

**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
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>								
Farms .....	20 189	7 959	54	332	932	1 456	1 760	3 425
number ..								
percent ..	100.0	39.4	.3	1.6	4.6	7.2	8.7	17.0
Land in farms .....	4 593 452	2 809 241	16 911	131 156	439 799	697 442	613 353	910 580
acres ..								
Average size of farm .....	228	353	313	395	472	479	348	266
acres ..								
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>								
Total sales (see text) .....	20 189	7 959	54	332	932	1 456	1 760	3 425
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	1 588 173	1 306 818	7 158	93 668	323 377	388 601	278 672	215 342
dollars ..								
Average per farm .....	78 665	164 194	132 557	282 132	346 972	266 896	158 336	62 874
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	4 718	1 017	1	38	87	141	230	520
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	3 437	893	4	18	56	113	181	521
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	3 060	972	3	17	59	117	204	572
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 714	1 003	6	25	53	109	224	586
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	1 826	839	7	23	57	116	172	464
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	448	218	3	8	19	43	43	102
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	717	389	3	16	47	74	92	157
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	286	180	1	10	27	34	44	64
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	703	494	8	33	77	109	136	131
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	802	658	9	48	148	196	145	112
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	630	559	6	30	123	176	140	84
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	497	431	2	38	112	126	88	65
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	292	258	1	26	54	85	51	41
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	44	36	—	2	8	14	7	5
\$5,000,000 or more .....	15	12	—	—	5	3	3	1
Grains .....	4 648	2 719	30	145	416	620	639	869
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	190 461	168 044	1 524	9 889	34 405	50 673	38 007	33 548
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	879	810	6	52	182	237	187	146
\$1,000 ..	150 967	142 530	1 126	8 439	30 105	44 419	32 070	26 371
Corn for grain .....	2 913	1 746	14	100	276	419	413	524
\$1,000 ..	69 856	60 481	463	4 294	11 413	18 819	13 244	12 248
Wheat .....	2 103	1 466	18	89	263	366	320	410
\$1,000 ..	44 498	40 166	386	2 202	8 756	12 475	8 771	7 576
Soybeans .....	3 004	1 997	23	107	346	489	458	574
\$1,000 ..	73 699	65 342	663	3 361	13 832	18 751	15 588	13 147
Sorghum for grain .....	40	24	1	—	1	6	6	10
\$1,000 ..	239	179	(D)	—	(D)	109	32	(D)
Barley .....	36	28	—	3	3	5	4	13
\$1,000 ..	171	146	—	5	24	26	16	76
Oats .....	272	195	1	2	28	43	43	78
\$1,000 ..	815	700	(D)	(D)	(D)	162	170	(D)
Other grains .....	183	132	2	5	23	39	26	37
\$1,000 ..	1 184	1 031	(D)	(D)	247	331	186	242
Cotton and cottonseed .....	891	692	9	48	139	201	143	152
\$1,000 ..	134 290	123 866	1 494	7 224	25 382	39 428	24 956	25 382
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	563	505	5	32	101	167	109	91
\$1,000 ..	127 561	119 554	1 443	6 850	24 431	38 536	24 220	24 073
Tobacco .....	1 274	994	14	57	202	272	223	226
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	205 570	190 441	883	12 147	45 748	61 666	44 924	25 073
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	767	703	7	39	162	217	164	114
\$1,000 ..	196 165	184 341	712	11 710	44 797	60 363	43 678	23 081
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	2 753	985	5	46	106	187	220	421
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	14 308	7 869	69	565	636	1 658	1 819	3 122
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	30	25	1	2	—	8	6	8
\$1,000 ..	3 498	3 009	(D)	(D)	—	565	830	1 375
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	1 039	578	5	24	83	112	137	217
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	59 313	52 666	183	2 372	5 481	16 890	19 067	8 672
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	121	112	2	7	22	34	29	18
\$1,000 ..	50 536	47 300	(D)	(D)	4 524	15 877	17 740	6 851
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	614	307	1	9	41	50	80	126
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	33 037	30 123	(D)	(D)	4 303	9 561	8 715	6 685
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	72	60	1	2	11	20	14	12
\$1,000 ..	30 300	28 552	(D)	(D)	4 020	9 348	8 231	6 146
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	766	349	—	16	69	92	86	86
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	144 313	119 065	—	1 308	46 226	32 314	23 777	15 440
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	211	147	—	6	47	39	30	25
\$1,000 ..	138 015	116 283	—	1 202	45 806	31 472	23 068	14 736
Other crops .....	288	191	1	4	22	43	43	78
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	9 812	8 327	(D)	(D)	1 294	1 906	2 059	3 045
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	51	47	—	—	10	13	12	12
\$1,000 ..	8 190	7 106	—	—	1 120	1 600	1 739	2 647
Poultry and poultry products .....	882	564	4	57	125	162	128	88
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	587 774	449 526	2 370	48 693	127 181	134 373	83 551	53 358
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	601	462	4	50	111	135	108	54
\$1,000 ..	586 864	449 124	2 370	48 675	127 124	134 218	83 479	53 259
Dairy products .....	201	153	1	10	31	37	41	33
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	54 535	52 213	(D)	(D)	9 175	12 400	11 840	15 163
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	151	133	1	10	30	33	34	25
\$1,000 ..	53 761	51 947	(D)	(D)	1 248	12 348	11 765	15 037
Cattle and calves .....	9 287	3 746	19	108	314	514	822	1 969
farms ..								
\$1,000 ..	76 008	45 723	223	1 543	6 757	7 760	10 782	18 657
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	176	131	1	9	21	33	29	38
\$1,000 ..	22 038	17 517	(D)	(D)	3 900	3 263	4 694	4 823

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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
<b>FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>							
Farms .....	12 230	70	645	2 197	3 707	3 018	2 593
number .....							
percent .....	60.6	.3	3.2	10.9	18.4	14.9	12.8
Land in farms .....	1 784 211	6 343	66 235	261 446	500 618	476 545	473 024
acres .....							
Average size of farm .....	146	91	103	119	135	158	182
acres .....							
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>							
Total sales (see text) .....	12 230	70	645	2 197	3 707	3 018	2 593
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	281 355	666	18 369	77 360	84 065	57 539	43 354
Average per farm .....	23 005	9 517	28 480	35 212	22 677	19 065	16 720
dollars .....							
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	3 701	15	149	627	1 034	848	1 028
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	2 544	11	139	508	759	628	499
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	2 088	18	108	350	663	559	390
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1 711	14	107	301	574	413	302
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	987	3	69	174	296	249	196
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	230	2	10	37	58	91	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	328	1	26	61	110	74	56
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	106	2	7	18	36	31	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	209	4	12	44	63	51	35
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	144	—	5	32	45	35	27
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	71	—	3	15	32	15	6
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	66	—	7	17	21	15	6
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....	34	—	2	9	14	7	2
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	8	—	1	2	2	2	1
\$5,000,000 or more .....	3	—	—	2	—	—	1
Grains .....	1 929	19	127	351	638	487	307
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	22 417	166	1 529	3 667	7 725	5 962	3 368
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	69	—	3	9	30	17	10
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	8 437	—	336	1 219	3 083	2 482	1 317
Corn for grain .....	1 167	9	73	235	419	272	159
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	9 375	59	560	1 590	3 353	2 387	1 427
Wheat .....	637	10	46	103	214	177	87
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	4 332	(D)	(D)	562	1 401	1 292	676
Soybeans .....	1 007	9	81	176	335	248	158
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	8 357	79	584	1 470	2 835	2 153	1 236
Sorghum for grain .....	16	—	1	4	2	8	1
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	60	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	24	(D)
Barley .....	8	—	1	2	4	—	1
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	24	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Oats .....	77	—	4	10	25	26	12
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	116	—	5	16	37	44	13
Other grains .....	51	1	3	5	22	14	6
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	153	(D)	(D)	17	55	61	(D)
Cotton and cottonseed .....	199	6	17	40	60	41	35
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	10 424	183	527	1 662	3 683	2 159	2 210
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	58	1	2	12	21	12	10
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	8 008	(D)	(D)	1 035	3 055	1 622	1 905
Tobacco .....	280	1	17	44	75	77	66
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	15 129	(D)	(D)	2 211	6 500	2 933	3 036
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	64	—	1	13	25	13	12
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	11 824	—	(D)	(D)	5 696	1 970	2 190
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	1 768	12	112	367	577	406	294
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	6 438	33	410	1 307	1 786	1 735	1 167
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	5	—	1	2	—	1	1
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	488	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	461	1	43	87	145	114	71
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	6 647	(D)	(D)	3 048	1 328	1 448	447
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	9	—	1	1	3	4	—
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	3 236	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	491	—
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	307	—	16	54	94	82	61
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	2 914	—	52	330	756	943	831
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	12	—	—	2	3	3	4
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 748	—	—	(D)	(D)	569	663
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	417	3	18	96	129	104	67
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	25 248	(D)	(D)	8 638	9 014	4 947	1 936
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	64	1	1	22	21	10	9
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	21 732	(D)	(D)	7 913	7 978	3 919	(D)
Other crops .....	97	1	3	20	35	11	27
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 484	(D)	(D)	57	314	(D)	398
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	4	—	—	—	2	1	1
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 084	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Poultry and poultry products .....	318	—	30	82	113	64	29
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	138 248	—	12 404	44 785	39 387	23 356	18 315
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	139	—	13	36	53	29	8
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	137 740	—	12 381	44 706	39 243	23 237	18 173
Dairy products .....	48	—	2	1	16	13	16
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	2 321	—	(D)	(D)	655	819	699
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	18	—	—	1	5	6	6
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	1 815	—	—	(D)	(D)	680	564
Cattle and calves .....	5 541	35	286	970	1 709	1 416	1 125
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	30 285	162	1 340	4 970	9 349	8 334	6 130
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	45	—	—	9	8	18	10
farms .....							
\$1,000 .....	4 521	—	—	730	1 209	1 642	940

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			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>									
Total sales (see text)—Con.									
Hogs and pigs .....	farms..	1 031	551	3	26	72	125	134	191
	\$1,000..	64 550	49 319	(D)	(D)	12 460	17 176	8 197	6 258
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	137	114	—	10	26	38	25	15
	\$1,000..	59 661	46 154	—	5 119	11 969	16 555	7 208	5 303
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	farms..	127	39	1	4	6	13	5	10
	\$1,000..	119	61	(D)	(D)	4	29	11	14
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	farms..	1 489	469	3	34	91	116	88	137
	\$1,000..	14 083	9 574	4	586	4 325	2 767	966	925
Sales of \$50,000 or more .....	farms..	43	29	—	3	9	10	3	4
	\$1,000..	8 974	7 472	—	326	3 929	2 277	579	361
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	farms..	966	428	2	19	54	77	103	173
	\$1,000..	6 080	4 829	(D)	(D)	716	1 495	1 647	902
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>									
Total farm production expenses .....									
	farms..	20 188	7 799	80	344	851	1 417	1 847	3 260
	\$1,000..	1 233 736	987 976	6 181	74 466	232 913	293 830	211 821	168 766
Average per farm .....	dollars..	61 112	126 680	77 257	216 470	273 693	207 360	114 684	51 769
Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms..	4 480	1 936	16	130	268	401	409	712
	\$1,000..	88 949	62 194	272	5 749	16 188	16 574	11 660	11 751
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		3 282	1 130	11	51	104	193	224	547
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		572	325	2	25	51	66	77	104
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....		424	316	3	36	67	92	77	41
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....		154	130	—	16	36	38	25	15
\$250,000 or more .....		48	35	—	2	10	12	6	5
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms..	9 768	3 770	30	202	386	663	842	1 647
	\$1,000..	410 005	312 588	1 568	36 950	80 453	93 409	60 115	40 094
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		8 276	2 704	24	112	187	370	576	1 435
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		683	410	1	24	51	94	117	123
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....		163	132	1	9	30	47	27	18
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....		156	134	1	8	23	34	40	28
\$250,000 or more .....		490	390	3	49	95	118	82	43
Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms..	5 930	2 400	24	145	286	460	513	972
	\$1,000..	378 023	288 150	1 533	34 927	75 163	87 021	55 034	34 473
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		4 930	1 630	18	76	138	231	313	854
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		293	200	1	12	21	49	69	48
\$25,000 to \$99,999 .....		122	104	1	5	22	42	22	12
\$100,000 or more .....		585	466	4	52	105	138	109	58
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms..	8 251	4 200	56	193	576	910	1 016	1 449
	\$1,000..	36 777	31 860	157	1 283	8 211	8 301	7 873	6 035
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999 .....		5 164	1 937	14	67	117	319	433	987
\$1,000 to \$4,999 .....		1 782	1 104	34	64	197	213	297	299
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		1 025	902	7	49	203	301	229	113
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		180	166	1	9	37	47	40	32
\$50,000 or more .....		100	91	—	4	22	30	17	18
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms..	13 351	5 858	63	224	667	1 052	1 362	2 490
	\$1,000..	92 169	75 066	630	3 644	13 849	20 826	18 113	18 005
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		10 475	3 681	35	88	271	490	841	1 956
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		1 987	1 342	19	88	224	320	319	372
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		455	430	7	26	94	108	108	87
\$50,000 or more .....		434	405	2	22	78	134	94	75
Agricultural chemicals .....	farms..	8 402	4 283	49	182	627	888	1 081	1 456
	\$1,000..	76 319	68 834	699	4 332	14 314	20 868	14 865	13 756
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		6 712	2 849	38	92	340	432	775	1 172
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		930	723	5	52	127	226	148	165
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		339	311	2	10	70	110	68	51
\$50,000 or more .....		421	400	4	28	90	120	90	68
Petroleum products .....	farms..	18 262	7 325	72	298	818	1 346	1 740	3 051
	\$1,000..	59 101	48 796	460	2 722	10 370	14 820	10 855	9 569
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999 .....		16 210	5 538	55	171	418	816	1 344	2 734
\$5,000 to \$24,999 .....		1 493	1 263	14	96	281	361	284	227
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....		380	360	1	21	86	114	79	59
\$50,000 or more .....		179	164	2	10	33	55	33	31
Gasoline and gasohol .....	farms..	12 104	5 461	69	247	663	1 039	1 266	2 177
	\$1,000..	13 872	10 761	121	442	2 282	3 080	2 409	2 428
Diesel fuel .....	farms..	14 628	5 985	60	248	701	1 174	1 454	2 348
	\$1,000..	23 559	19 048	172	837	3 833	5 683	4 259	4 265
Natural gas .....	farms..	489	328	13	45	97	64	64	97
	\$1,000..	2 935	2 584	49	54	304	1 133	541	502
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. ....	farms..	11 316	5 609	62	277	739	1 125	1 353	2 053
	\$1,000..	18 735	16 402	118	1 390	3 952	4 923	3 646	2 374

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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
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.</b>							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs .. farms..	480	7	32	78	156	117	90
\$1,000..	15 231	16	293	5 768	1 849	2 817	4 487
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	23	—	2	5	6	4	6
\$1,000..	13 507	—	(D)	5 447	(D)	2 327	4 216
Sheep, lambs, and wool .. farms..	88	2	7	21	32	22	4
\$1,000..	58	(D)	4	(D)	21	(D)	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .. farms..	1 020	3	71	278	362	224	82
\$1,000..	4 509	(D)	(D)	801	1 699	1 372	(D)
Sales of \$50,000 or more .. farms..	14	—	1	2	5	5	1
\$1,000..	1 502	—	(D)	(D)	387	791	(D)
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .. farms..	538	2	48	116	174	127	71
\$1,000..	1 251	(D)	(D)	180	415	333	235
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
Total farm production expenses .. farms..	12 389	68	700	2 043	3 771	2 983	2 824
\$1,000..	245 760	496	16 921	61 516	74 514	53 461	38 852
Average per farm .. dollars..	19 837	7 290	24 173	30 111	19 760	17 922	13 758
Livestock and poultry purchased .. farms..	2 544	20	263	497	798	595	371
\$1,000..	26 755	21	1 382	10 618	5 610	6 210	2 915
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	2 152	20	240	399	656	512	325
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	247	—	13	65	83	47	39
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	108	—	7	23	46	27	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	24	—	2	4	12	6	—
\$250,000 or more ..	13	—	1	6	1	3	2
Feed for livestock and poultry .. farms..	5 998	43	351	1 078	2 036	1 467	1 023
\$1,000..	97 417	77	9 926	25 178	30 628	16 016	15 591
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	5 572	34	319	1 028	1 918	1 343	930
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	273	9	20	18	64	93	69
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	31	—	1	—	6	8	16
\$100,000 to \$249,999 ..	22	—	—	5	11	4	2
\$250,000 or more ..	100	—	11	27	37	19	6
Commercially mixed formula feeds .. farms..	3 530	28	230	672	1 210	870	520
\$1,000..	89 872	33	9 730	23 705	28 729	14 079	13 596
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	3 300	28	211	632	1 133	807	489
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	93	—	7	8	24	35	19
\$25,000 to \$99,999 ..	18	—	—	—	7	5	5
\$100,000 or more ..	119	—	11	32	46	23	7
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .. farms..	4 051	37	236	783	1 389	985	621
\$1,000..	4 917	9	319	1 225	1 618	1 155	591
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 ..	3 227	37	182	639	1 110	727	532
\$1,000 to \$4,999 ..	678	—	38	114	230	223	73
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	123	—	15	24	40	32	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	14	—	1	4	5	2	2
\$50,000 or more ..	9	—	—	2	4	1	2
Commercial fertilizer .. farms..	7 493	56	407	1 379	2 313	1 801	1 537
\$1,000..	17 103	60	754	2 954	5 325	4 882	3 127
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	6 794	56	369	1 266	2 088	1 568	1 447
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	645	—	37	104	201	221	82
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	25	—	—	5	13	6	1
\$50,000 or more ..	29	—	1	4	11	6	7
Agricultural chemicals .. farms..	4 119	29	208	724	1 459	911	788
\$1,000..	7 485	59	437	974	2 615	2 058	1 341
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	3 863	24	199	667	1 382	830	761
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	207	5	6	51	55	70	20
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	28	—	1	5	14	6	2
\$50,000 or more ..	21	—	2	1	8	5	5
Petroleum products .. farms..	10 937	61	585	1 877	3 448	2 626	2 340
\$1,000..	10 305	29	525	2 234	3 363	2 403	1 750
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 ..	10 672	61	568	1 826	3 355	2 565	2 297
\$5,000 to \$24,999 ..	230	—	16	41	79	55	39
\$25,000 to \$49,999 ..	20	—	1	3	10	4	2
\$50,000 or more ..	15	—	—	7	4	2	2
Gasoline and gasohol .. farms..	6 643	37	408	1 093	2 206	1 518	1 381
\$1,000..	3 110	7	187	704	1 001	676	535
Diesel fuel .. farms..	8 643	37	423	1 505	2 784	2 081	1 813
\$1,000..	4 511	15	224	875	1 422	1 167	808
Natural gas .. farms..	161	—	2	40	114	39	38
\$1,000..	352	—	(D)	157	114	(D)	41
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. .. farms..	5 707	36	339	1 046	1 800	1 410	1 076
\$1,000..	2 333	8	(D)	498	826	(D)	367

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>								
—Con.								
Total farm production expenses—Con.								
Electricity . . . . . farms . . . . .	10 136	5 063	64	273	690	1 119	1 203	1 714
Electricity . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	19 540	16 263	98	903	3 512	5 935	3 172	2 643
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	7 494	2 947	41	118	280	465	681	1 362
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 675	1 247	17	95	199	369	335	232
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	893	807	6	58	199	265	174	105
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	46	39	—	2	5	14	9	9
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	28	23	—	—	7	6	4	6
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 826	3 424	34	184	536	795	780	1 095
Hired farm labor . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	129 512	114 205	326	4 310	27 934	36 832	24 591	20 212
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 771	1 657	26	69	148	271	368	775
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 046	841	5	68	171	226	213	158
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	780	718	2	39	172	232	154	119
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	150	140	1	7	30	40	32	30
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	79	68	—	1	15	26	13	13
Workers by days worked:								
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 373	1 784	16	134	328	490	384	432
150 days or more . . . . . workers . . . . .	8 500	7 304	26	333	1 500	2 389	1 661	1 395
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 304	3 012	31	156	449	686	683	1 007
Less than 150 days . . . . . workers . . . . .	23 890	18 019	114	697	3 206	5 152	4 545	4 305
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 785	972	11	52	203	267	225	214
Contract labor . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	18 063	15 934	29	504	3 225	5 402	4 156	2 618
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	682	234	8	6	22	50	68	80
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	651	360	1	20	96	91	75	77
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	331	272	2	19	60	94	55	42
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	53	47	—	5	12	15	9	6
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	68	59	—	2	13	17	18	9
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	15 498	6 766	70	320	774	1 298	1 616	2 688
Repair and maintenance . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	70 769	55 963	393	2 371	10 971	17 309	13 137	11 781
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	12 947	4 756	57	214	373	708	1 097	2 307
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 965	1 475	9	76	289	420	394	287
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	357	327	1	23	73	109	73	48
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	229	208	3	7	39	61	52	46
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	4 228	2 288	13	120	320	467	538	830
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	13 788	11 275	230	524	3 237	2 599	2 270	2 415
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	2 265	987	2	37	51	166	211	520
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 410	817	3	58	154	165	200	237
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	460	395	7	20	89	115	108	56
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	66	63	—	4	19	15	17	8
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	27	26	1	1	7	6	2	9
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 581	2 967	45	211	519	794	705	693
Interest . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	47 350	37 822	247	2 472	8 178	12 520	8 221	6 184
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 560	1 466	30	87	188	336	373	452
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 568	1 095	13	100	242	324	242	174
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	422	377	2	22	85	124	82	62
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	31	29	—	2	4	10	8	5
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	4 168	2 197	16	156	338	600	542	545
Secured by real estate . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	31 121	23 495	135	1 411	5 063	6 905	5 500	4 480
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	883	362	2	26	39	56	71	168
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 766	750	3	54	71	219	219	184
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 257	852	10	65	179	249	201	148
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	183	163	1	8	34	55	38	27
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	79	70	—	3	15	21	13	18
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 534	1 482	35	99	318	441	332	257
Not secured by real estate . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	16 229	14 327	112	1 061	3 115	5 615	2 720	1 704
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	919	309	1	8	58	78	66	98
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	936	540	28	31	95	159	143	84
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	540	505	6	52	135	163	93	56
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	100	95	—	6	21	28	25	15
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	39	33	—	2	9	13	5	4
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	4 611	2 684	32	116	441	626	671	798
Cash rent . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	41 957	37 894	560	2 469	8 682	11 930	8 479	5 774
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	3 317	1 535	11	39	174	283	406	622
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	344	274	4	24	65	71	49	61
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	432	395	12	21	86	117	105	54
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	518	480	5	32	116	155	111	61
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	19 162	7 528	69	325	808	1 369	1 798	3 159
Property taxes . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	19 179	11 287	72	549	2 041	2 894	2 504	3 227
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	18 608	7 106	66	301	729	1 243	1 702	3 065
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	362	286	3	14	53	82	68	66
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	153	109	—	9	19	33	25	23
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	39	27	—	1	7	11	3	5
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	16 220	6 969	65	305	812	1 332	1 686	2 769
All other farm production expenses . . . . . \$1,000 . . . . .	110 258	87 994	440	5 684	21 747	23 610	21 811	14 702
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	13 981	5 109	41	161	400	751	1 261	2 495
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1 355	1 081	17	87	222	328	257	170
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	386	336	6	24	83	114	67	42
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	295	264	—	18	62	92	58	33
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	203	179	—	15	45	47	43	29

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

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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
<b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity . . . . . farms . . . . .	5 073	10	308	921	1 571	1 348	915
\$1,000 . . . . .	3 277	3	185	775	1 070	745	500
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	4 547	10	277	811	1 383	1 244	822
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	428	—	25	89	147	81	86
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	86	—	6	17	37	22	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	7	—	—	3	2	—	2
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	5	—	—	1	2	1	1
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 402	16	109	489	690	587	511
\$1,000 . . . . .	15 307	12	285	4 808	4 514	3 804	1 883
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 114	16	104	421	599	516	458
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	205	—	4	49	56	53	43
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	62	—	—	14	28	13	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	10	—	1	3	3	2	1
\$250,000 or more . . . . .	11	—	—	2	4	3	2
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . .	589	6	19	95	188	156	125
workers . . . . .	1 196	6	38	278	375	291	208
Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 292	16	102	468	654	554	498
workers . . . . .	5 871	115	285	1 519	1 786	1 244	922
Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . .	813	—	38	123	234	276	142
\$1,000 . . . . .	2 129	—	70	240	689	860	270
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	448	—	24	74	128	131	91
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	291	—	7	43	81	114	46
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	59	—	7	4	20	25	3
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	6	—	—	1	2	2	1
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	9	—	—	1	3	4	1
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . .	8 732	64	483	1 511	2 838	2 095	1 741
\$1,000 . . . . .	14 807	77	752	2 841	4 787	3 789	2 561
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	8 191	59	435	1 445	2 660	1 933	1 659
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	490	5	48	54	159	149	75
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	30	—	—	8	14	2	6
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	21	—	—	4	5	11	1
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 940	5	153	367	613	451	351
\$1,000 . . . . .	2 514	29	267	599	740	588	291
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	1 278	—	107	269	341	285	276
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	593	—	36	75	259	151	72
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	65	5	10	22	12	15	1
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	3	—	—	—	1	—	2
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Interest . . . . . farms . . . . .	2 614	22	237	571	918	558	308
\$1,000 . . . . .	9 527	20	711	2 099	3 688	1 884	1 125
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	2 094	22	183	442	721	449	277
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	473	—	53	118	176	101	25
\$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	45	—	1	11	21	7	5
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 971	8	200	390	732	408	233
\$1,000 . . . . .	7 626	3	596	1 716	2 850	1 505	956
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	521	8	56	95	173	112	77
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 016	—	106	180	397	207	126
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	405	—	37	108	153	82	25
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	20	—	1	5	7	4	3
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	9	—	—	2	2	3	2
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 052	15	88	242	363	243	101
\$1,000 . . . . .	1 901	18	115	382	839	379	168
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999 . . . . .	610	4	54	131	202	145	74
\$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .	396	11	28	100	142	91	24
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	35	—	6	9	12	6	2
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	5	—	—	—	3	1	1
\$50,000 or more . . . . .	6	—	—	2	4	—	—
Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . .	1 927	18	141	427	651	498	192
\$1,000 . . . . .	4 062	37	154	1 021	1 377	968	505
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	1 782	18	125	407	613	457	162
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	70	—	16	4	6	22	22
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	37	—	2	2	14	14	5
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	38	—	—	14	16	5	3
Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . .	11 634	45	594	1 905	3 557	2 899	2 634
\$1,000 . . . . .	7 892	24	258	1 455	2 293	2 214	1 959
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	11 502	45	588	1 887	3 525	2 860	2 597
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	76	—	6	7	15	26	22
\$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	44	—	—	11	14	11	8
\$25,000 or more . . . . .	12	—	—	—	3	2	7
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . .	9 251	59	541	1 658	2 878	2 254	1 861
\$1,000 . . . . .	22 264	38	896	4 806	6 198	5 886	4 441
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .	8 872	59	515	1 581	2 739	2 177	1 801
\$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	274	—	20	55	94	55	50
\$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	50	—	2	9	26	8	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	31	—	4	4	12	9	2
\$100,000 or more . . . . .	24	—	—	9	7	5	3

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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
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>								
All farms..... number..	20 189	7 800	80	344	851	1 417	1 847	3 261
..... \$1,000..	328 569	298 177	1 130	17 593	83 068	90 965	63 669	41 753
Average per farm..... dollars..	16 275	38 228	14 124	51 141	97 612	64 195	34 472	12 804
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> ..... number..	8 583	4 210	46	192	585	865	890	1 632
Average net gain..... dollars..	46 523	79 516	29 971	107 362	152 195	114 799	81 580	31 759
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	1 763	557	2	2	64	50	99	340
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	3 845	1 436	13	48	76	168	348	783
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 518	974	23	45	145	266	174	321
\$50,000 or more.....	1 457	1 243	8	97	300	381	269	188
Farms with net losses..... number..	11 606	3 590	34	152	266	552	957	1 629
Average net loss..... dollars..	6 095	10 192	7 316	19 875	22 430	15 102	9 338	6 187
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	3 213	726	8	28	34	72	191	393
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	7 137	2 193	24	82	138	315	577	1 057
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	1 069	525	—	28	58	123	161	155
\$50,000 or more.....	187	146	2	14	36	42	28	24
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>								
Government payments..... farms..	5 834	2 944	29	132	407	638	640	1 098
..... \$1,000..	28 977	20 647	243	787	3 957	5 468	4 671	5 521
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> ..... farms..	3 707	1 773	11	84	239	363	410	696
..... \$1,000..	26 240	16 234	69	907	2 702	3 688	4 296	4 572
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	1 059	573	3	24	98	103	149	196
..... \$1,000..	7 726	5 840	(D)	(D)	1 084	1 301	2 022	1 077
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	1 521	625	1	29	59	114	98	324
..... \$1,000..	5 044	2 107	(D)	(D)	226	497	335	721
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	827	377	5	11	33	57	83	188
..... \$1,000..	10 990	6 280	50	158	1 023	1 428	1 066	2 555
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	1 059	628	8	42	113	137	169	159
..... \$1,000..	2 481	2 006	12	73	369	463	872	218
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>								
Total..... farms..	410	312	3	21	47	101	58	82
..... \$1,000..	6 076	5 454	254	193	865	2 551	983	609
Corn..... farms..	261	197	2	11	32	64	35	53
..... \$1,000..	2 811	2 545	(D)	(D)	443	1 196	500	317
Wheat..... farms..	155	126	1	12	18	48	20	27
..... \$1,000..	1 028	934	(D)	(D)	102	504	205	76
Soybeans..... farms..	110	81	1	7	16	27	13	17
..... \$1,000..	1 006	853	(D)	(D)	90	489	136	106
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	14	11	—	—	2	4	1	4
..... \$1,000..	22	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cotton..... farms..	59	50	2	6	12	18	2	10
..... \$1,000..	1 123	1 021	(D)	58	229	328	(D)	77
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	16	12	—	2	1	2	2	5
..... \$1,000..	85	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>								
Total cropland..... farms..	17 514	7 233	53	289	835	1 316	1 610	3 130
..... acres..	2 462 818	1 759 936	14 901	90 688	306 734	460 984	386 963	499 666
Harvested cropland..... farms..	13 426	6 067	46	250	741	1 155	1 357	2 518
..... acres..	1 654 535	1 340 120	12 332	75 655	255 078	379 746	296 911	320 398
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	8 858	3 088	15	84	246	435	670	1 638
50 to 99 acres.....	1 749	825	7	30	95	156	181	356
100 to 199 acres.....	1 096	669	10	36	104	151	160	208
200 to 499 acres.....	911	728	6	49	139	178	176	180
500 to 999 acres.....	448	409	6	33	85	131	86	68
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	279	267	1	14	56	75	71	50
2,000 acres or more.....	85	81	1	4	16	29	13	18
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	9 189	3 596	20	126	336	511	793	1 810
..... acres..	508 887	258 087	2 015	8 841	27 949	42 909	54 156	122 217
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	1 501	609	1	24	51	96	150	287
..... acres..	65 808	33 138	(D)	(D)	2 730	7 161	8 045	13 462
On which all crops failed..... farms..	875	434	6	17	55	96	102	158
..... acres..	26 350	17 630	(D)	(D)	2 732	4 120	4 387	5 712
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	330	181	1	7	16	36	38	83
..... acres..	13 491	9 736	(D)	(D)	686	3 690	1 705	3 273
Idle..... farms..	3 648	1 695	6	71	225	350	390	653
..... acres..	193 747	101 225	362	3 583	17 559	23 358	21 759	34 604
Total woodland..... farms..	13 150	5 287	18	177	527	890	1 194	2 481
..... acres..	1 620 282	788 227	1 421	30 037	81 257	176 923	175 721	322 868
Woodland pastured..... farms..	5 754	2 289	11	81	181	309	494	1 233
..... acres..	293 901	141 583	297	3 672	13 012	19 931	32 323	72 348
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	10 193	4 173	13	153	443	742	973	1 849
..... acres..	1 326 381	646 644	1 124	26 365	68 245	156 992	143 398	250 520

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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
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>							
All farms .....	12 389	68	700	2 043	3 771	2 983	2 824
\$1,000 ..	30 392	265	125	12 745	6 479	4 782	5 996
dollars ..	2 453	3 892	179	6 238	1 718	1 603	2 123
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> .....	4 373	44	232	676	1 284	1 088	1 049
Average net gain .....	14 759	6 711	11 623	30 008	13 772	11 946	10 091
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000 .....	1 206	4	69	172	320	354	287
\$1,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 409	21	130	365	706	570	617
\$10,000 to \$49,999 .....	544	19	23	89	200	116	97
\$50,000 or more .....	214	—	10	50	58	48	48
Farms with net losses .....	8 016	24	468	1 367	2 487	1 895	1 775
Average net loss .....	4 260	1 275	5 494	5 516	4 505	4 335	2 586
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000 .....	2 487	11	120	351	637	663	705
\$1,000 to \$9,999 .....	4 944	13	285	879	1 660	1 108	999
\$10,000 to \$49,999 .....	544	—	55	130	177	112	70
\$50,000 or more .....	41	—	8	7	13	12	1
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>							
Government payments .....	2 890	16	113	392	766	757	846
\$1,000 ..	8 330	16	201	1 090	1 979	2 159	2 885
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> .....	1 934	—	94	339	611	478	412
\$1,000 ..	10 006	—	260	1 181	2 868	3 324	2 373
Customwork and other agricultural services .....	486	—	54	91	174	129	38
\$1,000 ..	1 886	—	163	135	685	693	209
Gross cash rent or share payments .....	896	—	16	144	233	220	283
\$1,000 ..	2 936	—	49	288	583	1 230	786
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products .....	450	—	7	53	162	109	119
\$1,000 ..	4 709	—	21	611	1 493	1 304	1 280
Other farm-related income sources .....	431	—	19	118	122	111	61
\$1,000 ..	474	—	26	147	107	97	98
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>							
Total .....	98	3	7	19	32	20	17
\$1,000 ..	622	3	4	53	297	227	38
Corn .....	64	3	6	12	22	12	9
\$1,000 ..	266	2	3	30	145	72	14
Wheat .....	29	2	1	7	12	3	4
\$1,000 ..	94	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	(D)	3
Soybeans .....	29	2	1	3	12	6	5
\$1,000 ..	153	(D)	(D)	(D)	123	11	17
Sorghum, barley, and oats .....	3	—	—	1	1	—	1
\$1,000 ..	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Cotton .....	9	—	—	5	1	2	1
\$1,000 ..	102	—	—	7	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco .....	4	—	1	—	—	2	1
\$1,000 ..	(D)	—	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>							
Total cropland .....	10 281	64	537	1 882	3 146	2 555	2 097
Harvested cropland .....	702 882	4 249	33 132	119 870	208 611	185 714	151 306
Farms .....	7 359	50	397	1 387	2 330	1 824	1 371
acres ..	314 415	2 471	18 836	56 171	101 849	79 695	55 393
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres .....	5 770	35	285	1 084	1 835	1 412	1 119
50 to 99 acres .....	924	10	69	168	272	244	161
100 to 199 acres .....	427	3	29	92	137	108	58
200 to 499 acres .....	183	2	11	37	63	48	22
500 to 999 acres .....	39	—	3	4	18	8	6
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	12	—	—	—	5	3	4
2,000 acres or more .....	4	—	—	2	—	1	1
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only .....	5 593	34	291	1 018	1 757	1 425	1 068
acres ..	250 800	1 531	10 977	42 613	73 292	70 302	52 085
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured .....	892	2	29	146	260	231	224
acres ..	32 670	(D)	(D)	4 594	7 379	8 416	11 732
On which all crops failed .....	441	5	29	89	138	110	70
acres ..	8 720	(D)	(D)	1 534	3 073	2 436	1 402
In cultivated summer fallow .....	149	—	5	19	40	44	41
acres ..	3 755	—	160	691	745	970	1 189
Idle .....	1 953	11	95	305	560	505	477
acres ..	92 522	209	2 373	14 267	22 273	23 895	29 505
Total woodland .....	7 863	32	339	1 276	2 332	2 060	1 824
Woodland pastured .....	832 055	1 227	22 844	108 943	221 289	223 563	254 189
\$1,000 ..	3 465	20	156	576	1 062	898	753
acres ..	152 318	513	4 791	19 807	44 389	38 985	43 833
Woodland not pastured .....	6 020	18	260	954	1 789	1 580	1 439
\$1,000 ..	679 737	714	18 053	89 136	176 900	184 578	210 356

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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
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	3 328	1 267	4	56	163	219	262	563
acres..	244 352	126 619	(D)	(D)	22 611	26 535	25 336	48 228
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	12 114	4 925	23	197	568	917	1 120	2 100
acres..	266 000	134 459	(D)	(D)	29 197	33 000	25 333	39 818
Irrigated land ..... farms..	1 248	709	3	47	141	179	170	169
acres..	86 477	74 614	(D)	(D)	12 567	21 108	15 495	19 906
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	1 192	682	3	46	135	173	165	160
acres..	85 086	73 971	(D)	(D)	12 389	20 982	15 339	19 739
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	81	43	—	4	11	9	8	11
acres..	1 391	643	—	16	178	126	156	167
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	2 811	1 113	9	31	113	199	230	531
acres..	218 211	88 053	642	1 188	9 199	16 223	20 884	39 917
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	20 189	7 800	80	344	851	1 417	1 847	3 261
\$1,000..	6 558 081	3 675 519	25 634	153 313	569 831	901 779	841 426	1 183 536
Average per farm ..... dollars..	324 834	471 220	320 419	445 677	669 602	636 400	455 564	362 937
Average per acre ..... dollars..	1 482	1 367	1 397	1 272	1 366	1 316	1 406	1 393
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	2 591	707	9	49	97	85	132	335
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	2 077	641	14	40	77	125	137	248
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 821	507	2	11	9	62	125	298
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	2 897	914	2	15	92	162	244	399
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	2 298	798	1	27	59	89	194	428
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	5 229	2 228	41	121	207	377	561	921
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	1 978	1 082	8	40	167	253	227	387
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	894	623	2	25	89	161	162	184
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	342	259	1	16	42	91	57	52
\$5,000,000 or more .....	62	41	—	—	12	12	8	9
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	20 189	7 800	80	344	851	1 417	1 847	3 261
\$1,000..	902 193	577 332	5 189	33 123	103 242	157 771	132 501	145 506
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	1 975	467	—	33	39	46	59	290
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2 941	966	—	29	51	60	232	594
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	4 709	1 460	19	60	103	231	280	767
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	6 325	2 226	37	56	179	376	659	919
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	2 310	1 170	12	59	166	253	303	377
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	997	734	5	46	147	204	149	183
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	742	599	5	53	130	189	125	97
\$500,000 or more .....	190	178	2	8	36	58	40	34
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>								
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	17 293	7 182	78	303	792	1 348	1 756	2 905
number..	33 681	17 338	175	806	2 497	3 875	4 219	5 766
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	18 528	7 218	70	309	786	1 313	1 891	3 049
number..	38 043	18 303	197	734	2 465	3 864	4 492	6 551
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	10 012	3 805	44	154	377	640	894	1 696
number..	13 972	5 647	81	216	583	974	1 363	2 430
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	13 373	5 626	63	236	678	1 081	1 385	2 183
number..	24 071	12 656	116	518	1 882	2 890	3 129	4 121
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	12 540	5 257	60	197	618	1 014	1 295	2 073
number..	18 873	9 186	78	357	1 251	1 910	2 326	3 264
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	3 224	1 816	18	92	329	437	429	511
number..	5 198	3 470	38	161	631	980	803	857
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	2 782	1 763	15	65	256	448	461	518
number..	3 289	2 123	15	74	325	538	556	615
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	735	631	7	54	121	205	111	133
number..	1 003	885	11	83	173	284	164	170
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	4 622	1 938	16	43	197	331	494	857
number..	5 159	2 181	16	45	231	391	540	958
Pickup balers ..... farms..	4 412	1 936	14	42	214	268	488	910
number..	5 546	2 483	20	60	273	394	611	1 125
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	13 258	5 837	63	224	666	1 049	1 345	2 490
acres on which used..	1 559 396	1 219 400	10 332	60 491	221 797	341 849	271 583	313 348
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	3 650	2 334	25	120	432	602	538	617
acres on which used..	678 974	611 324	6 166	31 378	129 964	195 550	125 609	122 657
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	1 475	1 111	24	53	243	319	248	224
acres on which used..	280 487	251 057	3 499	18 533	59 391	91 397	45 389	32 848
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	1 397	883	14	41	206	240	230	152
acres on which used..	195 179	178 892	1 169	11 295	41 188	55 459	38 614	31 167
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	5 447	2 917	28	111	451	661	764	902
acres on which used..	1 013 037	875 893	8 360	45 911	179 196	272 109	191 739	178 578
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	892	673	6	50	141	203	149	124
acres on which used..	242 021	222 423	3 493	14 161	47 994	67 425	46 376	42 974

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		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.</b>							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	2 061	10	126	384	639	512	390
acres..	117 733	653	5 171	17 033	37 963	31 892	25 021
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..	7 189	31	349	1 232	2 250	1 781	1 546
acres..	131 541	214	5 088	15 600	32 755	35 376	42 508
Irrigated land ..... farms..	539	4	32	126	180	107	90
acres..	11 863	(D)	(D)	1 938	3 548	2 943	2 634
Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..	510	4	30	121	167	102	86
acres..	11 115	(D)	(D)	1 885	3 327	2 639	2 497
Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..	38	—	4	8	13	8	5
acres..	748	—	33	53	221	304	137
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..	1 698	2	29	177	407	442	641
acres..	130 158	(D)	(D)	14 041	28 433	31 194	54 908
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of land and buildings ..... farms..	12 389	68	700	2 043	3 771	2 983	2 824
\$1,000..	2 882 562	6 701	109 722	416 958	892 808	826 412	629 961
Average per farm ..... dollars..	232 671	98 549	156 746	204 091	236 756	277 041	223 074
Average per acre ..... dollars..	1 662	1 192	2 011	1 719	1 855	1 701	1 356
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999 .....	1 884	16	134	323	537	409	465
\$40,000 to \$69,999 .....	1 436	2	80	226	479	282	367
\$70,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 314	9	87	291	355	272	300
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	1 983	25	131	314	549	520	444
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	1 500	11	62	224	463	435	305
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	3 001	5	160	487	1 015	675	659
\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	896	—	44	131	239	289	193
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 .....	271	—	2	37	103	58	71
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 .....	83	—	—	10	25	32	16
\$5,000,000 or more .....	21	—	—	—	6	11	4
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..	12 389	68	700	2 043	3 771	2 983	2 824
\$1,000..	324 861	1 720	18 732	53 661	104 376	80 527	65 845
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999 .....	1 508	5	75	221	401	317	489
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1 975	13	111	290	608	469	484
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	3 249	19	212	578	924	804	712
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	4 099	24	207	683	1 353	987	845
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	1 140	5	67	214	331	311	212
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	263	—	18	27	102	55	61
\$200,000 to \$499,999 .....	143	2	10	29	46	36	20
\$500,000 or more .....	12	—	—	1	6	4	1
<b>SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>							
Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..	10 111	48	599	1 736	3 066	2 409	2 253
number..	16 343	91	930	2 742	5 202	4 104	3 274
Wheel tractors ..... farms..	11 310	65	609	1 825	3 521	2 751	2 539
number..	19 740	175	1 023	3 155	6 207	5 033	4 147
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	6 207	43	329	958	2 017	1 464	1 396
number..	8 325	81	438	1 284	2 738	2 074	1 710
40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	7 747	47	430	1 290	2 335	1 963	1 682
number..	11 415	94	585	1 871	3 469	2 959	2 437
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..	7 283	45	410	1 209	2 191	1 848	1 580
number..	9 687	82	516	1 578	2 863	2 516	2 132
100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..	1 408	9	51	234	497	347	270
number..	1 728	12	69	293	606	443	305
Grain and bean combines ..... farms..	1 019	9	57	141	362	274	176
number..	1 166	18	63	152	423	333	177
Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..	104	—	3	17	25	21	38
number..	118	—	3	20	28	21	46
Mower conditioners ..... farms..	2 684	17	138	507	883	677	462
number..	2 978	17	168	584	985	739	485
Pickup balers ..... farms..	2 476	28	120	349	829	700	450
number..	3 063	28	166	454	1 037	832	546
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>							
Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..	7 421	56	403	1 358	2 291	1 785	1 528
acres on which used..	339 996	2 754	20 413	54 151	100 883	98 975	62 820
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..	1 316	15	61	220	435	303	282
acres on which used..	67 650	435	4 106	8 889	21 319	20 278	12 623
Nematodes in crops ..... farms..	364	5	17	56	77	127	82
acres on which used..	29 430	365	403	2 716	6 201	11 530	8 215
Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..	514	1	26	112	147	107	121
acres on which used..	16 287	(D)	(D)	1 174	5 066	4 335	5 575
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..	2 530	28	141	469	917	597	378
acres on which used..	137 144	2 402	7 096	18 335	45 032	46 973	17 306
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms..	219	5	22	48	55	56	33
acres on which used..	19 598	365	806	2 795	5 801	4 569	5 262

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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
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>								
All operators .....	20 189	7 959	54	332	932	1 456	1 760	3 425
Full owners .....	13 016	4 324	13	125	341	606	932	2 307
Part owners .....	5 921	3 109	21	148	456	736	748	1 000
Tenants .....	1 252	526	20	59	135	114	80	118
White .....	18 701	7 338	50	318	870	1 347	1 628	3 125
Full owners .....	12 215	4 060	12	123	317	570	881	2 157
Part owners .....	5 384	2 821	19	140	427	673	675	887
Tenants .....	1 102	457	19	55	126	104	72	81
Black and other races .....	1 488	621	4	14	62	109	132	300
Full owners .....	801	264	1	2	24	36	51	150
Part owners .....	537	288	2	8	29	63	73	113
Tenants .....	150	69	1	4	9	10	8	37
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>								
Land owned..... farms..	18 972	7 448	34	274	800	1 346	1 685	3 309
acres..	3 292 896	1 716 940	5 753	59 054	191 128	361 644	368 474	730 887
Owned land in farms .....	18 937	7 433	34	273	797	1 342	1 680	3 307
acres..	3 106 683	1 650 367	5 687	56 939	185 921	349 973	354 471	697 376
Land rented or leased from others .....	7 245	3 659	41	209	597	853	832	1 127
acres..	1 514 729	1 172 931	11 254	74 580	258 939	350 476	261 728	215 954
landlords..	23 110	15 536	179	922	2 994	4 339	3 699	3 403
Rented or leased land in farms .....	7 173	3 635	41	207	591	850	828	1 118
acres..	1 486 769	1 158 874	11 224	74 217	253 878	347 469	258 882	213 204
Land rented or leased to others.....	2 152	809	3	25	70	132	189	390
acres..	214 173	80 630	96	2 478	10 268	14 678	16 849	36 261
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated .....	14 259	6 030	35	225	676	1 067	1 376	2 651
Not on farm operated .....	4 219	1 190	14	71	169	257	250	429
Not reported .....	1 711	739	5	36	87	132	134	345
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming .....	7 959	7 959	54	332	932	1 456	1 760	3 425
Other .....	12 230	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None .....	7 443	5 157	30	192	513	835	1 114	2 473
Any .....	11 615	1 671	15	96	321	456	433	350
1 to 99 days .....	1 348	679	4	29	106	150	185	205
100 to 199 days .....	1 795	454	1	33	84	139	116	81
200 days or more .....	8 472	538	10	34	131	167	132	64
Not reported .....	1 131	1 131	9	44	98	165	213	602
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less .....	933	261	9	45	61	59	44	43
3 or 4 years .....	1 258	304	11	37	78	88	56	34
5 to 9 years .....	2 731	802	7	117	173	191	172	142
10 years or more .....	11 165	4 961	—	69	460	858	1 163	2 411
Average years on present farm .....	20.2	25.1	3.4	7.0	12.6	17.6	23.0	35.3
Not reported .....	4 102	1 631	27	64	160	260	325	795
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years .....	124	54	54	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	977	332	—	332	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	3 129	932	—	—	932	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	2 424	679	—	—	—	679	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	2 739	777	—	—	—	777	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	2 553	831	—	—	—	—	831	—
60 to 64 years .....	2 225	929	—	—	—	—	929	—
65 to 69 years .....	2 057	1 107	—	—	—	—	—	1 107
70 years and over .....	3 961	2 318	—	—	—	—	—	2 318
Average age .....	56.3	59.8	21.4	30.7	40.1	49.7	59.7	73.1
Operators by sex:								
Male .....	18 197	7 187	52	291	821	1 296	1 618	3 109
Female .....	1 992	772	2	41	111	160	142	316
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....								
	107	59	1	2	17	16	6	17
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	18 078	6 865	50	260	742	1 188	1 553	3 072
acres..	3 414 360	1 973 586	12 430	92 660	299 490	456 877	467 560	644 569
Partnership .....	1 337	671	3	39	91	144	137	257
acres..	714 882	531 688	(D)	(D)	74 140	138 702	102 268	189 561
Corporation:								
Family held .....	564	334	1	27	76	104	54	72
acres..	338 524	233 865	(D)	(D)	41 357	83 968	28 847	(D)
More than 10 stockholders .....	12	7	—	—	1	3	1	2
10 or less stockholders .....	552	327	1	27	75	101	53	70
Other than family held .....	85	48	—	3	15	13	8	9
acres..	63 211	37 509	—	(D)	8 420	12 120	9 617	(D)
More than 10 stockholders .....	8	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders .....	77	46	—	3	13	13	8	9
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....								
farms..	125	41	—	3	8	7	8	15
acres..	62 475	32 593	—	261	16 392	5 775	5 061	5 104

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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
<b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>							
All operators .....	12 230	70	645	2 197	3 707	3 018	2 593
Full owners .....	8 692	26	304	1 343	2 485	2 282	2 252
Part owners .....	2 812	15	221	654	1 013	633	276
Tenants .....	726	29	120	200	209	103	65
White .....	11 363	68	621	2 070	3 456	2 800	2 348
Full owners .....	8 155	25	296	1 283	2 355	2 148	2 048
Part owners .....	2 563	14	212	600	921	573	243
Tenants .....	645	29	113	187	180	79	57
Black and other races .....	867	2	24	127	251	218	245
Full owners .....	537	1	8	60	130	134	204
Part owners .....	249	1	9	54	92	60	33
Tenants .....	81	—	7	13	29	24	8
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>							
Land owned..... farms..	11 524	41	527	2 005	3 505	2 916	2 530
acres..	1 575 956	3 672	37 113	189 028	413 870	443 534	488 739
Owned land in farms .....	11 504	41	525	1 997	3 498	2 915	2 528
acres..	1 456 316	2 940	34 443	177 649	387 882	411 182	442 220
Land rented or leased from others .....	3 586	44	344	862	1 236	744	356
acres..	341 798	4 271	34 681	85 973	116 255	68 376	32 242
landlords..	7 574	117	749	1 722	2 666	1 631	689
Rented or leased land in farms .....	3 538	44	341	854	1 222	736	341
acres..	327 895	3 403	31 792	83 797	112 736	65 363	30 804
Land rented or leased to others.....	1 343	9	44	179	342	374	395
acres..	133 543	1 600	5 559	13 555	29 507	35 365	47 957
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated .....	8 229	40	415	1 545	2 691	2 028	1 510
Not on farm operated .....	3 029	17	181	519	779	747	786
Not reported .....	972	13	49	133	237	243	297
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other .....	12 230	70	645	2 197	3 707	3 018	2 593
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None .....	2 286	7	30	127	274	378	1 470
Any .....	9 944	63	615	2 070	3 433	2 640	1 123
1 to 99 days .....	669	5	24	98	167	187	188
100 to 199 days .....	1 341	12	84	233	419	332	261
200 days or more .....	7 934	46	507	1 739	2 847	2 121	674
Not reported .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less .....	672	17	111	207	186	112	39
3 or 4 years .....	954	11	135	318	293	143	54
5 to 9 years .....	1 929	9	196	552	667	367	138
10 years or more .....	6 204	—	83	774	1 948	1 813	1 586
Average years on present farm .....	17.0	3.2	5.7	9.5	14.3	19.2	30.0
Not reported .....	2 471	33	120	346	613	583	776
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years .....	70	70	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years .....	645	—	645	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years .....	2 197	—	—	2 197	—	—	—
45 to 49 years .....	1 745	—	—	—	1 745	—	—
50 to 54 years .....	1 962	—	—	—	1 962	—	—
55 to 59 years .....	1 722	—	—	—	—	1 722	—
60 to 64 years .....	1 296	—	—	—	—	1 296	—
65 to 69 years .....	950	—	—	—	—	—	950
70 years and over .....	1 643	—	—	—	—	—	1 643
Average age .....	54.0	21.7	30.9	40.1	49.6	59.0	72.9
Operators by sex:							
Male .....	11 010	67	584	2 034	3 426	2 749	2 150
Female .....	1 220	3	61	163	281	269	443
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....							
	48	—	—	14	12	12	10
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	11 213	58	587	2 006	3 401	2 780	2 381
farms..	1 440 774	4 692	56 067	203 449	411 056	376 999	388 511
Partnership .....	666	9	47	124	197	149	140
acres..	183 194	(D)	(D)	28 439	49 389	53 768	40 840
Corporation:							
Family held .....	230	3	9	43	77	60	38
acres..	104 659	(D)	(D)	10 684	29 191	27 504	36 671
More than 10 stockholders .....	5	—	—	1	1	1	2
10 or less stockholders .....	225	3	9	42	76	59	36
Other than family held .....	37	—	—	11	16	6	4
acres..	25 702	—	—	2 333	8 026	(D)	(D)
More than 10 stockholders .....	6	—	—	3	1	—	2
10 or less stockholders .....	31	—	—	8	15	6	2
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....							
farms..	84	—	2	13	16	23	30
acres..	29 882	—	(D)	16 541	2 956	(D)	(D)

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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
<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>								
<b>Farm-related injuries:</b>								
Operator and family members	farms.. 136	74	—	6	8	17	18	25
	number.. 155	83	—	7	8	19	21	28
Hired workers	farms.. 111	92	—	8	19	37	17	11
	number.. 198	165	—	8	36	66	32	23
<b>Farm-related deaths:</b>								
Operator and family members	farms.. 3	3	—	—	1	—	1	1
	number.. 3	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	(D)	(D)
Hired workers	farms.. 1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
	number.. (D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
<b>FARMS BY SIZE</b>								
1 to 9 acres	1 224	348	3	23	60	78	78	106
10 to 49 acres	5 712	1 531	7	71	164	262	348	679
50 to 69 acres	2 035	684	8	23	58	98	142	355
70 to 99 acres	2 026	723	6	22	58	86	166	385
100 to 139 acres	2 053	780	4	22	68	117	152	417
140 to 179 acres	1 388	563	4	21	40	88	119	291
180 to 219 acres	972	435	1	19	51	75	97	192
220 to 259 acres	683	330	2	13	36	52	66	161
260 to 499 acres	1 956	1 060	7	38	145	214	252	404
500 to 999 acres	1 225	792	10	37	118	178	183	266
1,000 to 1,999 acres	638	487	1	30	90	143	110	113
2,000 acres or more	277	226	1	13	44	65	47	56
<b>FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>								
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	3 630	1 302	12	48	113	221	295	613
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	700	343	2	10	34	61	82	154
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	533	180	1	7	21	25	55	71
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	682	297	—	11	64	78	68	76
Other crop farming (1119)	3 437	1 737	23	95	282	430	388	519
Tobacco farming (11191)	1 033	791	12	41	153	215	186	184
Cotton farming (11192)	473	333	6	27	61	89	76	74
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	1 931	613	5	27	68	126	126	261
Beef cattle ranching and farming (11211)	7 746	2 634	10	50	144	260	552	1 618
Cattle feedlots (11212)	206	81	—	1	5	8	17	50
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	179	134	1	8	26	32	35	32
Hog and pig farming (1122)	565	269	—	16	39	63	64	87
Poultry and egg production (1123)	711	482	4	51	112	143	111	61
Sheep and goat farming (1124)	289	65	—	4	8	17	17	19
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	1 511	435	1	31	84	118	76	125
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>								
Cattle and calves inventory	farms.. 9 902	3 875	21	122	330	547	860	1 995
	number.. 453 631	260 939	1 408	10 926	31 566	48 067	57 847	111 125
<b>Farms with—</b>								
1 to 9	1 993	477	3	27	41	73	131	202
10 to 49	5 530	2 004	11	51	139	237	420	1 146
50 to 99	1 378	717	4	16	55	94	157	391
100 to 199	648	398	1	10	51	79	85	172
200 to 499	285	222	2	14	34	53	58	61
500 or more	68	57	—	4	10	11	9	23
<b>Cows and heifers that had calved</b>								
	farms.. 8 859	3 548	18	101	291	503	782	1 853
	number.. 253 814	145 988	831	5 979	15 916	26 622	32 091	64 549
<b>Beef cows</b>								
	farms.. 8 671	3 427	18	94	268	475	751	1 821
	number.. 229 048	122 736	(D)	(D)	11 977	21 077	26 380	57 972
<b>Farms with—</b>								
1 to 9	2 850	782	3	24	49	104	201	401
10 to 49	4 665	1 931	11	49	144	236	393	1 098
50 to 99	789	454	2	8	44	84	105	211
100 to 199	272	191	1	8	20	37	36	89
200 to 499	89	65	1	5	11	13	14	21
500 or more	6	4	—	—	—	1	2	1
<b>Milk cows</b>								
	farms.. 394	235	1	14	39	55	56	70
	number.. 24 766	23 252	(D)	(D)	3 939	5 545	5 711	6 577
<b>Farms with—</b>								
1 to 4	164	74	—	2	9	17	15	31
5 to 9	43	14	—	2	2	2	4	6
10 to 49	56	25	—	—	5	7	2	11
50 to 99	40	31	—	4	4	9	13	1
100 to 199	47	47	1	3	14	9	13	7
200 to 499	38	38	—	3	7	10	8	10
500 or more	6	6	—	—	—	1	1	4
<b>Heifers and heifer calves</b>								
	farms.. 7 349	2 987	18	99	260	421	660	1 529
	number.. 104 209	61 522	266	2 966	7 851	11 608	14 060	24 771
<b>Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves</b>								
	farms.. 8 308	3 322	17	107	284	448	742	1 724
	number.. 95 608	53 429	311	1 981	7 799	9 837	11 696	21 805

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<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>							
Farm-related injuries:							
Operator and family members . . . . . farms..	62	—	2	15	24	13	8
number..	72	—	(D)	16	29	15	(D)
Hired workers . . . . . farms..	19	—	—	5	6	3	5
number..	33	—	—	9	6	4	14
Farm-related deaths:							
Operator and family members . . . . . farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hired workers . . . . . farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>FARMS BY SIZE</b>							
1 to 9 acres . . . . .	876	7	67	220	243	185	154
10 to 49 acres . . . . .	4 181	21	276	866	1 364	916	738
50 to 69 acres . . . . .	1 351	9	70	239	417	351	265
70 to 99 acres . . . . .	1 303	14	61	205	386	340	297
100 to 139 acres . . . . .	1 273	7	46	193	369	349	309
140 to 179 acres . . . . .	825	2	41	113	234	239	196
180 to 219 acres . . . . .	537	6	16	85	158	147	125
220 to 259 acres . . . . .	353	—	12	58	99	94	90
260 to 499 acres . . . . .	896	2	32	149	238	243	232
500 to 999 acres . . . . .	433	2	17	44	146	103	121
1,000 to 1,999 acres . . . . .	151	—	7	16	40	33	55
2,000 acres or more . . . . .	51	—	—	9	13	18	11
<b>FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>							
Oilseed and grain farming (1111) . . . . .	2 328	14	105	331	628	567	683
Vegetable and melon farming (1112) . . . . .	357	2	29	64	109	95	58
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) . . . . .	353	—	12	77	103	79	82
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) . . . . .	385	3	15	91	119	95	62
Other crop farming (1119) . . . . .	1 700	17	98	328	519	395	343
Tobacco farming (11191) . . . . .	242	1	13	35	68	66	59
Cotton farming (11192) . . . . .	140	6	10	30	36	31	27
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199) . . . . .	1 318	10	75	263	415	298	257
Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111) . . . . .	5 112	26	251	869	1 574	1 308	1 084
Cattle feedlots (112112) . . . . .	125	1	7	18	33	39	27
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) . . . . .	45	—	2	1	14	11	17
Hog and pig farming (1122) . . . . .	296	4	15	38	87	85	67
Poultry and egg production (1123) . . . . .	229	—	25	54	82	48	20
Sheep and goat farming (1124) . . . . .	224	—	19	58	70	52	25
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) . . . . .	1 076	3	67	268	369	244	125
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>							
Cattle and calves inventory . . . . . farms..	6 027	38	337	1 073	1 855	1 520	1 204
number..	192 692	1 016	10 093	31 895	57 850	56 186	35 652
Farms with—							
1 to 9 . . . . .	1 516	7	109	317	442	328	313
10 to 49 . . . . .	3 526	29	177	607	1 094	893	726
50 to 99 . . . . .	661	—	36	92	229	196	108
100 to 199 . . . . .	250	2	11	38	75	83	41
200 to 499 . . . . .	63	—	3	18	13	15	14
500 or more . . . . .	11	—	1	1	2	5	2
Cows and heifers that had calved . . . . . farms..	5 311	35	287	916	1 617	1 365	1 091
number..	107 826	595	5 664	17 351	31 496	31 539	21 181
Beef cows . . . . . farms..	5 244	35	285	907	1 600	1 345	1 072
number..	106 312	595	5 619	17 226	31 041	31 065	20 766
Farms with—							
1 to 9 . . . . .	2 068	14	131	405	614	470	434
10 to 49 . . . . .	2 734	19	135	434	853	736	557
50 to 99 . . . . .	335	—	14	45	106	114	56
100 to 199 . . . . .	81	2	3	16	25	16	19
200 to 499 . . . . .	24	—	1	7	2	8	6
500 or more . . . . .	2	—	1	—	—	1	—
Milk cows . . . . . farms..	159	—	6	21	54	33	45
number..	1 514	—	45	125	455	474	415
Farms with—							
1 to 4 . . . . .	90	—	3	16	30	18	23
5 to 9 . . . . .	29	—	1	4	12	3	9
10 to 49 . . . . .	31	—	2	—	10	9	10
50 to 99 . . . . .	9	—	—	1	2	3	3
100 to 199 . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
200 to 499 . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
500 or more . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Heifers and heifer calves . . . . . farms..	4 362	34	258	811	1 334	1 116	809
number..	42 687	251	2 369	7 751	12 637	12 399	7 280
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves . . . . . farms..	4 986	33	277	910	1 545	1 256	965
number..	42 179	170	2 060	6 793	13 717	12 248	7 191

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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
<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 9 287	3 746	19	108	314	514	822	1 969
	number.. 216 812	128 311	578	4 088	16 603	24 694	30 373	51 975
	\$1,000.. 76 008	45 723	223	1 543	6 757	7 760	10 782	18 657
Calves	farms.. 7 199	2 886	13	84	222	381	650	1 536
	number.. 118 115	66 090	216	1 956	6 461	14 143	14 867	28 447
	\$1,000.. 29 591	16 043	65	498	1 507	2 768	3 642	7 563
Cattle	farms.. 5 620	2 304	11	69	202	339	487	1 196
	number.. 98 697	62 221	362	2 132	10 142	10 551	15 506	23 528
	\$1,000.. 46 417	29 680	158	1 045	5 250	4 993	7 140	11 095
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 351	158	—	5	20	25	31	77
	number.. 9 421	6 792	—	28	2 716	355	1 342	2 351
	\$1,000.. 6 113	4 379	—	21	1 542	207	895	1 714
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 1 226	609	3	30	85	137	143	211
	number.. 304 793	258 031	(D)	(D)	61 514	86 464	43 782	42 611
Farms with—								
1 to 24	725	279	2	19	35	47	50	126
25 to 49	190	100	—	—	11	26	28	35
50 to 99	87	54	—	2	3	14	16	19
100 to 199	59	36	—	—	8	4	15	9
200 to 499	54	46	1	2	4	13	15	11
500 or more	111	94	—	7	24	33	19	11
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 820	436	2	18	60	92	110	154
	number.. 36 485	28 331	(D)	(D)	7 416	7 761	5 145	5 303
Other	farms.. 1 111	559	3	24	77	132	135	188
	number.. 268 308	229 700	(D)	(D)	54 098	78 703	38 637	37 308
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 1 031	551	3	26	72	125	134	191
	number.. 711 109	534 524	(D)	70 177	115 492	181 863	97 571	(D)
	\$1,000.. 64 550	49 319	(D)	(D)	12 460	17 176	8 197	6 258
Feeder pigs	farms.. 125	59	—	2	11	14	11	21
	number.. 188 912	(D)	—	(D)	2 384	(D)	(D)	(D)
	\$1,000.. 6 445	(D)	—	(D)	40	389	703	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 861	458	2	18	62	97	116	163
	number.. 58 845	43 239	(D)	(D)	11 405	13 497	8 105	6 237
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 771	415	2	15	56	87	108	147
	number.. 28 792	20 826	(D)	(D)	5 322	6 790	4 098	3 195
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 679	372	1	15	53	87	90	126
	number.. 30 053	22 413	(D)	(D)	6 083	6 707	4 007	3 042
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 168	53	1	4	8	18	10	12
	number.. 3 316	2 150	(D)	(D)	132	1 201	273	363
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 116	35	1	3	4	12	8	7
	number.. 1 848	1 267	(D)	(D)	42	745	195	194
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 112	35	—	4	5	11	5	10
	number.. 1 830	934	—	(D)	78	351	(D)	241
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 77	26	1	2	3	9	5	6
	number.. 2 313	1 509	(D)	(D)	39	887	191	214
	pounds of wool.. 13 426	8 530	(D)	(D)	205	5 333	1 672	980
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 3 713	1 144	5	77	202	269	247	344
	number.. 22 981	8 857	40	566	1 610	2 739	1 619	2 283
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 772	237	2	22	47	67	39	60
	number.. 3 064	1 423	(D)	(D)	153	860	127	199
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 441	458	6	25	54	86	118	169
	number.. 27 153	8 771	60	250	1 218	1 949	2 327	2 967
Goats sold	farms.. 579	172	2	8	24	40	41	57
	number.. 9 191	2 626	(D)	(D)	530	436	790	771
<b>POULTRY</b>								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 730	293	2	18	34	63	79	97
	number.. 5 711 843	5 190 648	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 076 104	1 622 695	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 399	638	217	2	12	22	41	51	89
400 to 3,199	6	4	—	—	1	—	2	1
3,200 to 9,999	4	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999	21	17	—	—	3	7	6	1
20,000 to 49,999	32	28	—	5	5	7	11	—
50,000 to 99,999	14	12	—	1	1	4	2	4
100,000 or more	15	13	—	—	1	3	7	2
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 695	275	2	17	32	59	73	92
	number.. 5 052 008	4 590 099	(D)	(D)	1 229 492	922 874	1 317 344	950 197
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 154	63	—	4	6	15	16	22
	number.. 659 835	600 549	—	(D)	(D)	153 230	305 351	(D)
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 160	105	—	7	17	30	34	17
	number.. 5 326 365	4 790 363	—	166 101	1 516 726	996 711	1 669 649	441 176
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 366	272	4	27	68	77	55	41
	number.. 158 678 646	119 997 670	1 370 000	15 554 010	33 181 484	35 551 318	20 431 255	13 909 603
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	24	9	—	—	2	3	3	1
2,000 to 59,999	8	7	—	—	1	2	2	2
60,000 to 99,999	15	7	—	—	—	3	1	3
100,000 or more	319	249	4	27	65	69	49	35
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 93	36	2	1	4	13	10	6
	number.. 178 747	178 437	(D)	(D)	(D)	80 211	(D)	70
Turkeys sold	farms.. 168	121	—	15	31	35	29	11
	number.. 13 503 921	10 051 294	—	1 464 300	2 950 540	2 907 804	1 725 394	1 003 256

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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	
<b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>								
Cattle and calves sold .....	farms..	5 541	35	286	970	1 709	1 416	1 125
	number..	88 501	536	4 170	15 025	27 750	23 722	17 298
	\$1,000..	30 285	162	1 340	4 970	9 349	8 334	6 130
Calves .....	farms..	4 313	29	228	759	1 327	1 116	854
	number..	52 025	411	2 214	8 882	16 973	13 847	9 698
	\$1,000..	13 548	93	561	2 323	4 286	3 737	2 548
Cattle .....	farms..	3 316	18	184	576	1 021	841	676
	number..	36 476	125	1 956	6 143	10 777	9 875	7 600
	\$1,000..	16 737	69	779	2 647	5 063	4 597	3 582
Fattened on grain and concentrates .....	farms..	193	2	10	30	54	56	41
	number..	2 629	(D)	(D)	214	555	1 380	403
	\$1,000..	1 734	(D)	(D)	131	356	902	287
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms..	617	7	35	117	203	144	111
	number..	46 762	66	1 760	11 485	9 720	11 011	12 720
Farms with—								
1 to 24 .....		446	7	26	88	146	98	81
25 to 49 .....		90	—	3	13	30	27	17
50 to 99 .....		33	—	1	7	12	7	6
100 to 199 .....		23	—	2	4	9	7	1
200 to 499 .....		8	—	2	—	2	2	2
500 or more .....		17	—	1	5	4	3	4
Used or to be used for breeding .....	farms..	384	4	22	60	122	104	72
	number..	8 154	(D)	203	1 289	1 243	694	(D)
Other .....	farms..	552	7	32	106	182	124	101
	number..	38 608	(D)	1 557	10 196	8 477	10 317	(D)
Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms..	480	7	32	78	156	117	90
	number..	176 585	(D)	2 829	51 679	17 974	20 590	(D)
	\$1,000..	15 231	16	293	5 768	1 849	2 817	4 487
Feeder pigs .....	farms..	66	2	7	9	20	18	10
	number..	(D)	(D)	312	226	2 395	609	(D)
	\$1,000..	(D)	(D)	12	8	76	17	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30 .....	farms..	403	4	24	62	129	107	77
	number..	15 606	(D)	244	1 543	1 577	2 282	(D)
Dec. 1 and May 31 .....	farms..	356	4	23	55	114	91	69
	number..	7 966	(D)	136	799	844	1 193	(D)
June 1 and Nov. 30 .....	farms..	307	3	18	51	97	82	56
	number..	7 640	(D)	108	744	733	1 089	(D)
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory .....	farms..	115	2	11	25	42	29	6
	number..	1 166	(D)	115	177	441	383	(D)
Ewes 1 year old or older .....	farms..	81	2	6	15	32	22	4
	number..	581	(D)	42	70	256	190	(D)
Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms..	77	2	7	17	29	20	2
	number..	896	(D)	71	208	347	250	(D)
Sheep and lambs shorn .....	farms..	51	—	3	13	18	14	3
	number..	804	—	(D)	157	274	280	(D)
	pounds of wool..	4 896	—	(D)	1 173	1 519	1 890	(D)
Horses and ponies inventory .....	farms..	2 569	15	157	632	942	557	266
	number..	14 124	58	758	3 186	5 416	3 151	1 555
Horses and ponies sold .....	farms..	535	2	39	165	201	100	28
	number..	1 641	(D)	(D)	422	715	307	96
Goats inventory .....	farms..	983	6	74	234	332	218	119
	number..	18 382	52	1 374	4 563	5 974	4 753	1 666
Goats sold .....	farms..	407	1	27	104	139	99	37
	number..	6 565	(D)	676	1 608	1 789	2 019	(D)
<b>POULTRY</b>								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms..	437	2	26	114	148	81	66
	number..	521 195	(D)	(D)	78 462	(D)	15 690	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 399 .....		421	2	25	110	139	80	65
400 to 3,199 .....		2	—	—	1	1	—	—
3,200 to 9,999 .....		2	—	—	—	1	—	—
10,000 to 19,999 .....		4	—	—	1	2	1	—
20,000 to 49,999 .....		4	—	1	2	1	—	—
50,000 to 99,999 .....		2	—	—	2	2	—	—
100,000 or more .....		2	—	—	—	2	—	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms..	420	2	24	111	140	80	63
	number..	461 909	(D)	589	77 939	356 971	15 509	(D)
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old .....	farms..	91	—	5	31	33	13	9
	number..	59 286	—	(D)	523	(D)	181	61
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text) .....	farms..	55	—	5	16	20	9	5
	number..	536 002	—	(D)	128 662	202 938	(D)	44 690
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms..	94	—	7	22	34	23	8
	number..	38 680 976	—	2 607 669	9 199 594	10 368 702	6 028 011	10 477 000
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999 .....		15	—	1	5	5	4	—
2,000 to 59,999 .....		1	—	—	—	—	—	1
60,000 to 99,999 .....		8	—	—	1	2	4	1
100,000 or more .....		70	—	6	16	27	15	6
Turkey hens kept for breeding .....	farms..	57	—	3	19	18	6	11
	number..	310	—	11	109	78	16	96
Turkeys sold .....	farms..	47	—	4	19	14	9	1
	number..	3 452 627	—	(D)	1 192 705	1 144 636	568 485	(D)

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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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 3 531	2 057	16	109	309	459	499	665
	acres.. 300 934	252 252	2 194	16 609	48 005	73 596	57 821	54 027
	bushels.. 28 107 576	24 191 443	200 420	1 678 562	4 715 855	7 154 029	5 465 072	4 977 505
Irrigated	farms.. 157	109	1	12	20	31	19	26
	acres.. 18 393	16 180	(D)	(D)	1 973	4 008	2 329	5 960
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	1 607	668	6	18	58	99	165	322
25 to 99 acres	1 121	685	4	44	98	160	166	213
100 to 249 acres	486	409	3	29	91	106	96	84
250 to 499 acres	210	192	2	9	42	67	47	25
500 acres or more	107	103	1	9	20	27	25	21
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 226	148	2	9	29	37	31	40
	acres.. 20 124	18 535	(D)	(D)	3 360	4 739	3 816	5 387
	tons, green.. 280 856	259 193	(D)	(D)	50 224	64 182	57 619	72 808
Irrigated	farms.. 25	24	—	3	7	2	8	4
	acres.. 1 709	(D)	—	175	505	(D)	525	(D)
Wheat for grain	farms.. 2 138	1 479	18	89	265	367	325	415
	acres.. 306 935	270 929	2 257	15 638	55 092	83 682	60 282	53 978
	bushels.. 14 500 101	13 049 198	113 028	768 126	2 718 131	4 243 358	2 811 843	2 394 712
Irrigated	farms.. 32	22	—	—	6	5	6	5
	acres.. 3 338	2 718	—	—	273	315	915	1 215
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	455	201	2	8	17	30	40	104
25 to 99 acres	846	537	9	32	88	112	120	176
100 to 249 acres	488	408	5	32	76	122	85	88
250 to 499 acres	217	209	1	12	59	64	51	22
500 acres or more	132	124	1	5	25	39	29	25
Barley for grain	farms.. 67	50	—	5	4	6	11	24
	acres.. 2 976	2 765	—	86	230	711	502	1 236
	bushels.. 172 365	160 131	—	3 850	14 200	38 150	27 115	76 816
Irrigated	farms.. 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oats for grain	farms.. 625	400	2	17	51	85	96	149
	acres.. 17 281	13 347	(D)	(D)	2 321	2 989	2 754	4 604
	bushels.. 961 509	770 146	(D)	(D)	144 930	173 915	164 663	246 271
Irrigated	farms.. 1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
	acres.. (D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Cotton	farms.. 894	693	9	48	139	201	144	152
	acres.. 285 858	262 080	3 791	15 764	56 260	81 003	52 127	53 135
	bales.. 397 545	366 256	5 519	20 777	75 385	117 302	73 766	73 507
Irrigated	farms.. 74	60	—	3	11	21	14	11
	acres.. 13 877	12 405	—	980	1 627	5 111	2 737	1 950
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	68	26	1	—	3	4	9	9
25 to 99 acres	196	114	2	13	24	19	19	37
100 to 249 acres	234	180	3	12	33	60	37	35
250 to 499 acres	190	176	1	16	28	59	39	33
500 acres or more	206	197	2	7	51	59	40	38
Tobacco	farms.. 1 275	995	14	57	202	272	223	227
	acres.. 54 660	50 352	306	2 903	11 574	16 275	11 988	7 306
	pounds.. 125 220 334	115 618 980	563 070	7 321 770	27 275 359	37 260 791	27 461 011	15 736 979
Irrigated	farms.. 23	21	—	3	5	6	5	2
	acres.. 1 767	(D)	—	115	412	691	429	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 0.9 acres	22	6	—	1	—	1	1	3
1.0 to 1.9 acres	59	28	—	—	3	5	8	12
2.0 to 2.9 acres	68	29	1	2	2	4	6	14
3.0 to 4.9 acres	83	42	—	2	6	5	5	24
5.0 to 9.9 acres	153	98	4	3	15	19	22	35
10.0 to 24.9 acres	258	201	6	19	33	43	46	54
25.0 acres or more	632	591	3	30	143	195	135	85
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 3 044	2 007	23	107	346	493	461	577
	acres.. 507 687	442 567	3 894	23 668	90 266	130 878	105 102	88 759
	bushels.. 11 554 522	10 214 212	105 191	522 922	2 117 597	3 127 515	2 389 612	1 951 375
Irrigated	farms.. 63	45	—	5	8	16	8	8
	acres.. 7 526	6 514	—	(D)	(D)	1 703	1 353	1 596
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	706	299	5	14	27	52	61	140
25 to 99 acres	1 099	640	7	27	87	144	141	234
100 to 249 acres	669	531	6	35	105	135	139	111
250 to 499 acres	299	279	3	16	75	87	58	40
500 acres or more	271	258	2	15	52	75	62	52
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 60	36	1	2	2	4	7	20
	acres.. 355	323	(D)	(D)	(D)	279	8	18
	cwt.. 79 750	76 178	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 838	2 975
Irrigated	farms.. 10	8	1	—	—	2	3	2
	acres.. (D)	(D)	(D)	—	—	(D)	2	(D)
Sweetpotatoes	farms.. 112	83	—	1	7	18	20	37
	acres.. 753	693	—	(D)	150	(D)	240	157
	bushels.. 144 399	139 312	—	(D)	32 150	(D)	48 345	31 532
Irrigated	farms.. 10	7	—	—	1	3	1	2
	acres.. 9	(D)	—	—	(D)	4	(D)	(D)

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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	
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>								
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms..	1 474	14	83	292	514	340	231
	acres..	48 682	397	2 568	8 869	17 683	11 172	7 993
	bushels..	3 916 133	27 335	224 403	655 914	1 407 817	938 913	661 751
	Irrigated .....	farms..	48	4	13	16	8	7
	acres..	2 213	—	(D)	436	496	221	(D)
	Farms by acres harvested:							
	1 to 24 acres .....	939	9	40	182	320	226	162
	25 to 99 acres .....	436	5	39	93	155	91	53
	100 to 249 acres .....	77	—	4	14	28	18	13
	250 to 499 acres .....	18	—	—	2	11	3	2
	500 acres or more .....	4	—	—	1	—	2	1
Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms..	78	2	9	7	16	25	19
	acres..	1 589	(D)	231	(D)	436	478	336
	tons, green..	21 663	(D)	2 331	(D)	7 843	5 705	4 558
	Irrigated .....	farms..	1	—	—	—	—	1
	acres..	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	(D)
Wheat for grain .....	farms..	659	10	49	108	217	181	94
	acres..	36 006	316	2 881	5 558	11 675	9 842	5 734
	bushels..	1 450 903	8 538	121 954	190 389	463 028	425 238	241 756
	Irrigated .....	farms..	10	—	1	6	1	1
	acres..	620	—	(D)	(D)	399	(D)	(D)
	Farms by acres harvested:							
	1 to 24 acres .....	254	6	19	48	71	70	40
	25 to 99 acres .....	309	4	21	49	110	80	45
	100 to 249 acres .....	80	—	8	9	31	28	4
	250 to 499 acres .....	8	—	1	—	5	1	1
	500 acres or more .....	8	—	—	2	—	2	4
Barley for grain .....	farms..	17	1	1	2	6	3	4
	acres..	211	(D)	(D)	(D)	91	25	22
	bushels..	12 234	(D)	(D)	(D)	5 449	750	1 150
	Irrigated .....	farms..	1	—	—	1	—	—
	acres..	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Oats for grain .....	farms..	225	2	12	44	72	63	32
	acres..	3 934	(D)	(D)	670	1 583	997	485
	bushels..	191 363	(D)	(D)	27 450	83 777	47 454	25 425
	Irrigated .....	farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton .....	farms..	201	6	17	41	60	42	35
	acres..	23 778	348	990	4 027	8 113	4 937	5 363
	bales..	31 289	555	1 570	5 102	10 657	6 542	6 863
	Irrigated .....	farms..	14	1	—	6	3	4
	acres..	1 472	(D)	—	—	647	(D)	428
	Farms by acres harvested:							
	1 to 24 acres .....	42	1	7	6	10	7	11
	25 to 99 acres .....	82	4	7	18	22	18	13
	100 to 249 acres .....	54	1	2	15	19	11	6
	250 to 499 acres .....	14	—	1	2	5	4	2
	500 acres or more .....	9	—	—	—	4	2	3
Tobacco .....	farms..	280	1	17	44	75	77	66
	acres..	4 308	(D)	(D)	589	1 686	870	993
	pounds..	9 601 354	(D)	(D)	1 358 663	3 947 741	1 827 570	2 138 672
	Irrigated .....	farms..	2	—	—	—	1	1
	acres..	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	(D)
	Farms by acres harvested:							
	0.1 to 0.9 acres .....	16	—	1	5	1	5	4
	1.0 to 1.9 acres .....	31	—	1	7	8	7	8
	2.0 to 2.9 acres .....	39	—	2	4	13	12	8
	3.0 to 4.9 acres .....	41	—	1	7	8	13	12
	5.0 to 9.9 acres .....	55	1	2	7	12	19	14
	10.0 to 24.9 acres .....	57	—	10	7	17	13	10
	25.0 acres or more .....	41	—	—	7	16	8	10
Soybeans for beans .....	farms..	1 037	9	81	181	344	261	161
	acres..	65 120	780	4 826	11 422	21 278	16 082	10 732
	bushels..	1 340 310	12 655	100 714	235 639	442 031	329 254	220 017
	Irrigated .....	farms..	18	2	2	9	2	3
	acres..	1 012	—	(D)	(D)	595	(D)	80
	Farms by acres harvested:							
	1 to 24 acres .....	407	2	23	75	127	111	69
	25 to 99 acres .....	459	3	50	74	156	105	71
	100 to 249 acres .....	138	4	5	30	46	39	14
	250 to 499 acres .....	20	—	2	—	12	3	3
	500 acres or more .....	13	—	1	2	3	3	4
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms..	24	1	—	4	10	5	4
	acres..	32	(D)	—	(D)	19	5	(D)
	cwt..	3 572	(D)	—	(D)	2 135	350	(D)
	Irrigated .....	farms..	2	—	1	—	—	1
	acres..	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	(D)
Sweetpotatoes .....	farms..	29	—	1	6	12	3	7
	acres..	60	—	(D)	14	22	(D)	12
	bushels..	5 087	—	(D)	602	3 000	(D)	735
	Irrigated .....	farms..	3	—	2	—	—	1
	acres..	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	(D)

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

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—</b>								
<b>Con.</b>								
Peanuts for nuts .....	farms.. 146	94	—	1	11	20	23	39
	acres.. 10 097	8 973	—	(D)	(D)	1 854	2 438	3 452
	pounds.. 28 250 921	25 348 436	—	(D)	(D)	4 478 157	7 615 132	9 726 047
Irrigated .....	farms.. 11	6	—	—	—	2	—	4
	acres.. 464	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	9
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms.. 7 618	3 061	15	106	292	469	658	1 521
	acres.. 287 002	149 828	1 255	8 189	15 989	27 313	34 145	62 937
	tons, dry.. 592 327	329 480	2 490	22 232	36 226	66 450	71 218	130 864
Irrigated .....	farms.. 66	29	—	4	6	4	5	10
	acres.. 1 685	762	—	81	167	54	101	359
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres .....	4 119	1 333	8	35	105	167	278	740
25 to 99 acres .....	2 875	1 326	2	44	140	216	289	635
100 to 249 acres .....	535	335	4	20	42	75	72	122
250 to 499 acres .....	74	58	1	7	4	9	16	21
500 acres or more .....	15	9	—	—	1	2	3	3
Tame hay other than alfalfa, small grain, and wild hay (see text) .....	farms.. 6 475	2 615	13	88	252	415	568	1 279
	acres.. 224 961	115 706	847	5 459	11 754	21 061	26 573	50 012
	tons, dry.. 482 245	263 189	1 853	15 690	27 768	54 507	57 394	105 977
Irrigated .....	farms.. 50	19	—	1	6	3	4	5
	acres.. 888	273	—	(D)	97	(D)	61	61
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms.. 1 040	579	5	24	83	113	137	217
	acres.. 28 774	24 237	168	1 468	4 289	7 386	6 164	4 761
Irrigated .....	farms.. 291	185	—	15	38	46	47	39
	acres.. 13 885	12 478	—	494	1 882	4 755	3 626	1 721
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres .....	428	183	2	6	17	23	39	96
5.0 to 24.9 acres .....	395	216	1	9	29	45	49	83
25.0 to 99.9 acres .....	152	121	2	7	28	25	32	27
100.0 to 249.9 acres .....	44	39	—	1	5	12	13	8
250.0 acres or more .....	21	20	—	1	4	8	4	3
Land in orchards .....	farms.. 885	364	1	13	40	59	93	158
	acres.. 24 775	20 103	(D)	(D)	2 584	6 743	3 257	6 936
Irrigated .....	farms.. 152	71	1	1	8	16	23	22
	acres.. 9 798	9 193	(D)	(D)	(D)	3 246	1 326	3 368
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres .....	448	149	—	6	12	17	33	81
5.0 to 24.9 acres .....	307	131	—	1	15	19	38	58
25.0 to 99.9 acres .....	84	45	1	5	8	7	13	11
100.0 to 249.9 acres .....	26	19	—	—	1	10	5	3
250.0 acres or more .....	20	20	—	1	4	6	4	5
Peaches .....	farms.. 320	157	1	7	21	27	49	52
	Bearing and nonbearing.. 16 998	15 474	(D)	(D)	1 517	6 178	1 837	5 511
	pounds.. 122 821 094	117 422 820	(D)	(D)	17 839 340	44 199 632	7 809 215	42 534 517

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

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

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
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—</b>							
<b>Con.</b>							
Peanuts for nuts .....	farms.. 52	—	6	11	16	5	14
	acres.. 1 124	—	29	62	318	77	638
	pounds.. 2 902 485	—	57 270	149 969	863 941	295 200	1 536 105
Irrigated .....	farms.. 5	—	—	2	—	—	3
	acres.. (D)	—	—	(D)	—	—	(D)
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms.. 4 557	26	238	856	1 467	1 128	842
	acres.. 137 174	811	7 566	25 381	43 255	35 200	24 961
	tons, dry.. 262 847	1 510	14 712	50 672	79 540	68 720	47 693
Irrigated .....	farms.. 37	—	2	7	12	6	10
	acres.. 923	—	(D)	(D)	305	109	310
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres .....	2 786	14	145	531	918	672	506
25 to 99 acres .....	1 549	12	80	284	474	400	299
100 to 249 acres .....	200	—	11	36	71	48	34
250 to 499 acres .....	16	—	2	4	3	5	2
500 acres or more .....	6	—	—	1	1	3	1
Tame hay other than alfalfa, small grain, and wild hay (see text) .....	farms.. 3 860	19	202	733	1 274	949	683
	acres.. 109 255	579	5 870	19 885	35 229	28 292	19 400
	tons, dry.. 219 056	1 218	12 169	39 973	67 760	58 480	39 456
Irrigated .....	farms.. 31	—	2	5	11	6	7
	acres.. 615	—	(D)	(D)	226	109	113
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms.. 461	1	43	87	145	114	71
	acres.. 4 537	(D)	370	1 076	1 381	1 345	(D)
Irrigated .....	farms.. 106	—	12	33	33	17	11
	acres.. 1 407	—	86	662	318	248	94
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres .....	245	1	14	46	76	60	48
5.0 to 24.9 acres .....	179	—	27	33	56	41	22
25.0 to 99.9 acres .....	31	—	2	7	11	10	1
100.0 to 249.9 acres .....	5	—	—	—	2	3	—
250.0 acres or more .....	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Land in orchards .....	farms.. 521	2	23	107	161	114	114
	acres.. 4 672	(D)	(D)	1 186	1 122	1 045	1 016
Irrigated .....	farms.. 81	—	4	17	28	17	15
	acres.. 605	—	3	119	219	97	168
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres .....	299	1	9	60	99	66	64
5.0 to 24.9 acres .....	176	1	10	35	52	39	39
25.0 to 99.9 acres .....	39	—	4	8	10	7	10
100.0 to 249.9 acres .....	7	—	—	4	—	2	1
250.0 acres or more .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peaches .....	farms.. 163	2	5	39	57	37	23
	Bearing and nonbearing.. 1 524	(D)	(D)	513	328	434	192
	pounds.. 5 398 274	—	(D)	(D)	1 179 415	2 178 848	1 480 085

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

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