

Table 11. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1997 and 1992

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| Characteristics | Rhode Island | Bristol | Kent | Newport | Providence | Washington |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|---------|------------|------------|
| FARMS | | | | | | |
| Land in farms | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 735 | 37 | 74 | 139 | 255 | 230 |
| 1992.. | 649 | 27 | 70 | 120 | 232 | 200 |
| acres, 1997.. | 55 256 | 1 710 | 6 437 | 10 413 | 14 733 | 21 963 |
| 1992.. | 49 601 | 1 468 | 5 636 | 9 631 | 12 408 | 20 458 |
| Harvested cropland | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 606 | 34 | 59 | 122 | 205 | 186 |
| 1992.. | 517 | 25 | 55 | 103 | 186 | 148 |
| acres, 1997.. | 19 019 | 1 139 | 1 140 | 5 409 | 4 243 | 7 088 |
| 1992.. | 18 136 | 876 | 1 844 | 5 229 | 3 763 | 6 424 |
| TENURE OF OPERATOR | | | | | | |
| Full owners | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 506 | 18 | 60 | 76 | 198 | 154 |
| 1992.. | 421 | 10 | 50 | 55 | 181 | 125 |
| acres, 1997.. | 30 029 | (D) | (D) | 3 723 | 10 850 | 10 740 |
| 1992.. | 25 498 | 217 | 3 554 | 3 096 | 9 137 | 9 494 |
| Harvested cropland | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 393 | 15 | 47 | 62 | 154 | 115 |
| 1992.. | 310 | 9 | 38 | 45 | 139 | 79 |
| acres, 1997.. | 5 832 | 162 | 604 | 1 296 | 2 115 | 1 655 |
| 1992.. | 5 013 | (D) | (D) | 1 112 | 2 165 | 1 026 |
| Part owners | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 167 | 13 | 11 | 39 | 42 | 62 |
| 1992.. | 162 | 12 | 15 | 44 | 28 | 63 |
| acres, 1997.. | 21 289 | 1 173 | 1 572 | 5 226 | 3 163 | 10 155 |
| 1992.. | 20 473 | 1 094 | 1 764 | 5 445 | 2 495 | 9 675 |
| Owned land in farms | | | | | | |
| acres, 1997.. | 11 497 | 555 | 1 108 | 1 902 | 1 665 | 6 267 |
| 1992.. | 11 165 | 377 | 914 | 2 589 | 1 317 | 5 968 |
| Rented land in farms | | | | | | |
| acres, 1997.. | 9 792 | 618 | 464 | 3 324 | 1 498 | 3 888 |
| 1992.. | 9 308 | 717 | 850 | 2 856 | 1 178 | 3 707 |
| Harvested cropland | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 156 | 13 | 10 | 37 | 38 | 58 |
| 1992.. | 151 | 12 | 14 | 39 | 28 | 58 |
| acres, 1997.. | 10 937 | (D) | (D) | 3 285 | 1 574 | 4 751 |
| 1992.. | 10 770 | 732 | 1 003 | 3 271 | 1 242 | 4 522 |
| Tenants | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 62 | 6 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 14 |
| 1992.. | 66 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 23 | 12 |
| acres, 1997.. | 3 938 | (D) | (D) | 1 464 | 720 | 1 068 |
| 1992.. | 3 630 | 157 | 318 | 1 090 | 776 | 1 289 |
| Harvested cropland | | | | | | |
| farms, 1997.. | 57 | 6 | 2 | 23 | 13 | 13 |
| 1992.. | 56 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 19 | 11 |
| acres, 1997.. | 2 250 | (D) | (D) | 828 | 554 | 682 |
| 1992.. | 2 353 | (D) | (D) | 846 | 356 | 876 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | | | | |
| Operators by place of residence: | | | | | | |
| On farm operated | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 527 | 25 | 52 | 87 | 188 | 175 |
| 1992.. | 514 | 16 | 56 | 85 | 191 | 166 |
| Not on farm operated | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 125 | 7 | 13 | 35 | 34 | 36 |
| 1992.. | 98 | 11 | 9 | 24 | 30 | 24 |
| Not reported | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 83 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 33 | 19 |
| 1992.. | 37 | - | 5 | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | | | | |
| Farming | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 370 | 23 | 32 | 87 | 118 | 110 |
| 1992.. | 333 | 20 | 22 | 76 | 116 | 99 |
| Other | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 365 | 14 | 42 | 52 | 137 | 120 |
| 1992.. | 316 | 7 | 48 | 44 | 116 | 101 |
| Operators by days worked off farm: | | | | | | |
| None | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 328 | 23 | 31 | 69 | 110 | 95 |
| 1992.. | 293 | 15 | 25 | 61 | 103 | 89 |
| Any | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 381 | 14 | 39 | 67 | 135 | 126 |
| 1992.. | 323 | 12 | 42 | 48 | 117 | 104 |
| 1 to 49 days | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 26 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 3 |
| 1992.. | 32 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| 50 to 99 days | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 24 | - | 2 | 6 | 3 | 13 |
| 1992.. | 9 | - | - | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| 100 to 149 days | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 20 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| 1992.. | 29 | - | 2 | 1 | 14 | 12 |
| 150 to 199 days | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 51 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 22 | 12 |
| 1992.. | 51 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 21 | 11 |
| 200 days or more | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 260 | 8 | 27 | 40 | 94 | 91 |
| 1992.. | 202 | 8 | 23 | 33 | 68 | 70 |
| Not reported | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 26 | - | 4 | 3 | 10 | 9 |
| 1992.. | 33 | - | 3 | 11 | 12 | 7 |
| Operators by years on present farm: | | | | | | |
| 2 years or less | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 30 | - | 7 | 7 | 6 | 10 |
| 1992.. | 20 | - | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 |
| 3 or 4 years | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 34 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 11 |
| 1992.. | 35 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| 5 to 9 years | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 70 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 23 | 22 |
| 1992.. | 102 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 35 | 41 |
| 10 years or more | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 447 | 22 | 39 | 89 | 146 | 151 |
| 1992.. | 395 | 19 | 47 | 85 | 134 | 110 |
| Average years on present farm | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 20.4 | 21.9 | 16.8 | 21.3 | 21.2 | 19.9 |
| 1992.. | 19.1 | 17.1 | 21.5 | 19.7 | 18.3 | 19.1 |
| Not reported | | | | | | |
| 1997.. | 154 | 10 | 16 | 22 | 70 | 36 |
| 1992.. | 97 | - | 13 | 14 | 38 | 32 |

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| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS— | | | | | | |
| Con. | | | | | | |
| Operators by age group: | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 1997.. 6 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 4 |
| | 1992.. 7 | — | 1 | — | 5 | 1 |
| 25 to 34 years | 1997.. 37 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 4 |
| | 1992.. 60 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 20 | 28 |
| 35 to 44 years | 1997.. 153 | 7 | 18 | 31 | 43 | 54 |
| | 1992.. 141 | 7 | 17 | 27 | 49 | 41 |
| 45 to 54 years | 1997.. 194 | 12 | 13 | 29 | 75 | 65 |
| | 1992.. 145 | 9 | 16 | 21 | 52 | 47 |
| 55 to 59 years | 1997.. 95 | 4 | 9 | 23 | 28 | 31 |
| | 1992.. 65 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 22 | 16 |
| 60 to 64 years | 1997.. 79 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 25 | 24 |
| | 1992.. 66 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 22 | 18 |
| 65 to 69 years | 1997.. 57 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 18 |
| | 1992.. 59 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 22 | 17 |
| 70 years and over | 1997.. 114 | 7 | 9 | 19 | 49 | 30 |
| | 1992.. 106 | 2 | 13 | 19 | 40 | 32 |
| Average age | 1997.. 54.1 | 54.8 | 52.7 | 53.6 | 55.3 | 53.6 |
| | 1992.. 53.4 | 50.3 | 53.2 | 55.6 | 53.3 | 52.6 |
| Operators by sex: | | | | | | |
| Male | farms, 1997.. 620 | 33 | 63 | 118 | 216 | 190 |
| | 1992.. 559 | 27 | 61 | 115 | 197 | 159 |
| | acres, 1997.. 48 229 | (D) | (D) | 9 334 | 12 621 | 18 927 |
| | 1992.. 45 405 | 1 468 | 5 103 | 9 058 | 11 261 | 18 515 |
| Female | farms, 1997.. 115 | 4 | 11 | 21 | 39 | 40 |
| | 1992.. 90 | — | 9 | 5 | 35 | 41 |
| | acres, 1997.. 7 027 | (D) | (D) | 1 079 | 2 112 | 3 036 |
| | 1992.. 4 196 | — | 533 | 573 | 1 147 | 1 943 |
| TYPE OF ORGANIZATION | | | | | | |
| Individual or family (sole proprietorship) | farms, 1997.. 573 | 30 | 60 | 98 | 206 | 179 |
| | 1992.. 529 | 21 | 54 | 90 | 194 | 170 |
| | acres, 1997.. 36 304 | 1 155 | 3 885 | 6 952 | 11 222 | 13 090 |
| | 1992.. 35 296 | 972 | 4 183 | 6 472 | 9 358 | 14 311 |
| Partnership | farms, 1997.. 54 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 22 | 15 |
| | 1992.. 42 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 19 | 11 |
| | acres, 1997.. (D) | (D) | (D) | 1 078 | 1 166 | 3 746 |
| | 1992.. 5 316 | (D) | 747 | (D) | 1 432 | 2 867 |
| Corporation: | | | | | | |
| Family held | farms, 1997.. 92 | 1 | 10 | 27 | 24 | 30 |
| | 1992.. 72 | 3 | 7 | 27 | 18 | 17 |
| | acres, 1997.. (D) | (D) | 2 373 | 2 026 | 2 282 | 4 511 |
| | 1992.. (D) | (D) | (D) | 3 021 | (D) | (D) |
| Other than family held | farms, 1997.. 6 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 3 |
| | 1992.. 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| | acres, 1997.. (D) | (D) | — | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| | 1992.. (D) | (D) | — | — | — | — |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. | farms, 1997.. 10 | — | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1992.. 5 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | acres, 1997.. (D) | — | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| | 1992.. 516 | — | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |