

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	farms... 76 818	farms... 75 076	farms... 79 711	farms... 1 083	farms... 1 042	farms... 1 278
	acres... 11 122 363	acres... 11 169 086	acres... 11 731 386	acres... 116 529	acres... 95 340	acres... 126 885
Harvested cropland	farms... 56 016	farms... 58 527	farms... 63 754	farms... 627	farms... 675	farms... 896
	acres... 4 064 058	acres... 3 817 720	acres... 3 854 302	acres... 43 727	acres... 32 330	acres... 45 283
Full owners						
	farms... 54 072	farms... 51 776	farms... 57 161	farms... 783	farms... 705	farms... 903
	acres... 5 524 961	acres... 5 468 708	acres... 6 083 634	acres... 65 437	acres... 45 422	acres... 60 903
Harvested cropland	farms... 36 307	farms... 37 940	farms... 43 379	farms... 397	farms... 404	farms... 565
	acres... 1 209 540	acres... 1 110 303	acres... 1 239 284	acres... 11 603	acres... 7 604	acres... 10 972
Part owners						
	farms... 18 600	farms... 18 280	farms... 17 698	farms... 221	farms... 253	farms... 278
	acres... 4 975 701	acres... 5 004 577	acres... 4 912 421	acres... 46 865	acres... 44 834	acres... 49 362
Harvested cropland	farms... 16 479	farms... 16 451	farms... 16 251	farms... 181	farms... 211	farms... 250
	acres... 2 518 230	acres... 2 352 888	acres... 2 251 350	acres... 30 660	acres... 23 385	acres... 25 897
Tenants						
	farms... 4 146	farms... 5 020	farms... 4 852	farms... 79	farms... 84	farms... 97
	acres... 621 701	acres... 695 801	acres... 735 331	acres... 4 227	acres... 5 084	acres... 16 620
Harvested cropland	farms... 3 230	farms... 4 136	farms... 4 124	farms... 49	farms... 60	farms... 81
	acres... 336 288	acres... 354 529	acres... 363 668	acres... 1 464	acres... 1 341	acres... 8 414
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 5.4	percent.. 6.7	percent.. 6.1	percent.. 7.3	percent.. 8.1	percent.. 7.6
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	56 710	53 906	56 512	614	570	749
Not on farm operated	14 293	14 073	15 394	325	310	360
Not reported	5 815	7 097	7 805	144	162	169
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	27 680	29 878	30 745	414	393	527
Other	49 138	45 198	48 966	669	649	751
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	25 230	25 395	26 744	384	318	513
Any	47 484	44 536	48 882	620	613	679
1 to 49 days	3 225	3 206	4 065	62	71	69
50 to 99 days	1 971	1 811	2 223	54	34	57
100 to 149 days	2 304	2 127	2 348	37	42	46
150 to 199 days	4 306	4 026	4 059	77	59	68
200 days or more	35 678	33 366	36 187	390	407	439
Not reported	4 104	5 145	4 085	79	111	86
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	3 817	4 231	4 269	61	51	83
3 or 4 years	5 484	5 564	5 157	71	62	58
5 to 9 years	11 088	9 797	10 196	148	112	146
10 years or more	40 600	38 149	41 142	447	427	500
Average years on present farm	19.2	18.9	18.8	18.3	18.4	18.3
Not reported	15 829	17 335	18 947	356	390	491
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	664	925	1 095	2	8	11
25 to 34 years	4 977	6 019	7 220	40	50	76
35 to 44 years	12 799	13 159	14 605	190	178	167
45 to 49 years	9 040	8 483	8 687	112	99	131
50 to 54 years	9 841	8 745	9 030	103	100	122
55 to 59 years	9 351	8 349	9 333	137	110	163
60 to 64 years	8 429	8 368	9 264	102	125	176
65 to 69 years	7 648	7 778	8 110	127	128	152
70 years and over	14 069	13 250	12 367	270	244	280
Average age	55.4	54.6	53.8	58.0	57.5	57.4
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms... 69 920	farms... 68 920	farms... 73 857	farms... 948	farms... 951	farms... 1 177
	acres... 10 415 358	acres... 10 521 113	acres... 11 123 691	acres... 97 650	acres... 89 034	acres... 117 553
Female	farms... 6 898	farms... 6 156	farms... 5 854	farms... 135	farms... 91	farms... 101
	acres... 707 005	acres... 647 973	acres... 607 695	acres... 18 879	acres... 6 306	acres... 9 332
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)						
	farms... 375	farms... 198	farms... 147	farms... 35	farms... 21	farms... 15
	acres... 60 847	acres... 30 408	acres... 27 169	acres... 2 774	acres... 1 637	acres... 1 606
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
	farms... 64 236	farms... 49 829	farms... 51 621	farms... 762	farms... 498	farms... 615
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms... 12 207	farms... 25 049	farms... 27 943	farms... 286	farms... 523	farms... 648
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 69 585	farms... 66 992	farms... 71 976	farms... 979	farms... 913	farms... 1 158
	acres... 8 980 138	acres... 8 927 793	acres... 9 583 924	acres... 95 047	acres... 79 400	acres... 108 572
Partnership	farms... 6 275	farms... 7 234	farms... 6 947	farms... 82	farms... 103	farms... 97
	acres... 1 752 792	acres... 1 873 238	acres... 1 799 324	acres... 10 392	acres... 11 745	acres... 14 627
Corporation	farms... 681	farms... 556	farms... 496	farms... 10	farms... 15	farms... 7
	acres... 302 803	acres... 283 357	acres... 276 686	acres... 10 098	acres... 3 446	acres... 2 599
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 11	farms... 10	farms... 8	farms... 1	farms... -	farms... -
	acres... 6 126	acres... 25 322	acres... 21 648	acres... (D)	acres... -	acres... -
10 or less stockholders	farms... 542	farms... 438	farms... 417	farms... 4	farms... 12	farms... 5
	acres... 255 783	acres... 222 199	acres... 222 499	acres... (D)	acres... 2 911	acres... (D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 8	farms... 12	farms... 7	farms... -	farms... -	farms... -
	acres... 11 935	acres... 10 430	acres... 732	acres... -	acres... -	acres... -
10 or less stockholders	farms... 120	farms... 96	farms... 64	farms... 5	farms... 3	farms... 2
	acres... 28 959	acres... 25 406	acres... 31 807	acres... (D)	acres... 535	acres... (D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 277	farms... 294	farms... 292	farms... 12	farms... 11	farms... 16
	acres... 86 630	acres... 84 698	acres... 71 452	acres... 992	acres... 749	acres... 1 087

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