

**Table 4. Operator Characteristics by Principal Occupation: 1998 and 1993**

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Characteristics	Total		Principal occupation					
			Operators reported		Agricultural		Nonagricultural	
	1998	1993	1998	1993	1998	1993	1998	1993
<b>Operators</b> .....	<b>19 951</b>	<b>22 350</b>	<b>17 583</b>	<b>20 692</b>	<b>9 136</b>	<b>12 675</b>	<b>8 447</b>	<b>8 017</b>
Operators by years operating present farm:								
Less than 2 years .....	611	2 332	593	2 231	351	1 216	242	1 015
2 to 4 years .....	2 102	3 348	1 926	3 182	776	1 750	1 150	1 432
5 to 9 years .....	3 469	3 811	3 194	3 633	1 529	2 025	1 665	1 608
10 years or more .....	12 095	11 931	11 365	11 409	6 231	7 529	5 134	3 880
Not reported .....	1 674	928	505	237	249	155	256	82
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated .....	13 980	16 694	12 125	15 362	6 499	9 790	5 626	5 572
Off farm operated .....	5 971	5 656	5 458	5 330	2 637	2 885	2 821	2 445
Not reported .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years .....	67	170	44	170	32	100	12	70
25 to 34 years .....	958	1 348	907	1 298	474	823	433	475
35 to 44 years .....	2 499	3 887	2 351	3 714	1 335	2 152	1 016	1 562
45 to 54 years .....	4 484	5 177	4 137	4 789	2 011	2 839	2 126	1 950
55 to 64 years .....	5 796	5 191	4 434	4 588	2 458	2 784	1 976	1 804
65 years and over .....	6 147	6 577	5 710	6 133	2 826	3 977	2 884	2 156
Average age .....	57.4	55.7	57.5	55.4	57.0	55.9	58.0	54.8
Operators by highest grade or year of school completed:								
None .....	1 083	1 222	1 040	1 150	660	877	380	273
Elementary school .....	6 527	8 403	6 096	8 048	3 717	5 411	2 379	2 637
Secondary school .....	7 284	8 181	6 793	7 853	3 282	4 695	3 511	3 158
College .....	2 883	2 606	2 699	2 437	1 098	1 189	1 601	1 248
Graduate school .....	677	1 019	627	976	200	346	427	630
Not reported .....	1 497	919	328	228	179	157	149	71
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None .....	11 806	13 482	11 150	12 988	7 229	10 130	3 921	2 858
Any .....	6 283	7 841	5 849	7 442	1 603	2 374	4 246	5 068
1 to 49 days .....	412	549	398	533	287	371	111	162
50 to 99 days .....	545	596	521	552	244	333	277	219
100 to 149 days .....	644	638	607	625	291	394	316	231
150 to 199 days .....	564	689	503	606	142	231	361	375
200 days or more .....	4 118	5 369	3 820	5 126	639	1 045	3 181	4 081
Not reported .....	1 862	1 027	584	262	304	171	280	91
Operators by major source of income:								
Sale of agricultural products .....	7 801	8 377	7 562	8 168	7 137	7 844	425	324
Other farm-related income .....	754	1 203	665	1 193	323	809	342	384
Nonfarm-related income .....	9 516	11 693	8 833	11 052	1 373	3 833	7 460	7 219
Not reported .....	1 880	1 077	523	279	303	189	220	90
Operators by percent of income from farming:								
Less than 25 percent .....	8 345	10 153	7 702	9 653	1 623	3 522	6 079	6 131
25 to 49 percent .....	3 040	3 548	2 839	3 396	1 254	2 125	1 585	1 271
50 to 74 percent .....	2 026	1 898	1 927	1 821	1 595	1 601	332	220
75 percent or more .....	4 672	5 548	4 589	5 458	4 424	5 221	165	237
Not reported .....	1 868	1 203	526	364	240	206	286	158

**Table 5. Hired Farm Workers, Agregados, and Sharecroppers: 1998 and 1993**

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Item	1998	1993	Item	1998	1993
Hired farm workers .....	9 634	10 413	Hired farm workers—Con.		
farms ..			Worked less than 5 months .....		
number ..	40 799	44 029	farms ..	6 837	9 256
Worked 5 months or more .....	4 478	2 439	number ..	24 215	32 761
number ..	16 584	11 268	Agregado and sharecropper families living on place		
			July 1 .....	1 080	1 042
			number ..	2 407	2 250