

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	735	649	701	3	1	1
farms..						
acres..	55 256	49 601	58 685	(D)	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland	606	517	523	2	1	1
farms..						
acres..	19 019	18 136	18 498	(D)	(D)	(D)
Full owners						
farms..	506	421	474	3	1	1
acres..	30 029	25 498	32 852	(D)	(D)	(D)
Harvested cropland	393	310	329	2	1	1
farms..						
acres..	5 832	5 013	5 655	(D)	(D)	(D)
Part owners						
farms..	167	162	153	—	—	—
acres..	21 289	20 473	21 172	—	—	—
Harvested cropland	156	151	141	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	10 937	10 770	10 955	—	—	—
Tenants						
farms..	62	66	74	—	—	—
acres..	3 938	3 630	4 661	—	—	—
Harvested cropland	57	56	53	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	2 250	2 353	1 888	—	—	—
Percent of tenancy	8.4	10.2	10.6	—	—	—
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	527	514	540	3	1	1
Not on farm operated	125	98	108	—	—	—
Not reported	83	37	53	—	—	—
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	370	333	345	—	—	—
Other	365	316	356	3	1	1
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	328	293	265	1	1	1
Any	381	323	395	2	—	—
1 to 49 days	26	32	41	—	—	—
50 to 99 days	24	9	14	—	—	—
100 to 149 days	20	29	38	—	—	—
150 to 199 days	51	51	40	—	—	—
200 days or more	260	202	262	2	—	—
Not reported	26	33	41	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	30	20	27	—	—	—
3 or 4 years	34	35	55	—	—	—
5 to 9 years	70	102	102	—	—	1
10 years or more	447	395	384	3	1	—
Average years on present farm	20.4	19.1	18.8	23.0	(D)	(D)
Not reported	154	97	133	—	—	—
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	6	7	9	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	37	60	71	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	153	141	145	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	92	73	87	—	—	—
50 to 54 years	102	72	70	1	—	1
55 to 59 years	95	65	80	—	1	—
60 to 64 years	79	66	78	2	—	—
65 to 69 years	57	59	57	—	—	—
70 years and over	114	106	104	—	—	—
Average age	54.1	53.4	52.7	58.3	(D)	(D)
Operators by sex:						
Male	620	559	611	2	—	—
farms..						
acres..	48 229	45 405	54 046	(D)	—	—
Female	115	90	90	1	1	1
farms..						
acres..	7 027	4 196	4 639	(D)	(D)	(D)
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)						
farms..	7	2	2	—	—	—
acres..	348	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	581	500	504	3	1	1
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	147	147	195	—	—	—
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	573	529	567	3	1	1
farms..						
acres..	36 304	35 296	43 036	(D)	(D)	(D)
Partnership	54	42	45	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	(D)	5 316	3 998	—	—	—
Corporation	98	73	80	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	11 534	8 473	10 197	—	—	—
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	1	1	3	—	—	—
acres..	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	91	71	73	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	(D)	(D)	9 255	—	—	—
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	1	—	—	—	—	—
acres..	(D)	—	—	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	5	1	4	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	122	(D)	(D)	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	10	5	9	—	—	—
farms..						
acres..	(D)	516	1 454	—	—	—

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