	10
\$50,000 or more	51	47	—	6	12	16	8	5
Interest	farms.. 17 169	12 078	371	1 473	3 227	3 166	2 248	1 593
	\$1,000.. 146 763	121 651	2 549	12 735	35 093	37 003	21 819	12 452
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	9 706	6 078	205	782	1 419	1 419	1 224	1 029
\$5,000 to \$24,999	6 256	4 905	154	585	1 480	1 398	825	463
\$25,000 to \$99,999	1 125	1 024	12	100	309	325	186	92
\$100,000 or more	82	71	—	6	19	24	13	9
Secured by real estate	farms.. 12 387	8 465	132	748	2 292	2 489	1 647	1 157
	\$1,000.. 106 441	86 666	1 258	7 479	25 812	27 476	15 445	9 194
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	1 779	1 073	21	103	208	248	241	252
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 809	2 775	25	190	689	798	614	459
\$5,000 to \$24,999	5 029	3 908	83	396	1 179	1 204	667	379
\$25,000 to \$49,999	546	499	3	48	157	162	86	43
\$50,000 or more	224	210	—	11	59	77	39	24
Not secured by real estate	farms.. 9 092	6 932	310	995	1 927	1 678	1 272	750
	\$1,000.. 40 322	34 985	1 290	5 256	9 281	9 526	6 375	3 257
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	2 827	1 738	62	264	440	387	345	240
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 087	3 244	158	447	929	748	602	360
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 949	1 744	88	247	508	489	285	127
\$25,000 to \$49,999	180	166	2	29	42	43	32	18
\$50,000 or more	49	40	—	8	8	11	8	5
Cash rent	farms.. 13 593	10 420	353	1 437	2 700	2 443	1 960	1 527
	\$1,000.. 78 824	71 981	2 380	11 605	19 682	18 668	12 726	6 921
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	9 698	6 803	190	688	1 773	1 578	1 364	1 210
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 711	1 580	91	283	375	381	301	149
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 642	1 520	63	408	393	344	193	119
\$25,000 or more	542	517	9	58	159	140	102	49
Property taxes	farms.. 41 605	23 262	372	1 552	4 397	4 828	4 700	7 413
	\$1,000.. 114 732	78 351	909	4 870	15 358	18 783	17 415	21 016
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	36 464	19 201	337	1 274	3 556	3 708	3 731	6 595
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 939	3 051	33	245	625	836	729	583
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 066	892	2	26	189	252	218	205
\$25,000 or more	136	118	—	7	27	32	22	30
All other farm production expenses	farms.. 41 408	24 736	619	2 361	5 005	5 024	4 686	7 041
	\$1,000.. 375 913	328 484	3 819	25 619	82 602	102 351	70 409	43 684
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	30 594	15 100	374	1 112	2 472	2 430	2 894	5 818
\$5,000 to \$24,999	8 516	7 503	227	1 099	1 922	1 957	1 318	980
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 320	1 235	11	92	371	358	282	121
\$50,000 to \$99,999	600	554	7	32	154	185	105	71
\$100,000 or more	378	344	—	26	86	94	87	51

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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
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity farms	11 900	193	834	2 588	3 739	2 854	1 692
\$1,000	10 411	100	644	1 863	3 939	2 166	1 699
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	10 200	164	679	2 183	3 307	2 448	1 419
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 485	28	139	362	375	358	223
\$5,000 to \$24,999	191	1	16	39	47	44	44
\$25,000 to \$49,999	13	—	—	4	4	1	4
\$50,000 or more	11	—	—	—	6	3	2
Hired farm labor farms	3 875	42	312	851	1 307	843	520
\$1,000	63 817	49	1 245	6 069	32 625	16 358	7 471
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	3 136	41	264	703	1 085	665	378
\$5,000 to \$24,999	491	—	32	107	153	99	100
\$25,000 to \$99,999	195	1	15	30	53	66	30
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	—	1	6	7	6	8
\$250,000 or more	25	—	—	5	9	7	4
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more farms	1 203	1	84	232	387	287	212
workers	2 992	(D)	(D)	547	947	799	549
Less than 150 days farms	3 672	42	305	824	1 253	794	454
workers	10 789	69	724	2 505	3 932	2 350	1 209
Contract labor farms	1 022	16	85	232	283	274	132
\$1,000	5 327	17	64	598	2 641	1 007	1 000
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	636	15	74	164	160	160	63
\$1,000 to \$4,999	305	—	7	40	106	96	56
\$5,000 to \$24,999	59	1	4	24	10	13	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10	—	—	3	3	2	2
\$50,000 or more	12	—	—	1	4	3	4
Repair and maintenance farms	16 255	254	1 144	3 672	5 110	3 817	2 258
\$1,000	36 471	737	2 639	7 176	11 783	8 785	5 350
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	14 609	220	1 010	3 363	4 613	3 395	2 008
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 553	34	120	292	473	396	238
\$25,000 to \$49,999	75	—	14	12	20	21	8
\$50,000 or more	18	—	—	5	4	5	4
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment farms	4 199	92	349	912	1 276	947	623
\$1,000	5 378	102	395	1 020	1 599	1 380	882
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	2 883	64	221	661	859	624	454
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 124	26	112	214	352	277	143
\$5,000 to \$24,999	180	2	16	35	62	40	25
\$25,000 to \$49,999	8	—	—	2	2	4	—
\$50,000 or more	4	—	—	—	1	2	1
Interest farms	5 091	55	397	1 431	1 779	1 066	363
\$1,000	25 112	130	1 979	7 022	9 030	4 695	2 255
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	3 628	39	273	976	1 294	777	269
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 351	16	112	423	448	270	82
\$25,000 to \$99,999	101	—	12	29	33	18	9
\$100,000 or more	11	—	—	3	4	1	3
Secured by real estate farms	3 922	10	245	1 165	1 441	799	262
\$1,000	19 775	39	1 470	5 830	7 014	3 708	1 714
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	706	2	37	187	266	162	52
\$1,000 to \$4,999	2 034	7	115	599	780	395	138
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 121	1	83	365	378	231	63
\$25,000 to \$49,999	47	—	10	10	14	9	4
\$50,000 or more	14	—	—	4	3	2	5
Not secured by real estate farms	2 160	52	200	606	690	463	149
\$1,000	5 337	91	509	1 192	2 016	988	541
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	1 089	25	85	335	305	263	76
\$1,000 to \$4,999	843	19	85	231	292	162	54
\$5,000 to \$24,999	205	8	29	37	86	31	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	14	—	1	2	2	5	4
\$50,000 or more	9	—	—	1	5	2	1
Cash rent farms	3 173	104	356	925	1 004	557	227
\$1,000	6 843	237	981	1 515	2 326	1 256	527
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	2 895	100	314	862	903	505	211
\$5,000 to \$9,999	131	1	29	31	43	22	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	122	1	10	29	51	25	6
\$25,000 or more	25	2	3	3	7	5	5
Property taxes farms	18 343	215	1 111	4 058	5 779	4 446	2 734
\$1,000	36 381	275	1 950	7 257	11 229	9 356	6 315
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	17 263	215	1 042	3 886	5 469	4 122	2 529
\$5,000 to \$9,999	888	—	61	144	259	274	150
\$10,000 to \$24,999	174	—	8	28	46	46	46
\$25,000 or more	18	—	—	—	5	4	9
All other farm production expenses farms	16 672	249	1 170	3 810	5 194	3 900	2 349
\$1,000	47 429	363	2 935	8 478	17 598	10 803	7 253
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	15 494	240	1 048	3 548	4 855	3 648	2 155
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 013	8	106	226	296	216	161
\$25,000 to \$49,999	85	1	12	19	18	18	17
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46	—	3	12	13	9	9
\$100,000 or more	34	—	1	5	12	9	7

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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
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹								
All farms..... number..	45 437	25 746	633	2 379	5 058	5 130	4 847	7 699
..... \$1,000..	747 503	698 814	12 571	87 204	193 913	174 783	146 825	83 518
Average per farm..... dollars..	16 451	27 143	19 859	36 656	38 338	34 071	30 292	10 848
Farms with net gains ² number..	23 922	16 776	479	1 910	3 767	3 727	3 146	3 747
Average net gain..... dollars..	38 623	48 044	31 328	49 231	57 619	54 914	52 462	29 407
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	2 088	753	22	38	74	131	95	393
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	8 084	4 353	111	291	623	745	914	1 669
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	8 856	7 158	224	993	1 821	1 691	1 263	1 166
\$50,000 or more.....	4 894	4 512	122	588	1 249	1 160	874	519
Farms with net losses..... number..	21 515	8 970	154	469	1 291	1 403	1 701	3 952
Average net loss..... dollars..	8 200	11 948	15 814	14 555	17 922	21 299	10 711	6 749
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	2 919	1 023	25	30	129	84	177	578
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	14 584	5 666	52	248	677	763	1 087	2 839
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	3 688	2 001	64	169	401	477	389	501
\$50,000 or more.....	324	280	13	22	84	79	48	34
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME								
Government payments..... farms..	9 963	6 726	92	411	1 272	1 503	1 453	1 995
..... \$1,000..	29 978	23 697	203	1 159	5 039	6 110	5 553	5 632
Other farm-related income ¹ farms..	11 253	7 762	137	790	1 607	1 789	1 629	1 810
..... \$1,000..	54 553	42 838	659	3 494	10 495	12 103	8 246	7 841
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	3 627	2 624	61	385	619	634	527	398
..... \$1,000..	23 077	19 434	354	2 135	4 670	5 930	2 956	3 390
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	3 080	1 463	18	74	206	266	311	588
..... \$1,000..	9 585	6 030	(D)	(D)	825	1 611	1 610	1 517
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	1 830	1 189	1	109	179	324	246	330
..... \$1,000..	12 765	9 040	(D)	(D)	1 520	2 594	2 452	1 976
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	5 016	4 249	63	398	944	1 037	942	865
..... \$1,000..	9 126	8 334	166	534	3 480	1 967	1 228	958
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS								
Total..... farms..	619	533	5	47	133	145	90	113
..... \$1,000..	11 022	10 588	(D)	348	2 388	3 483	(D)	1 505
Corn..... farms..	557	479	5	41	123	130	80	100
..... \$1,000..	7 932	7 585	292	261	1 659	2 521	1 785	1 066
Wheat..... farms..	108	84	1	7	19	15	18	24
..... \$1,000..	459	444	(D)	15	124	127	(D)	63
Soybeans..... farms..	111	106	2	8	27	32	23	14
..... \$1,000..	2 424	2 359	(D)	38	503	813	(D)	354
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	67	51	—	6	12	10	7	16
..... \$1,000..	73	67	—	(D)	13	22	(D)	22
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	7	7	—	3	3	—	1	—
..... \$1,000..	132	132	—	(D)	88	—	(D)	—
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE								
Total cropland..... farms..	42 573	24 437	445	2 432	4 826	4 927	4 592	7 215
..... acres..	5 032 151	3 924 042	48 836	318 500	868 005	965 758	831 819	891 124
Harvested cropland..... farms..	39 689	23 478	434	2 358	4 671	4 749	4 438	6 828
..... acres..	4 014 564	3 283 196	42 739	274 361	749 950	830 722	702 358	683 066
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	19 464	7 972	132	725	1 252	1 266	1 349	3 248
50 to 99 acres.....	8 796	5 783	161	752	1 123	1 052	970	1 725
100 to 199 acres.....	6 268	5 013	87	514	1 176	1 112	1 032	1 092
200 to 499 acres.....	4 116	3 727	52	310	891	1 022	851	601
500 to 999 acres.....	782	732	—	49	174	214	187	108
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	211	199	1	5	41	69	37	46
2,000 acres or more.....	52	52	1	3	14	14	12	8
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	21 590	12 868	236	1 399	2 616	2 650	2 422	3 545
..... acres..	680 759	454 959	5 163	35 374	88 494	98 671	91 744	135 513
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	3 812	1 998	21	151	356	372	373	725
..... acres..	98 691	54 913	221	2 439	9 094	11 858	9 588	21 713
On which all crops failed..... farms..	2 454	1 389	14	94	272	307	296	406
..... acres..	40 950	27 888	185	2 033	5 046	7 502	5 394	7 728
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	850	552	6	54	93	107	105	187
..... acres..	20 133	14 855	99	1 101	2 660	2 753	3 419	4 823
Idle..... farms..	6 573	3 120	27	156	465	554	637	1 281
..... acres..	177 054	88 231	429	3 192	12 761	14 252	19 316	38 281
Total woodland..... farms..	26 760	15 191	188	1 152	2 723	3 057	3 069	5 002
..... acres..	1 386 209	861 333	5 761	43 517	145 222	189 963	201 701	275 169
Woodland pastured..... farms..	7 964	4 627	81	415	871	907	871	1 482
..... acres..	206 792	132 889	1 495	7 581	21 490	26 711	31 200	44 412
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	23 741	13 497	159	995	2 412	2 738	2 781	4 412
..... acres..	1 179 417	728 444	4 266	35 936	123 732	163 252	170 501	230 757

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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
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹							
All farms..... number..	19 691	297	1 367	4 421	6 056	4 606	2 944
..... \$1,000..	48 689	318	2 951	12 102	15 421	5 518	12 378
Average per farm..... dollars..	2 473	1 071	2 159	2 737	2 546	1 198	4 204
Farms with net gains ² number..	7 146	137	556	1 545	2 147	1 601	1 160
Average net gain..... dollars..	16 505	10 438	14 765	17 800	17 245	13 994	18 429
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	1 335	29	75	212	410	325	284
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	3 731	72	292	824	1 063	876	604
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 698	31	165	428	542	330	202
\$50,000 or more.....	382	5	24	81	132	70	70
Farms with net losses..... number..	12 545	160	811	2 876	3 909	3 005	1 784
Average net loss..... dollars..	5 521	6 949	6 483	5 354	5 527	5 619	5 045
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000.....	1 896	31	90	459	472	511	333
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	8 918	90	547	2 019	2 887	2 127	1 248
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 687	39	172	391	541	349	195
\$50,000 or more.....	44	—	2	7	9	18	8
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME							
Government payments..... farms..	3 237	35	190	654	979	771	608
..... \$1,000..	6 282	28	282	1 027	1 767	1 617	1 561
Other farm-related income ¹ farms..	3 491	47	268	788	1 038	775	575
..... \$1,000..	11 715	152	727	2 566	3 650	2 733	1 887
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	1 003	25	119	274	287	156	142
..... \$1,000..	3 642	100	389	903	881	978	391
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	1 617	7	111	324	509	344	322
..... \$1,000..	3 556	42	167	588	1 530	553	676
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	641	6	39	137	228	132	99
..... \$1,000..	3 725	4	133	950	1 136	796	705
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	767	24	27	143	194	245	134
..... \$1,000..	792	6	37	125	104	405	115
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS							
Total..... farms..	86	—	4	26	32	20	4
..... \$1,000..	434	—	(D)	72	209	142	(D)
Corn..... farms..	78	—	4	24	28	19	3
..... \$1,000..	347	—	(D)	64	153	120	(D)
Wheat..... farms..	24	—	—	6	11	5	2
..... \$1,000..	15	—	—	(D)	10	(D)	(D)
Soybeans..... farms..	5	—	—	—	4	1	—
..... \$1,000..	65	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	—
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	16	—	—	7	7	2	—
..... \$1,000..	6	—	—	(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..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE							
Total cropland..... farms..	18 136	173	1 235	4 072	5 466	4 292	2 898
..... acres..	1 108 109	10 743	77 817	233 685	333 635	265 674	186 555
Harvested cropland..... farms..	16 211	162	1 138	3 659	4 906	3 841	2 505
..... acres..	731 368	8 454	58 953	164 742	223 725	169 635	105 859
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres.....	11 492	102	711	2 560	3 466	2 794	1 859
50 to 99 acres.....	3 013	43	273	700	902	672	423
100 to 199 acres.....	1 255	12	110	305	405	271	152
200 to 499 acres.....	389	3	40	85	116	89	56
500 to 999 acres.....	50	2	3	8	11	12	14
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	12	—	1	1	6	3	1
2,000 acres or more.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	8 722	55	563	2 017	2 796	2 041	1 250
..... acres..	225 800	1 578	11 704	44 567	65 939	57 601	44 411
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	1 814	11	80	343	633	442	305
..... acres..	43 778	128	1 056	5 788	13 464	11 603	11 739
On which all crops failed..... farms..	1 065	6	86	257	362	222	132
..... acres..	13 062	(D)	1 092	(D)	3 631	3 458	2 211
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	298	2	19	45	96	68	68
..... acres..	5 278	(D)	647	7	1 375	1 131	1 427
Idle..... farms..	3 453	21	212	713	1 016	874	617
..... acres..	88 823	395	4 365	15 408	25 501	22 246	20 908
Total woodland..... farms..	11 569	70	641	2 531	3 544	2 868	1 915
..... acres..	524 876	2 595	22 038	108 879	149 278	135 054	107 032
Woodland pastured..... farms..	3 337	19	214	733	983	871	517
..... acres..	73 903	474	2 990	13 509	18 638	19 700	18 592
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	10 244	59	558	2 255	3 167	2 520	1 685
..... acres..	450 973	2 121	19 048	95 370	130 640	115 354	88 440

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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
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	11 851	7 272	185	763	1 413	1 586	1 374	1 951
acres..	372 414	252 725	4 144	18 140	43 442	59 819	53 812	73 368
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	30 553	17 319	252	1 530	3 342	3 546	3 421	5 228
acres..	377 132	238 869	1 658	13 862	39 883	53 168	52 287	78 011
Irrigated land farms..	2 814	1 847	31	195	515	467	318	321
acres..	36 150	30 800	350	2 693	7 619	8 347	6 816	4 975
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	2 759	1 816	31	190	508	463	313	311
acres..	34 948	29 916	350	2 553	7 503	8 144	6 565	4 801
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	107	66	—	18	13	15	8	12
acres..	1 202	884	—	140	116	203	251	174
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	1 971	855	13	34	100	98	143	467
acres..	93 444	42 850	325	1 837	5 547	4 799	6 648	23 694
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	45 437	25 746	633	2 379	5 058	5 130	4 847	7 699
\$1,000... dollars..	16 890 772	12 092 570	214 798	988 707	2 572 048	3 036 706	2 484 121	2 796 191
Average per farm dollars..	371 740	469 687	339 333	415 598	508 511	591 950	512 507	363 189
Average per acre dollars..	2 390	2 343	2 714	2 597	2 491	2 400	2 245	2 155
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999	2 549	986	72	121	140	146	83	424
\$40,000 to \$69,999	2 803	1 191	43	145	231	175	178	419
\$70,000 to \$99,999	2 930	1 094	33	78	162	127	169	525
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5 667	2 464	30	213	421	360	380	1 060
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5 341	2 378	48	144	387	449	470	880
\$200,000 to \$499,999	16 655	9 971	246	1 015	2 034	1 791	1 986	2 899
\$500,000 to \$999,999	6 763	5 364	136	504	1 191	1 402	1 078	1 053
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	1 878	1 583	21	125	327	476	338	296
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	742	616	4	28	146	174	141	123
\$5,000,000 or more	109	99	—	6	19	30	24	20
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	45 436	25 746	633	2 379	5 058	5 130	4 847	7 699
\$1,000... dollars..	2 418 038	1 800 146	32 564	164 905	392 791	447 220	370 983	391 683
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999	2 774	933	41	85	113	158	138	398
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 863	1 892	28	138	262	256	326	882
\$10,000 to \$19,999	8 345	3 638	122	281	540	578	607	1 510
\$20,000 to \$49,999	14 427	7 840	211	769	1 528	1 507	1 402	2 423
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8 255	5 775	175	527	1 315	1 093	1 178	1 487
\$100,000 to \$199,999	4 680	3 816	29	414	897	994	775	707
\$200,000 to \$499,999	1 858	1 629	26	155	371	470	368	239
\$500,000 or more	234	223	1	10	32	74	53	53
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	37 007	21 717	434	1 766	4 213	4 429	4 403	6 472
number..	66 946	44 046	678	3 401	8 943	10 090	9 658	11 276
Wheel tractors farms..	41 646	23 327	483	1 968	4 434	4 546	4 534	7 362
number..	109 317	67 943	1 177	5 102	12 614	13 607	14 306	21 137
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	25 518	13 299	175	852	2 187	2 478	2 846	4 761
number..	41 499	22 017	228	1 375	3 330	4 049	4 782	8 253
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	33 046	19 919	431	1 750	3 890	3 853	3 858	6 137
number..	67 818	45 926	949	3 727	9 284	9 558	9 524	12 884
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	31 488	18 999	398	1 578	3 631	3 713	3 730	5 949
number..	54 990	35 917	717	2 693	6 980	7 261	7 442	10 824
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	9 095	6 841	196	766	1 548	1 439	1 381	1 511
number..	12 828	10 009	232	1 034	2 304	2 297	2 082	2 060
Grain and bean combines farms..	10 162	7 214	127	499	1 149	1 474	1 641	2 324
number..	10 947	7 782	127	542	1 224	1 608	1 767	2 514
Cotton pickers and strippers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	25 585	16 219	321	1 484	3 076	3 388	3 239	4 711
number..	28 326	17 951	343	1 647	3 335	3 852	3 662	5 112
Pickup balers farms..	26 617	17 233	367	1 631	3 177	3 552	3 411	5 095
number..	32 522	21 260	411	1 944	3 909	4 460	4 389	6 147
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹								
Commercial fertilizer farms..	30 175	19 699	482	1 887	4 123	4 104	3 845	5 258
acres on which used..	2 658 019	2 242 105	39 656	188 288	514 681	583 086	482 155	434 239
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	12 553	9 760	294	1 308	2 388	2 285	1 789	1 696
acres on which used..	839 684	763 647	16 962	72 863	178 236	207 186	162 066	126 334
Nematodes in crops farms..	1 173	905	8	59	230	274	141	193
acres on which used..	82 859	74 032	1 173	4 785	17 197	20 370	15 195	15 312
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	3 897	2 622	45	326	686	533	499	533
acres on which used..	127 982	111 466	1 814	8 405	30 227	28 400	19 853	23 127
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	19 758	13 977	348	1 489	3 089	2 961	2 707	3 383
acres on which used..	1 635 466	1 418 493	24 972	126 611	345 774	355 391	307 152	258 593
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	1 082	742	43	56	132	182	174	155
acres on which used..	46 214	41 983	1 145	1 879	9 356	10 877	10 097	8 629

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LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	4 579	52	303	1 058	1 393	1 066	707
acres..	119 689	809	7 415	23 736	33 386	31 586	22 757
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	13 234	79	836	2 957	4 085	3 187	2 090
acres..	138 263	590	7 378	25 004	40 611	32 759	31 921
Irrigated land farms..	967	9	83	284	285	192	114
acres..	5 350	17	225	1 354	1 433	1 535	786
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	943	9	80	274	282	187	111
acres..	5 032	17	213	1 251	1 375	1 419	757
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	41	—	7	16	8	7	3
acres..	318	—	12	103	58	116	29
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	1 116	7	51	178	280	273	327
acres..	50 594	265	1 694	6 690	12 525	13 186	16 234
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹							
Estimated market value of land and buildings farms..	19 691	297	1 367	4 421	6 056	4 606	2 944
\$1,000..	4 798 202	54 604	357 903	951 184	1 502 262	1 136 093	796 156
Average per farm dollars..	243 675	183 852	261 817	215 151	248 062	246 655	270 433
Average per acre dollars..	2 519	1 862	3 041	2 514	2 588	2 427	2 406
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999	1 563	56	146	303	424	377	257
\$40,000 to \$69,999	1 612	25	116	353	437	404	277
\$70,000 to \$99,999	1 836	2	94	462	547	436	295
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3 203	40	239	734	1 030	692	468
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2 963	30	193	856	937	631	316
\$200,000 to \$499,999	6 684	135	438	1 427	2 091	1 632	961
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1 399	7	104	245	471	307	265
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	295	2	23	30	87	85	68
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	126	—	13	9	28	41	35
\$5,000,000 or more	10	—	1	2	4	1	2
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	19 690	297	1 367	4 421	6 056	4 606	2 943
\$1,000..	617 892	10 524	47 914	138 301	188 971	139 136	93 046
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999	1 841	1	125	396	597	434	288
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2 971	41	164	677	881	665	543
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4 707	25	312	1 115	1 443	1 111	701
\$20,000 to \$49,999	6 587	169	494	1 373	2 059	1 594	898
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2 480	37	175	587	789	555	337
\$100,000 to \$199,999	864	24	57	232	233	185	133
\$200,000 to \$499,999	229	—	40	40	50	61	38
\$500,000 or more	11	—	—	1	4	1	5
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	15 290	279	1 038	3 395	4 837	3 565	2 176
number..	22 900	425	1 615	5 138	7 241	5 317	3 164
Wheel tractors farms..	18 319	244	1 227	4 044	5 680	4 355	2 789
number..	41 374	560	2 758	8 816	12 675	10 005	6 560
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	12 219	125	780	2 682	3 760	3 028	1 844
number..	19 482	227	1 252	4 070	5 866	4 872	3 195
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	13 127	224	905	2 909	4 093	3 070	1 926
number..	21 892	333	1 506	4 746	6 809	5 133	3 365
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	12 489	198	840	2 747	3 917	2 950	1 837
number..	19 073	284	1 240	4 168	5 922	4 558	2 901
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	2 254	47	202	482	698	488	337
number..	2 819	49	266	578	887	575	464
Grain and bean combines farms..	2 948	68	217	615	850	788	410
number..	3 165	68	230	676	946	821	424
Cotton pickers and strippers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	9 366	120	628	2 013	2 933	2 330	1 342
number..	10 375	137	672	2 283	3 240	2 550	1 493
Pickup balers farms..	9 384	125	611	2 031	2 955	2 306	1 356
number..	11 262	142	731	2 471	3 574	2 730	1 614
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹							
Commercial fertilizer farms..	10 476	182	750	2 443	3 232	2 481	1 388
acres on which used..	415 914	5 536	37 220	92 697	133 833	93 705	52 923
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	2 793	54	206	652	875	612	394
acres on which used..	76 037	848	5 249	16 234	22 774	17 562	13 370
Nematodes in crops farms..	268	8	15	70	95	52	28
acres on which used..	8 827	104	242	978	3 334	1 876	2 293
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	1 275	25	146	288	365	301	150
acres on which used..	16 516	186	2 278	3 599	4 582	3 300	2 571
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	5 781	132	464	1 452	1 802	1 261	670
acres on which used..	216 973	4 494	19 165	53 010	68 758	46 564	24 982
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	340	2	12	100	113	81	32
acres on which used..	4 231	(D)	(D)	949	2 052	862	223

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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
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR								
All operators	45 457	25 635	489	2 588	5 076	5 189	4 797	7 496
Full owners	26 602	12 559	124	716	1 808	2 208	2 362	5 341
Part owners	14 198	9 978	95	731	2 381	2 578	2 232	1 961
Tenants	4 657	3 098	270	1 141	887	403	203	194
White	45 331	25 556	489	2 578	5 067	5 175	4 769	7 478
Full owners	26 509	12 503	124	713	1 801	2 200	2 340	5 325
Part owners	14 176	9 963	95	728	2 379	2 574	2 227	1 960
Tenants	4 646	3 090	270	1 137	887	401	202	193
Black and other races	126	79	—	10	9	14	28	18
Full owners	93	56	—	3	7	8	22	16
Part owners	22	15	—	3	2	4	5	1
Tenants	11	8	—	4	—	2	1	1
OWNED AND RENTED LAND								
Land owned..... farms..	40 877	22 582	220	1 462	4 200	4 790	4 597	7 313
acres..	5 020 244	3 387 364	21 870	157 366	562 999	768 255	783 712	1 093 162
Owned land in farms	40 800	22 537	219	1 447	4 189	4 786	4 594	7 302
acres..	4 736 912	3 250 097	20 535	151 094	546 925	738 273	752 341	1 040 929
Land rented or leased from others	18 990	13 161	365	1 882	3 282	3 005	2 454	2 173
acres..	2 453 342	2 042 871	41 345	245 344	552 601	534 214	390 510	278 857
landlords..	54 182	41 848	824	4 656	11 000	10 574	8 257	6 537
Rented or leased land in farms	18 855	13 076	365	1 872	3 268	2 981	2 435	2 155
acres..	2 430 994	2 026 872	39 864	242 925	549 627	530 435	387 278	276 743
Land rented or leased to others	5 021	2 361	33	168	342	452	453	913
acres..	305 680	153 266	2 816	8 691	19 048	33 761	34 603	54 347
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated	36 616	21 371	362	2 132	4 161	4 316	4 065	6 335
Not on farm operated	5 470	2 058	80	254	456	379	363	526
Not reported	3 371	2 206	47	202	459	494	369	635
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	25 635	25 635	489	2 588	5 076	5 189	4 797	7 496
Other	19 822	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None	19 503	16 863	270	1 630	3 081	3 121	3 171	5 590
Any	22 778	5 596	163	730	1 435	1 456	1 059	753
1 to 99 days	4 018	3 041	102	416	731	769	538	485
100 to 199 days	4 149	1 347	28	152	332	378	292	165
200 days or more	14 611	1 208	33	162	334	347	229	103
Not reported	3 176	3 176	56	228	560	612	567	1 153
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less	1 898	986	181	334	242	111	76	42
3 or 4 years	2 571	1 262	113	479	372	160	92	46
5 to 9 years	5 609	2 756	41	937	883	438	264	193
10 years or more	27 924	16 172	—	460	2 771	3 618	3 573	5 750
Average years on present farm	21.1	23.5	2.7	6.5	12.8	20.1	27.5	38.3
Not reported	7 455	4 459	154	378	808	862	792	1 465
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years	692	489	489	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	3 977	2 588	—	2 588	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	9 606	5 076	—	—	5 076	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	5 541	2 599	—	—	—	2 599	—	—
50 to 54 years	5 595	2 590	—	—	—	2 590	—	—
55 to 59 years	5 032	2 356	—	—	—	—	2 356	—
60 to 64 years	4 389	2 441	—	—	—	—	2 441	—
65 to 69 years	4 059	2 757	—	—	—	—	—	2 757
70 years and over	6 566	4 739	—	—	—	—	—	4 739
Average age	52.7	53.7	22.0	30.1	39.9	49.4	59.5	72.5
Operators by sex:								
Male	42 208	24 081	475	2 506	4 760	4 834	4 534	6 972
Female	3 249	1 554	14	82	316	355	263	524
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)								
	215	139	2	16	42	29	19	31
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	40 176	22 085	430	2 306	4 352	4 433	4 052	6 512
acres..	5 647 584	4 013 997	53 260	319 578	829 577	979 892	856 364	975 326
Partnership	3 957	2 734	54	235	509	555	580	801
acres..	1 137 170	958 496	6 942	65 210	193 356	207 799	225 332	259 857
Corporation:								
Family held	1 024	652	2	35	169	172	136	138
acres..	316 555	260 088	(D)	(D)	61 815	68 084	49 632	72 789
More than 10 stockholders	27	16	—	2	2	2	7	3
10 or less stockholders	997	636	2	33	167	170	129	135
Other than family held	117	68	2	8	21	13	14	10
acres..	18 870	14 583	(D)	(D)	5 497	1 886	1 996	4 082
More than 10 stockholders	7	3	—	—	—	2	1	—
10 or less stockholders	110	65	2	8	21	11	13	10
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.								
farms..	183	96	1	4	25	16	15	35
acres..	47 727	29 805	(D)	(D)	6 307	11 047	6 295	5 618

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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
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR							
All operators	19 822	203	1 389	4 530	5 947	4 624	3 129
Full owners	14 043	75	689	2 868	4 157	3 566	2 688
Part owners	4 220	39	367	1 162	1 436	887	329
Tenants	1 559	89	333	500	354	171	112
White	19 775	203	1 382	4 524	5 930	4 614	3 122
Full owners	14 006	75	683	2 863	4 145	3 559	2 681
Part owners	4 213	39	367	1 161	1 431	886	329
Tenants	1 556	89	332	500	354	169	112
Black and other races	47	—	7	6	17	10	7
Full owners	37	—	6	5	12	7	7
Part owners	7	—	—	—	5	—	—
Tenants	3	—	1	—	—	2	—
OWNED AND RENTED LAND							
Land owned..... farms..	18 295	114	1 058	4 038	5 599	4 459	3 027
acres..	1 632 880	7 789	67 029	295 309	471 187	438 159	353 407
Owned land in farms	18 263	114	1 056	4 030	5 583	4 453	3 017
acres..	1 486 815	7 187	63 038	274 331	429 328	393 411	319 520
Land rented or leased from others	5 829	129	701	1 675	1 802	1 070	452
acres..	410 471	7 720	52 043	118 386	129 675	73 095	29 552
landlords..	12 334	243	1 474	3 531	3 967	2 225	894
Rented or leased land in farms	5 779	128	700	1 662	1 790	1 058	441
acres..	404 122	7 550	51 610	116 973	127 582	71 662	28 745
Land rented or leased to others	2 660	10	132	563	741	631	583
acres..	152 414	772	4 424	22 391	43 952	46 181	34 694
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated	15 245	116	989	3 530	4 812	3 569	2 229
Not on farm operated	3 412	71	315	761	870	776	619
Not reported	1 165	16	85	239	265	279	281
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	19 822	203	1 389	4 530	5 947	4 624	3 129
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None	2 640	16	79	217	279	524	1 525
Any	17 182	187	1 310	4 313	5 668	4 100	1 604
1 to 99 days	977	13	44	157	181	244	338
100 to 199 days	2 802	25	174	496	890	739	478
200 days or more	13 403	149	1 092	3 660	4 597	3 117	788
Not reported	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less	912	60	196	302	229	99	26
3 or 4 years	1 309	38	293	522	306	115	35
5 to 9 years	2 853	27	419	1 064	859	364	120
10 years or more	11 752	—	239	2 100	3 855	3 335	2 223
Average years on present farm	18.1	3.1	6.3	10.8	16.3	22.7	33.1
Not reported	2 996	78	242	542	698	711	725
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years	203	203	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	1 389	—	1 389	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	4 530	—	—	4 530	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	2 942	—	—	—	2 942	—	—
50 to 54 years	3 005	—	—	—	3 005	—	—
55 to 59 years	2 676	—	—	—	—	2 676	—
60 to 64 years	1 948	—	—	—	—	1 948	—
65 to 69 years	1 302	—	—	—	—	—	1 302
70 years and over	1 827	—	—	—	—	—	1 827
Average age	51.5	21.8	30.7	40.1	49.5	58.9	72.3
Operators by sex:							
Male	18 127	189	1 297	4 150	5 496	4 308	2 687
Female	1 695	14	92	380	451	316	442
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)							
	76	—	11	17	17	16	15
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	18 091	182	1 279	4 157	5 487	4 227	2 759
acres..	1 633 587	12 426	102 498	340 382	491 095	405 768	281 418
Partnership	1 223	17	85	259	312	281	269
acres..	178 674	1 265	10 729	33 181	44 062	43 857	45 580
Corporation:							
Family held	372	3	16	76	112	90	75
acres..	56 467	(D)	(D)	12 810	11 708	12 660	17 744
More than 10 stockholders	11	—	—	1	2	6	2
10 or less stockholders	361	3	16	75	110	84	73
Other than family held	49	—	4	16	14	12	3
acres..	4 287	—	(D)	1 158	1 676	820	(D)
More than 10 stockholders	4	—	—	2	—	2	—
10 or less stockholders	45	—	4	14	14	10	3
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.							
farms..	87	1	5	22	22	14	23
acres..	17 922	(D)	(D)	3 773	8 369	1 968	(D)

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

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Table with columns for Item, Total farming and other occupations, and Farming (Age of operator in years: Under 25, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, 65 and over). Rows include categories like INJURIES AND DEATHS, FARMS BY SIZE, FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, LIVESTOCK, etc.

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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
INJURIES AND DEATHS							
Farm-related injuries:							
Operator and family members farms..	154	—	10	37	54	35	18
number..	169	—	10	40	62	39	18
Hired workers farms..	52	1	1	13	18	13	6
number..	129	(D)	(D)	27	69	23	(D)
Farm-related deaths:							
Operator and family members farms..	4	—	—	2	—	1	1
number..	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	(D)	(D)
Hired workers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FARMS BY SIZE							
1 to 9 acres	2 156	45	207	538	636	432	298
10 to 49 acres	6 192	71	459	1 543	1 895	1 363	861
50 to 69 acres	2 321	17	152	570	695	533	354
70 to 99 acres	2 500	26	158	520	731	609	456
100 to 139 acres	2 620	12	168	580	763	681	416
140 to 179 acres	1 407	9	84	273	448	351	242
180 to 219 acres	836	11	62	169	248	202	144
220 to 259 acres	529	2	34	102	158	137	96
260 to 499 acres	952	5	53	186	293	231	184
500 to 999 acres	252	5	11	38	66	73	59
1,000 to 1,999 acres	50	—	—	10	13	11	16
2,000 acres or more	7	—	1	1	1	1	3
FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM							
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	3 301	59	252	691	896	772	631
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	538	8	55	137	169	103	66
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	639	2	32	137	196	159	113
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	1 920	9	100	467	574	473	297
Other crop farming (1119)	4 097	40	284	818	1 228	951	776
Tobacco farming (11191)	66	5	18	17	14	5	7
Cotton farming (11192)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	4 031	35	266	801	1 214	946	769
Beef cattle ranching and farming (11211)	4 175	38	272	912	1 244	1 038	671
Cattle feedlots (11212)	1 217	11	85	301	390	310	120
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	488	9	66	98	146	90	79
Hog and pig farming (1122)	436	5	44	167	115	82	23
Poultry and egg production (1123)	412	5	48	141	109	71	38
Sheep and goat farming (1124)	688	3	44	151	247	156	87
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	1 911	14	107	510	633	419	228
LIVESTOCK							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	9 217	103	722	2 189	2 826	2 130	1 247
number..	239 631	2 582	24 396	52 848	71 607	54 221	33 977
Farms with—							
1 to 9	3 053	35	227	769	960	653	409
10 to 49	5 090	53	385	1 188	1 525	1 247	692
50 to 99	765	11	72	182	247	157	96
100 to 199	220	4	24	33	71	57	31
200 to 499	70	—	9	11	21	14	15
500 or more	19	—	5	6	2	2	4
Cows and heifers that had calved farms..	6 671	54	471	1 546	2 068	1 591	941
number..	98 171	957	7 475	20 123	29 679	24 170	15 767
Beef cows farms..	5 988	41	374	1 400	1 865	1 459	849
number..	73 306	523	4 609	15 087	22 550	18 979	11 558
Farms with—							
1 to 9	3 310	26	229	814	1 031	748	462
10 to 49	2 536	12	135	569	787	675	358
50 to 99	117	3	6	15	43	30	20
100 to 199	20	—	2	2	4	5	7
200 to 499	4	—	2	—	—	—	2
500 or more	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Milk cows farms..	910	13	126	206	270	178	117
number..	24 865	434	2 866	5 036	7 129	5 191	4 209
Farms with—							
1 to 4	310	2	43	81	85	77	22
5 to 9	86	2	15	24	26	6	13
10 to 49	363	5	54	77	118	57	52
50 to 99	113	4	10	16	32	27	24
100 to 199	32	—	4	5	9	9	5
200 to 499	5	—	—	3	—	2	—
500 or more	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Heifers and heifer calves farms..	5 966	67	500	1 448	1 841	1 363	747
number..	67 729	691	7 586	15 763	20 314	13 725	9 650
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves farms..	7 303	76	582	1 753	2 264	1 689	939
number..	73 731	934	9 335	16 962	21 614	16 326	8 560

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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
LIVESTOCK—Con.								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 24 783	16 799	373	2 071	3 546	3 580	3 151	4 078
	number.. 857 149	722 576	14 271	92 409	173 513	196 648	143 257	102 478
	\$1,000.. 355 981	294 129	4 821	34 961	66 042	82 393	62 133	43 779
Calves	farms.. 15 305	11 680	290	1 698	2 724	2 673	2 071	2 224
	number.. 420 870	364 636	9 437	48 193	95 549	100 736	65 630	45 091
	\$1,000.. 78 261	64 563	1 782	7 935	16 747	19 380	11 026	7 693
Cattle	farms.. 19 275	12 973	271	1 543	2 709	2 771	2 489	3 190
	number.. 436 279	357 940	4 834	44 216	77 964	95 912	77 627	57 387
	\$1,000.. 277 720	229 566	3 039	27 027	49 295	63 012	51 107	36 086
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 5 540	3 246	45	270	523	658	698	1 052
	number.. 169 782	140 639	1 459	15 968	30 850	40 839	30 698	20 825
	\$1,000.. 128 583	107 923	1 087	12 019	24 307	32 050	23 397	15 063
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 3 456	2 069	51	259	505	475	385	394
	number.. 1 100 754	879 118	19 412	155 412	255 280	231 250	151 354	66 410
Farms with—								
1 to 24	1 972	941	19	107	220	196	154	245
25 to 49	262	149	5	7	30	41	33	33
50 to 99	235	155	6	7	39	31	34	38
100 to 199	205	165	3	12	28	52	49	21
200 to 499	284	246	7	45	62	59	41	32
500 or more	498	413	11	81	126	96	74	25
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 1 481	945	21	122	211	233	181	177
	number.. 117 313	95 744	1 926	20 881	35 027	22 417	9 258	6 235
Other	farms.. 3 258	1 960	47	251	481	445	373	363
	number.. 983 441	783 374	17 486	134 531	220 253	208 833	142 096	60 175
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 2 971	1 815	44	215	432	433	350	341
	number.. 2 469 824	1 998 729	41 295	383 568	650 575	479 017	302 484	141 790
	\$1,000.. 235 303	189 642	3 843	28 441	60 291	50 760	33 925	12 380
Feeder pigs	farms.. 580	361	6	65	98	66	61	65
	number.. 692 532	559 944	(D)	195 489	216 598	76 621	(D)	42 426
	\$1,000.. 23 703	19 143	(D)	6 457	7 709	2 930	(D)	943
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 535	986	22	124	218	249	189	184
	number.. 195 232	158 390	4 072	33 696	56 426	36 741	17 242	10 213
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 1 446	945	22	123	207	240	182	171
	number.. 95 796	77 764	2 025	17 092	26 955	17 804	8 644	5 244
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 1 287	856	18	107	203	213	169	146
	number.. 99 436	80 626	2 047	16 604	29 471	18 937	8 598	4 969
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 2 541	1 148	13	92	242	235	228	338
	number.. 85 925	45 855	222	1 893	5 328	10 684	12 646	15 082
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 2 143	942	8	62	183	185	198	306
	number.. 53 487	27 417	70	1 077	3 278	6 613	6 653	9 726
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 2 135	943	10	66	182	187	198	300
	number.. 66 899	37 730	178	1 005	3 744	12 012	9 078	11 713
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 2 032	883	5	62	163	168	190	295
	number.. 63 960	32 612	68	1 326	3 757	7 332	8 265	11 864
	pounds of wool.. 428 035	214 884	446	9 809	27 155	48 345	51 695	77 434
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 9 879	5 028	164	864	1 188	1 201	745	866
	number.. 65 072	37 558	806	5 023	8 754	10 272	6 105	6 598
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 998	1 069	40	178	268	292	178	113
	number.. 7 634	4 679	86	326	879	1 399	1 260	729
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 736	729	8	104	186	197	113	121
	number.. 20 403	11 027	50	996	2 657	3 627	1 208	2 489
Goats sold	farms.. 627	259	—	32	81	68	36	42
	number.. 10 312	5 357	—	464	1 334	1 830	461	1 268
POULTRY								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 3 259	1 936	53	272	488	448	283	392
	number.. 27 856 467	25 528 207	(D)	(D)	8 726 550	7 551 176	4 931 128	2 577 879
Farms with—								
1 to 399	2 813	1 555	42	227	394	344	206	342
400 to 3,199	92	75	5	12	13	16	14	15
3,200 to 9,999	84	66	2	15	7	19	7	7
10,000 to 19,999	44	37	—	6	6	11	8	5
20,000 to 49,999	74	67	—	3	14	20	19	11
50,000 to 99,999	73	63	1	5	18	18	16	5
100,000 or more	79	73	2	4	26	20	14	7
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 3 147	1 866	52	262	468	437	271	376
	number.. 24 396 990	22 964 591	219 037	1 066 158	7 865 894	7 082 649	4 462 355	2 268 498
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 452	265	5	36	62	46	39	77
	number.. 3 459 477	2 563 616	(D)	(D)	860 656	468 527	468 773	309 381
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 864	611	13	81	146	160	114	97
	number.. 27 314 917	22 942 377	(D)	(D)	7 347 737	6 987 913	4 675 631	2 331 380
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 845	563	20	79	165	138	92	69
	number.. 118 545 429	93 090 892	4 410 226	11 723 674	25 823 418	26 393 361	18 722 503	6 017 710
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	314	167	4	31	51	34	21	26
2,000 to 59,999	107	74	2	8	16	18	12	18
60,000 to 99,999	55	36	1	8	12	6	5	4
100,000 or more	369	286	13	32	86	80	54	21
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 168	71	—	4	18	13	20	16
	number.. 57 589	(D)	—	6	56	(D)	727	(D)
Turkeys sold	farms.. 304	201	7	24	69	48	34	19
	number.. 10 701 654	9 091 302	234 514	1 094 793	2 704 672	1 893 652	1 664 880	1 498 791

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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
LIVESTOCK—Con.							
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 7 984	86	622	1 888	2 460	1 859	1 069
	number.. 134 573	1 526	15 130	31 315	40 847	27 288	18 467
	\$1,000.. 61 852	581	6 121	14 635	18 861	12 586	9 067
Calves	farms.. 3 625	44	283	792	1 103	844	559
	number.. 56 234	875	7 950	13 932	16 087	10 634	6 756
	\$1,000.. 13 697	203	1 945	3 782	3 831	2 298	1 638
Cattle	farms.. 6 302	63	473	1 526	1 979	1 478	783
	number.. 78 339	651	7 180	17 383	24 760	16 654	11 711
	\$1,000.. 48 155	378	4 176	10 854	15 029	10 288	7 429
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 2 294	31	178	596	760	528	201
	number.. 29 143	316	3 195	6 413	9 159	6 199	3 861
	\$1,000.. 20 659	209	2 172	4 455	6 393	4 543	2 887
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 1 387	21	142	456	418	258	92
	number.. 221 636	810	30 478	59 291	49 021	28 928	53 108
Farms with—							
1 to 24	1 031	14	100	348	309	188	72
25 to 49	113	5	10	26	40	26	6
50 to 99	80	—	11	23	24	19	3
100 to 199	40	—	5	15	9	8	3
200 to 499	38	2	2	14	17	1	2
500 or more	85	—	14	30	19	16	6
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 536	12	53	172	156	111	32
	number.. 21 569	79	3 756	4 954	6 474	2 316	3 990
Other	farms.. 1 298	20	134	424	390	242	88
	number.. 200 067	731	26 722	54 337	42 547	26 612	49 118
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 1 156	21	111	403	354	204	63
	number.. 471 095	2 289	87 283	150 614	99 301	51 153	80 455
	\$1,000.. 45 661	136	6 448	12 722	10 630	5 430	10 295
Feeder pigs	farms.. 219	8	34	65	64	40	8
	number.. 132 588	(D)	46 120	56 707	17 399	6 420	(D)
	\$1,000.. 4 560	(D)	1 774	1 698	641	260	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—							
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 549	12	54	176	163	112	32
	number.. 36 842	276	6 968	9 146	7 116	3 768	9 568
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 501	12	50	164	141	105	29
	number.. 18 032	151	3 399	4 652	3 540	1 993	4 297
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 431	10	48	137	123	90	23
	number.. 18 810	125	3 569	4 494	3 576	1 775	5 271
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 1 393	8	87	356	472	306	164
	number.. 40 070	237	2 896	9 820	12 781	9 400	4 936
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 201	7	75	312	401	264	142
	number.. 26 070	146	1 841	6 745	7 987	6 112	3 239
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 1 192	9	76	306	397	263	141
	number.. 29 169	166	1 789	7 555	9 080	6 621	3 958
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 1 149	6	67	293	386	253	144
	number.. 31 348	147	2 331	7 805	9 428	7 405	4 232
	pounds of wool.. 213 151	708	16 410	54 917	64 401	46 693	30 022
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 4 851	42	326	1 293	1 629	1 024	537
	number.. 27 514	201	1 518	7 340	8 812	6 154	3 489
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 929	14	64	271	326	179	75
	number.. 2 955	64	180	708	896	757	350
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 007	6	85	304	343	193	76
	number.. 9 376	73	720	2 750	3 916	1 284	633
Goats sold	farms.. 368	3	41	116	129	61	18
	number.. 4 955	(D)	629	1 199	2 095	779	(D)
POULTRY							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 1 323	13	122	377	401	266	144
	number.. 2 328 260	(D)	172 399	(D)	1 232 215	256 807	(D)
Farms with—							
1 to 399	1 258	11	113	363	380	255	136
400 to 3,199	17	—	4	3	6	1	3
3,200 to 9,999	18	2	1	4	4	1	1
10,000 to 19,999	7	—	2	2	1	—	1
20,000 to 49,999	7	—	—	2	1	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	10	—	2	3	2	2	1
100,000 or more	6	—	—	—	4	—	2
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 1 281	12	119	368	386	258	138
	number.. 1 432 399	(D)	21 210	257 406	682 017	247 208	(D)
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 187	1	18	59	47	49	13
	number.. 895 861	(D)	151 189	(D)	550 198	9 599	(D)
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 253	2	30	73	72	49	27
	number.. 4 372 540	(D)	455 532	607 011	2 515 896	(D)	481 083
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	number.. 282	5	42	113	62	49	11
	number.. 25 454 537	433 400	3 773 557	11 636 488	4 198 588	5 120 406	292 098
Farms with—							
1 to 1,999	147	2	16	57	39	26	7
2,000 to 59,999	33	2	9	12	6	2	2
60,000 to 99,999	19	—	5	7	4	2	1
100,000 or more	83	1	12	37	13	19	1
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 97	—	8	36	20	22	11
	number.. (D)	—	(D)	197	123	80	175
Turkeys sold	farms.. 103	—	7	39	28	17	12
	number.. 1 610 352	(D)	(D)	804 405	340 652	(D)	208 998

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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
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 18 732	13 196	269	1 452	2 774	2 797	2 521	3 383
	acres.. 970 895	834 525	10 380	59 968	189 210	209 407	185 494	180 066
	bushels.. 93 320 717	81 423 306	1 056 434	6 108 792	18 585 801	20 960 765	17 541 848	17 169 666
Irrigated	farms.. 129	102	6	16	24	26	16	14
	acres.. 4 448	4 176	53	348	693	1 432	964	686
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	10 064	6 029	150	811	1 177	1 045	1 004	1 842
25 to 99 acres	6 369	5 083	102	522	1 135	1 164	1 007	1 153
100 to 249 acres	1 665	1 489	13	87	319	428	369	273
250 to 499 acres	433	401	2	26	99	102	99	73
500 acres or more	201	194	2	6	44	58	42	42
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 12 598	10 749	271	1 667	2 773	2 592	1 901	1 545
	acres.. 484 951	447 917	8 450	54 891	116 053	121 372	88 765	58 386
	tons, green.. 6 363 560	5 917 509	118 273	771 665	1 571 176	1 574 426	1 164 236	717 733
Irrigated	farms.. 83	74	2	17	18	20	10	7
	acres.. 2 966	2 831	(D)	313	843	726	(D)	700
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	5 962	4 568	134	812	1 095	965	760	802
25 to 99 acres	5 721	5 298	131	790	1 466	1 341	953	617
100 to 249 acres	809	781	6	59	193	252	161	110
250 to 499 acres	88	85	—	3	17	28	24	13
500 acres or more	18	17	—	3	2	6	3	3
Wheat for grain	farms.. 6 381	4 770	73	389	916	1 019	987	1 386
	acres.. 167 488	142 240	1 615	10 194	29 706	34 192	32 293	34 240
	bushels.. 8 526 375	7 348 941	84 210	559 455	1 579 181	1 798 323	1 658 204	1 669 568
Irrigated	farms.. 13	6	—	2	1	3	—	—
	acres.. 102	43	—	(D)	(D)	8	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	4 616	3 271	58	283	598	659	619	1 054
25 to 99 acres	1 458	1 212	14	85	258	276	306	273
100 to 249 acres	257	238	—	18	50	73	49	48
250 to 499 acres	42	41	1	2	9	10	11	8
500 acres or more	8	8	—	1	1	1	2	3
Barley for grain	farms.. 3 515	2 875	54	329	705	693	555	539
	acres.. 63 782	56 598	834	6 430	14 551	15 144	11 276	8 363
	bushels.. 4 091 499	3 686 207	54 736	402 514	956 717	1 015 266	741 242	515 732
Irrigated	farms.. 3	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
	acres.. 12	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Oats for grain	farms.. 9 041	6 059	80	449	1 019	1 197	1 270	2 044
	acres.. 144 456	113 928	1 177	7 537	19 812	27 136	26 480	31 786
	bushels.. 8 122 302	6 527 997	64 825	420 636	1 142 572	1 579 639	1 513 387	1 806 938
Irrigated	farms.. 16	12	—	3	1	1	1	6
	acres.. 150	134	—	81	(D)	(D)	(D)	29
Tobacco	farms.. 1 357	1 221	57	360	332	270	121	81
	acres.. 7 953	7 327	281	1 866	2 055	1 888	816	421
	pounds.. 17 098 232	15 829 106	654 625	4 132 091	4 470 216	3 977 176	1 748 207	846 791
Irrigated	farms.. 36	30	—	7	8	10	2	3
	acres.. 180	171	—	31	60	65	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 0.9 acres	57	49	2	7	18	11	5	6
1.0 to 1.9 acres	50	35	—	16	6	6	3	4
2.0 to 2.9 acres	150	132	—	44	31	28	7	15
3.0 to 4.9 acres	337	298	21	109	74	44	32	18
5.0 to 9.9 acres	581	537	23	154	155	127	50	28
10.0 to 24.9 acres	173	162	4	30	45	50	23	10
25.0 acres or more	9	8	—	—	3	4	1	—
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 6 486	4 819	97	505	1 096	1 094	927	1 100
	acres.. 347 981	295 519	3 336	24 212	74 908	75 987	59 621	57 455
	bushels.. 12 941 343	11 072 034	133 901	903 164	2 816 234	2 843 017	2 212 150	2 163 568
Irrigated	farms.. 34	27	2	5	6	3	3	8
	acres.. 448	304	(D)	65	39	(D)	43	80
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	3 109	2 085	56	267	427	406	381	548
25 to 99 acres	2 528	1 986	37	181	470	474	398	426
100 to 249 acres	633	542	2	45	138	153	105	99
250 to 499 acres	152	143	2	8	39	47	31	16
500 acres or more	64	63	—	4	22	14	12	11
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 740	544	12	39	122	116	115	140
	acres.. 12 597	12 093	56	876	3 044	3 018	3 477	1 623
	cwt.. 3 082 481	2 992 632	14 020	196 044	774 496	786 469	854 363	367 240
Irrigated	farms.. 111	92	3	7	27	22	20	13
	acres.. 1 936	1 877	9	140	844	363	394	128
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	546	369	9	25	84	76	72	103
5.0 to 24.9 acres	86	73	3	5	17	17	12	19
25.0 to 99.9 acres	66	60	—	5	14	12	16	13
100.0 to 249.9 acres	34	34	—	4	4	8	13	5
250.0 acres or more	8	8	—	—	3	3	2	—

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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	
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED								
Corn for grain or seed	farms..	5 536	74	468	1 338	1 613	1 294	749
	acres..	136 370	1 561	11 209	32 709	39 083	31 913	19 895
	bushels..	11 897 411	156 748	1 008 745	2 884 705	3 326 074	2 704 186	1 816 953
Irrigated	farms..	27	—	2	3	11	7	4
	acres..	272	—	(D)	(D)	110	38	46
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		4 035	47	335	971	1 198	944	540
25 to 99 acres		1 286	27	119	324	357	292	167
100 to 249 acres		176	—	13	31	46	49	37
250 to 499 acres		32	—	—	10	9	9	4
500 acres or more		7	—	1	2	3	—	1
Corn for silage or green chop	farms..	1 849	28	219	468	546	357	231
	acres..	37 034	489	4 025	8 184	11 093	7 759	5 484
	tons, green..	446 051	5 702	50 897	97 832	131 642	85 738	74 240
Irrigated	farms..	9	—	—	2	3	—	4
	acres..	135	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	46
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		1 394	22	165	369	399	272	167
25 to 99 acres		423	6	50	95	137	76	59
100 to 249 acres		28	—	4	4	10	7	3
250 to 499 acres		3	—	—	—	—	2	1
500 acres or more		1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Wheat for grain	farms..	1 611	22	141	406	461	364	217
	acres..	25 248	287	2 175	6 253	6 865	5 368	4 300
	bushels..	1 177 434	14 869	106 384	282 653	321 182	248 385	203 961
Irrigated	farms..	7	—	—	1	2	1	3
	acres..	59	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	43
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		1 345	20	116	334	395	310	170
25 to 99 acres		246	2	23	69	59	52	41
100 to 249 acres		19	—	2	3	7	2	5
250 to 499 acres		1	—	—	—	—	—	1
500 acres or more		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barley for grain	farms..	640	8	62	173	189	132	76
	acres..	7 184	75	472	1 669	2 334	1 377	1 257
	bushels..	405 292	6 033	29 984	95 752	130 297	72 760	70 466
Irrigated	farms..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
	acres..	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—
Oats for grain	farms..	2 982	31	220	759	891	730	351
	acres..	30 528	246	2 395	8 073	9 180	7 101	3 533
	bushels..	1 594 305	12 429	127 686	408 152	489 863	370 497	185 678
Irrigated	farms..	4	—	—	1	1	—	2
	acres..	16	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Tobacco	farms..	136	7	38	34	29	11	17
	acres..	626	31	164	147	116	64	104
	pounds..	1 269 126	74 760	344 109	295 690	224 176	119 850	210 541
Irrigated	farms..	6	1	2	2	—	—	1
	acres..	9	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 0.9 acres		8	—	1	2	4	—	1
1.0 to 1.9 acres		15	—	6	2	4	1	2
2.0 to 2.9 acres		18	1	7	6	2	—	2
3.0 to 4.9 acres		39	2	12	8	10	6	1
5.0 to 9.9 acres		44	4	9	14	7	3	7
10.0 to 24.9 acres		11	—	3	2	2	—	4
25.0 acres or more		1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Soybeans for beans	farms..	1 667	46	182	427	471	346	195
	acres..	52 462	1 370	5 758	11 430	15 626	11 666	6 612
	bushels..	1 869 309	48 706	202 209	395 798	562 934	408 981	250 681
Irrigated	farms..	7	—	—	—	3	3	1
	acres..	144	—	—	—	96	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres		1 024	30	111	275	279	206	123
25 to 99 acres		542	14	62	136	156	116	58
100 to 249 acres		91	2	7	14	33	23	12
250 to 499 acres		9	—	2	2	3	—	2
500 acres or more		1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms..	196	2	21	54	67	34	18
	acres..	504	(D)	(D)	106	163	177	36
	cwt..	89 849	(D)	(D)	18 053	24 132	38 728	5 509
Irrigated	farms..	19	—	4	3	5	6	1
	acres..	59	—	5	(D)	1	50	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres		177	2	21	50	61	28	15
5.0 to 24.9 acres		13	—	—	4	4	2	3
25.0 to 99.9 acres		6	—	—	—	2	4	—
100.0 to 249.9 acres		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
250.0 acres or more		—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—								
Con.								
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms..	31 387	19 396	360	2 060	3 826	3 966	3 631	5 553
acres..	1 890 462	1 454 912	18 813	130 256	325 747	361 265	302 055	316 776
tons, dry..	3 931 973	3 140 860	40 408	282 062	724 822	795 790	659 579	638 199
Irrigated farms..	150	109	4	23	22	28	16	16
acres..	4 183	3 627	42	449	765	1 212	374	785
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	11 608	5 413	111	614	942	921	855	1 970
25 to 99 acres	14 282	9 295	202	1 076	1 782	1 784	1 709	2 742
100 to 249 acres	4 571	3 853	43	311	882	1 021	883	713
250 to 499 acres	770	694	4	49	187	197	154	103
500 acres or more	156	141	—	10	33	43	30	25
Alfalfa hay farms..	17 909	12 652	265	1 571	2 705	2 764	2 273	3 074
acres..	648 439	522 670	7 374	51 020	111 928	124 261	108 073	120 014
tons, dry..	1 730 743	1 423 662	18 531	136 937	318 033	347 216	298 114	304 831
Irrigated farms..	85	53	3	18	5	13	7	7
acres..	1 230	1 150	16	264	77	281	187	325
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms..	3 103	2 118	42	256	525	459	376	460
acres..	44 533	38 350	352	3 072	8 428	10 608	8 961	6 928
Irrigated farms..	891	684	16	101	211	165	105	86
acres..	9 987	9 156	176	905	2 156	2 084	2 623	1 213
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	1 666	994	22	140	228	200	163	241
5.0 to 24.9 acres	1 037	777	19	94	210	168	140	146
25.0 to 99.9 acres	327	277	1	16	72	75	52	61
100.0 to 249.9 acres	56	54	—	5	14	11	15	9
250.0 acres or more	17	16	—	1	1	5	6	3
Sweet corn harvested for sale farms..	2 117	1 450	31	155	340	301	277	346
acres..	18 318	15 351	132	964	3 129	4 121	4 059	2 947
Irrigated farms..	427	338	9	44	96	88	56	45
acres..	3 826	3 436	55	164	843	718	1 100	557
Land in orchards farms..	2 069	1 085	6	55	190	213	230	391
acres..	56 029	47 164	(D)	(D)	11 671	11 288	9 718	12 905
Irrigated farms..	210	146	—	10	33	38	25	40
acres..	4 349	3 912	—	65	1 054	859	1 204	730
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	1 059	408	4	24	58	67	76	179
5.0 to 24.9 acres	572	314	—	16	38	56	78	126
25.0 to 99.9 acres	280	219	2	11	55	43	48	60
100.0 to 249.9 acres	125	114	—	4	30	40	23	17
250.0 acres or more	33	30	—	—	9	7	5	9
Apples farms..	1 621	845	5	44	149	158	174	315
Bearing and nonbearing acres..	32 903	27 393	(D)	(D)	7 191	4 803	5 902	8 672
pounds..	495 453 287	450 996 678	(D)	(D)	129 126 843	84 906 140	88 784 888	134 638 307

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SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—							
Con.							
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	farms 11 991	110	818	2 681	3 711	2 858	1 813
	acres 435 550	4 564	32 746	95 561	137 272	101 307	64 100
	tons, dry 791 113	7 326	59 484	171 045	250 795	184 974	117 489
Irrigated	farms 41	—	2	9	14	5	11
	acres 556	—	(D)	268	101	(D)	150
Farms by acres harvested:							
	1 to 24 acres 6 195	64	395	1 379	1 915	1 478	964
	25 to 99 acres 4 987	34	361	1 121	1 537	1 211	723
	100 to 249 acres 718	8	57	167	226	147	113
	250 to 499 acres 76	4	3	12	30	17	10
	500 acres or more 15	—	2	2	3	5	3
Alfalfa hay	farms 5 257	48	407	1 203	1 632	1 214	753
	acres 125 769	758	9 297	27 833	37 962	29 755	20 164
	tons, dry 307 081	1 632	21 426	64 103	92 384	77 367	50 169
Irrigated	farms 12	—	—	1	6	1	4
	acres 80	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	33
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	farms 985	11	98	279	303	192	102
	acres 6 183	23	525	1 932	1 966	1 177	561
Irrigated	farms 207	4	32	72	54	31	14
	acres 831	6	71	222	292	162	78
Farms by acres harvested:							
	0.1 to 4.9 acres 672	11	72	198	194	125	72
	5.0 to 24.9 acres 260	—	21	69	88	58	24
	25.0 to 99.9 acres 50	—	5	9	21	9	6
	100.0 to 249.9 acres 2	—	—	2	—	—	—
	250.0 acres or more 1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Sweet corn harvested for sale	farms 667	5	49	194	216	135	68
	acres 2 967	7	204	789	1 061	647	258
Irrigated	farms 89	1	8	35	25	15	5
	acres 390	(D)	17	87	150	131	(D)
Land in orchards	farms 984	1	54	212	325	245	147
	acres 8 865	(D)	(D)	1 427	3 592	2 045	1 078
Irrigated	farms 64	—	3	22	22	10	7
	acres 437	—	(D)	84	129	(D)	10
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:							
	0.1 to 4.9 acres 651	1	34	130	216	172	98
	5.0 to 24.9 acres 258	—	15	67	78	58	40
	25.0 to 99.9 acres 61	—	4	14	25	10	8
	100.0 to 249.9 acres 11	—	—	1	4	5	1
	250.0 acres or more 3	—	1	—	2	—	—
Apples	farms 776	1	43	155	267	189	121
	Bearing and nonbearing 5 511	(D)	(D)	790	2 350	1 225	574
	pounds 44 456 609	—	7 849 656	3 099 903	20 899 251	9 335 442	3 272 357

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.