

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... 194 301	180 644	188 788	7 862	6 001	5 579
	acres... 131 308 286	130 886 608	130 502 792	1 898 747	1 604 018	1 336 025
Harvested cropland	farms... 108 169	104 318	110 358	3 450	2 729	2 511
	acres... 19 607 847	18 136 653	16 521 315	253 962	216 203	153 106
Full owners						
	farms... 118 441	104 255	115 607	4 928	3 654	3 683
	acres... 45 353 710	40 364 626	43 474 922	862 350	630 112	556 467
Harvested cropland	farms... 58 677	53 300	60 398	1 979	1 479	1 506
	acres... 4 580 867	3 785 183	3 917 395	88 380	56 100	55 349
Part owners						
	farms... 54 892	54 226	50 780	2 026	1 569	1 188
	acres... 63 513 518	65 200 030	62 567 616	731 468	659 397	519 752
Harvested cropland	farms... 38 231	38 157	36 427	1 118	879	690
	acres... 10 774 660	9 965 119	8 808 461	120 150	108 245	57 818
Tenants						
	farms... 20 968	22 163	22 401	908	778	708
	acres... 22 441 058	25 321 952	24 460 254	304 929	314 509	259 806
Harvested cropland	farms... 11 261	12 861	13 533	353	371	315
	acres... 4 252 320	4 386 351	3 795 459	45 432	51 858	39 939
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 10.8	12.3	11.9	11.5	13.0	12.7
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	112 567	101 060	103 698	3 457	2 533	2 357
Not on farm operated	68 340	66 897	70 214	3 837	2 999	2 691
Not reported	13 394	12 687	14 876	568	469	531
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	83 284	85 937	83 684	2 707	2 225	1 939
Other	111 017	94 707	105 104	5 155	3 776	3 640
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	68 078	67 672	65 582	2 184	1 803	1 643
Any	114 962	101 160	113 615	5 247	3 790	3 663
1 to 49 days	10 370	9 616	11 106	568	431	450
50 to 99 days	6 255	5 461	6 439	406	296	347
100 to 149 days	6 798	6 252	7 513	422	299	327
150 to 199 days	12 201	10 349	10 779	581	418	341
200 days or more	79 338	69 482	77 778	3 270	2 346	2 198
Not reported	11 261	11 812	9 591	431	408	273
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	11 997	10 359	11 828	602	451	426
3 or 4 years	17 599	13 325	15 328	922	562	516
5 to 9 years	30 891	27 703	33 158	1 455	998	952
10 years or more	103 343	99 409	94 238	3 152	2 510	2 162
Average years on present farm	17.8	17.9	16.8	14.2	14.9	14.8
Not reported	30 471	29 848	34 236	1 731	1 480	1 523
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	1 450	1 847	2 205	45	44	47
25 to 34 years	10 273	12 016	15 891	463	427	433
35 to 44 years	31 276	28 713	32 608	1 507	1 076	1 002
45 to 49 years	21 080	18 356	19 170	959	688	554
50 to 54 years	23 170	19 494	21 053	1 078	680	648
55 to 59 years	22 660	20 572	24 081	929	695	615
60 to 64 years	22 444	23 197	24 712	835	683	657
65 to 69 years	21 896	21 629	20 307	731	593	584
70 years and over	40 052	34 820	28 761	1 315	1 115	1 039
Average age	56.6	56.1	54.4	54.8	55.4	55.3
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms... 173 889	164 014	173 945	7 102	5 415	5 097
	acres... 121 150 642	121 576 799	121 425 871	1 764 770	1 499 985	1 235 114
Female	farms... 20 412	16 630	14 843	760	586	482
	acres... 10 157 644	9 309 809	9 076 921	133 977	104 033	100 911
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)						
	farms... 7 798	6 122	5 427	3 312	2 442	1 716
	acres... 4 039 351	3 516 492	2 444 808	1 022 341	898 153	615 536
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms... 160 369	127 530	131 654	3 395	1 867	2 066
	farms... 26 134	46 992	51 707	1 155	1 692	1 797
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 170 640	158 121	167 602	7 189	5 418	5 080
	acres... 83 343 281	85 998 297	86 855 734	1 470 437	1 152 474	914 208
Partnership	farms... 16 776	16 182	15 946	514	428	387
	acres... 29 145 121	27 586 531	27 416 422	296 775	283 537	279 257
Corporation	farms... 5 269	4 893	3 945	105	88	59
	acres... 15 759 154	13 344 896	13 206 926	113 696	140 967	122 810
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 99	112	75	3	3	1
	acres... 2 108 806	1 420 838	1 458 659	(D)	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 4 560	4 100	3 339	84	65	47
	acres... 12 150 404	10 236 229	9 919 654	91 493	89 182	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 51	67	52	1	5	2
	acres... 119 289	224 485	416 704	(D)	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders	farms... 559	614	479	17	15	9
	acres... 1 380 655	1 463 344	1 411 909	8 540	14 130	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms... 1 616	1 448	1 295	54	67	53
	acres... 3 060 730	3 956 884	3 023 710	17 839	27 040	19 750

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