

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	20 189	20 242	20 517	1 488	1 819	2 038
farms..						
acres..	4 593 452	4 472 569	4 758 631	139 170	151 015	151 441
Harvested cropland	13 426	14 587	15 556	1 067	1 395	1 557
farms..						
acres..	1 654 535	1 590 794	1 589 636	61 060	60 046	58 505
Full owners	13 016	12 340	12 624	801	981	1 219
farms..						
acres..	2 060 979	1 857 011	2 069 414	52 334	60 551	67 239
Harvested cropland	7 299	7 712	8 474	471	650	834
farms..						
acres..	291 810	296 873	361 430	12 363	12 815	17 024
Part owners	5 921	6 407	6 433	537	608	635
farms..						
acres..	2 279 862	2 302 150	2 403 365	76 198	73 469	71 996
Harvested cropland	5 156	5 648	5 828	474	540	566
farms..						
acres..	1 203 955	1 104 733	1 070 972	42 664	36 872	34 409
Tenants	1 252	1 495	1 460	150	230	184
farms..						
acres..	252 611	313 408	285 852	10 638	16 995	12 206
Harvested cropland	971	1 227	1 254	122	205	157
farms..						
acres..	158 770	189 188	157 234	6 033	10 359	7 072
Percent of tenancy	6.2	7.4	7.1	10.1	12.6	9.0
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	14 259	14 113	14 289	969	1 147	1 309
Not on farm operated	4 219	4 211	4 222	370	442	431
Not reported	1 711	1 918	2 006	149	230	298
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	7 959	8 866	8 983	621	832	929
Other	12 230	11 376	11 534	867	987	1 109
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	7 443	7 573	7 335	550	695	704
Any	11 615	11 271	11 791	835	957	1 128
1 to 49 days	817	810	959	76	95	150
50 to 99 days	531	518	607	73	68	85
100 to 149 days	680	560	705	73	54	106
150 to 199 days	1 115	1 057	971	88	103	112
200 days or more	8 472	8 326	8 549	525	637	675
Not reported	1 131	1 398	1 391	103	167	206
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	933	994	1 040	54	101	129
3 or 4 years	1 258	1 320	1 214	68	101	75
5 to 9 years	2 731	2 667	2 602	185	202	177
10 years or more	11 165	10 769	10 698	740	770	829
Average years on present farm	20.2	19.7	19.7	21.1	19.6	20.3
Not reported	4 102	4 492	4 963	441	645	828
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	124	147	142	6	5	18
25 to 34 years	977	1 122	1 506	38	58	94
35 to 44 years	3 129	3 539	3 839	189	305	334
45 to 49 years	2 424	2 445	2 188	161	196	145
50 to 54 years	2 739	2 414	2 302	199	193	193
55 to 59 years	2 553	2 306	2 473	172	193	221
60 to 64 years	2 225	2 358	2 637	178	227	299
65 to 69 years	2 057	2 236	2 407	184	218	330
70 years and over	3 961	3 675	3 023	361	424	404
Average age	56.3	55.5	54.5	58.8	57.9	57.6
Operators by sex:						
Male	18 197	18 617	19 142	1 345	1 684	1 865
farms..						
acres..	4 258 085	4 224 242	4 536 258	131 347	144 613	138 911
Female	1 992	1 625	1 375	143	135	173
farms..						
acres..	335 367	248 327	222 373	7 823	6 402	12 530
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
farms..	107	63	23	20	12	2
acres..	29 068	10 945	(D)	1 315	1 775	(D)
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
farms..	16 908	13 736	13 224	1 128	1 077	1 060
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	3 174	6 443	7 270	340	730	976
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	18 078	17 933	18 337	1 379	1 667	1 899
farms..						
acres..	3 414 360	3 332 552	3 527 638	124 016	131 708	133 361
Partnership	1 337	1 621	1 583	81	117	104
farms..						
acres..	714 882	720 777	755 322	11 670	12 940	13 748
Corporation	649	547	488	17	8	17
farms..						
acres..	401 735	365 765	410 780	2 980	4 573	3 250
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	12	17	8	—	1	—
acres..	44 459	32 190	31 930	—	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	552	455	430	14	7	11
farms..						
acres..	294 065	295 349	343 742	(D)	(D)	1 809
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	8	7	5	—	—	—
acres..	5 355	5 640	11 595	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	77	68	45	3	—	6
farms..						
acres..	57 856	32 586	23 513	(D)	—	1 441
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	125	141	109	11	27	18
farms..						
acres..	62 475	53 475	64 891	504	1 794	1 082

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