

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	31 284	34 057	36 376	513	477	459
Harvested cropland	44 354 880	44 828 124	44 157 503	5 370 148	4 544 982	3 543 777
	25 654	28 430	31 110	320	284	282
	14 284 741	13 624 006	12 982 611	209 940	131 208	82 166
Full owners	12 598	13 669	14 827	232	233	238
Harvested cropland	12 760 780	13 094 416	13 138 314	3 979 646	3 793 501	2 778 323
	8 425	9 561	10 786	122	123	137
	2 736 941	2 597 022	2 727 960	110 185	75 230	36 628
Part owners	14 322	15 332	15 574	185	161	138
Harvested cropland	27 283 053	27 273 133	26 089 203	1 181 661	569 421	548 286
	13 695	14 679	15 128	153	117	102
	10 026 247	9 408 760	8 635 991	80 159	47 008	34 319
Tenants	4 364	5 056	5 975	96	83	83
Harvested cropland	4 311 047	4 460 575	4 929 986	208 841	182 060	217 168
	3 534	4 190	5 196	45	44	43
	1 521 553	1 618 224	1 618 660	19 596	8 970	11 219
Percent of tenancy	13.9	14.8	16.4	18.7	17.4	18.1
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	23 062	24 946	26 682	383	347	315
Not on farm operated	5 961	6 191	6 625	90	84	96
Not reported	2 261	2 920	3 069	40	46	48
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	22 704	26 141	28 407	317	309	277
Other	8 580	7 916	7 969	196	168	182
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	16 003	18 373	19 798	194	217	177
Any	13 049	12 540	13 553	286	223	243
1 to 49 days	2 578	2 819	3 413	37	25	34
50 to 99 days	1 010	940	1 139	18	12	20
100 to 149 days	908	905	1 069	18	26	12
150 to 199 days	1 264	1 262	1 291	41	28	26
200 days or more	7 289	6 614	6 641	172	132	151
Not reported	2 232	3 144	3 025	33	37	39
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 233	1 430	1 948	28	30	36
3 or 4 years	1 519	1 939	1 953	25	35	42
5 to 9 years	3 486	3 632	4 468	76	59	74
10 years or more	20 223	21 218	21 444	292	247	206
Average years on present farm	22.7	22.0	21.0	18.5	17.5	16.0
Not reported	4 823	5 838	6 563	92	106	101
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	668	765	1 146	9	5	14
25 to 34 years	2 916	4 481	6 131	57	69	78
35 to 44 years	7 461	7 696	7 064	114	103	116
45 to 49 years	4 001	3 164	3 087	64	50	48
50 to 54 years	3 231	3 242	3 600	71	63	57
55 to 59 years	2 935	3 318	4 235	57	47	37
60 to 64 years	2 887	3 903	4 466	48	45	37
65 to 69 years	2 804	3 243	3 211	45	32	27
70 years and over	4 381	4 245	3 436	48	63	45
Average age	51.8	51.1	49.7	50.5	51.1	48.1
Operators by sex:						
Male	29 810	32 623	35 121	450	420	390
Female	42 702 013	43 117 867	42 875 816	5 252 263	4 421 864	3 461 189
	1 474	1 434	1 255	63	57	69
	1 652 867	1 710 257	1 281 687	117 885	123 118	82 588
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
	168	66	32	9	5	5
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	222 406	123 505	42 858	30 862	14 140	8 100
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	26 994	24 294	25 578	419	327	272
	4 122	9 697	10 766	85	145	182
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	27 133	29 525	31 761	431	398	387
Partnership	29 438 846	30 392 198	30 214 192	953 679	805 462	727 518
	2 605	3 179	3 394	37	36	35
Corporation	5 376 360	5 663 081	5 587 178	92 501	107 074	100 284
	1 298	1 104	942	10	10	3
	4 226 626	3 491 521	3 010 954	71 208	27 938	13 080
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	26	39	32	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	83 658	198 078	120 938	—	—	—
	1 185	974	851	9	9	2
	3 953 104	3 154 419	2 726 294	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	12	13	6	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	51 883	31 060	30 663	—	—	—
	75	78	53	1	1	1
	137 981	107 964	133 059	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	248	249	279	35	33	34
	5 313 048	5 281 324	5 345 179	4 252 760	3 604 508	2 702 895

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