

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... 1 911 859	1 925 300	2 087 759	47 658	43 487	44 640
.....	acres... 931 795 255	945 531 506	964 470 625	58 738 557	55 241 024	51 974 575
Harvested cropland	farms... 1 410 606	1 491 786	1 643 633	31 112	29 821	30 940
.....	acres... 309 395 475	295 936 976	282 223 880	3 031 847	2 579 292	2 256 492
Full owners						
.....	farms... 1 146 891	1 111 738	1 238 547	29 397	26 665	28 407
.....	acres... 316 044 548	296 242 076	317 787 149	46 435 092	44 657 705	43 553 565
Harvested cropland	farms... 755 540	783 353	891 288	17 726	16 945	18 108
.....	acres... 66 469 292	61 033 279	67 278 104	1 127 204	871 363	780 996
Part owners						
.....	farms... 573 839	596 657	609 012	11 472	10 593	9 996
.....	acres... 507 673 344	526 612 012	519 814 523	10 110 740	7 840 760	6 375 531
Harvested cropland	farms... 506 904	533 565	552 372	8 560	8 143	8 050
.....	acres... 197 113 263	186 448 675	168 718 930	1 413 430	1 223 607	1 017 704
Tenants						
.....	farms... 191 129	216 905	240 200	6 789	6 229	6 237
.....	acres... 108 077 363	122 677 418	126 868 953	2 192 725	2 742 559	2 045 479
Harvested cropland	farms... 148 162	174 868	199 973	4 826	4 733	4 782
.....	acres... 45 812 920	48 455 022	46 226 846	491 213	484 322	457 792
Percent of tenancy	percent.. 10.0	11.3	11.5	14.2	14.3	14.0
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	1 361 766	1 378 701	1 487 937	27 999	25 614	26 412
Not on farm operated	412 554	408 560	442 613	15 313	13 617	13 382
Not reported	137 539	138 039	157 209	4 346	4 256	4 846
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	961 560	1 053 150	1 138 179	21 584	20 897	21 376
Other	950 299	872 150	949 580	26 074	22 590	23 264
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	755 254	801 881	844 476	16 521	15 989	16 329
Any	1 042 158	992 773	1 115 560	27 789	23 821	25 002
1 to 49 days	107 680	110 437	135 116	2 960	2 675	3 086
50 to 99 days	57 277	54 743	64 915	2 009	1 720	1 987
100 to 149 days	61 268	60 100	70 622	2 139	1 920	2 072
150 to 199 days	106 654	101 923	107 701	3 189	2 827	2 824
200 days or more	709 279	665 570	737 206	17 492	14 679	15 033
Not reported	114 447	130 646	127 723	3 348	3 677	3 309
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	92 574	94 711	113 554	3 266	2 937	3 130
3 or 4 years	126 791	133 079	135 473	4 282	3 878	3 225
5 to 9 years	263 642	258 767	303 875	7 748	6 320	6 326
10 years or more	1 113 839	1 112 827	1 163 336	21 330	19 009	19 132
Average years on present farm	20.1	19.5	18.8	16.4	16.6	17.1
Not reported	315 013	325 916	371 521	11 032	11 343	12 827
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	20 850	27 906	35 851	385	328	428
25 to 34 years	128 455	178 826	242 688	2 747	2 949	3 591
35 to 44 years	371 442	381 746	411 153	8 939	8 288	7 928
45 to 49 years	232 845	211 527	223 275	6 195	4 804	4 306
50 to 54 years	233 884	217 806	231 635	6 210	4 690	4 815
55 to 59 years	222 736	213 315	247 908	5 402	4 806	5 064
60 to 64 years	204 618	216 524	247 908	5 040	4 969	5 734
65 to 69 years	179 858	188 165	191 435	4 449	4 569	4 977
70 years and over	317 171	289 485	255 906	8 291	8 084	7 797
Average age	54.3	53.3	52.0	54.9	55.2	55.0
Operators by sex:						
Male	farms... 1 746 757	1 780 144	1 956 118	42 591	39 046	40 480
.....	acres... 884 330 123	900 623 734	924 579 864	57 645 175	54 073 943	51 138 089
Female	farms... 165 102	145 156	131 641	5 067	4 441	4 160
.....	acres... 47 465 132	44 907 772	39 890 761	1 093 382	1 167 081	836 486
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)						
.....	farms... 27 717	20 956	17 476	8 992	7 780	5 535
.....	acres... 16 406 119	12 394 690	8 340 701	5 023 055	3 166 778	1 832 997
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	farms... 1 612 764	1 371 757	1 453 364	29 996	20 945	21 820
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	farms... 271 378	532 587	616 919	8 670	14 762	17 285
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms... 1 643 424	1 653 491	1 809 324	41 512	37 432	38 903
.....	acres... 585 464 911	604 279 515	627 559 205	8 688 692	8 132 555	6 945 311
Partnership	farms... 169 462	186 806	199 559	3 458	3 559	3 546
.....	acres... 149 321 484	152 819 349	153 283 239	1 458 163	1 307 268	1 332 931
Corporation	farms... 84 002	72 567	66 969	1 917	1 668	1 460
.....	acres... 131 463 256	122 767 918	119 375 386	1 287 171	1 158 003	1 045 953
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 1 795	1 773	1 172	49	53	19
.....	acres... 9 999 993	9 924 149	7 730 867	37 062	69 793	44 902
10 or less stockholders	farms... 74 308	62 755	59 599	1 563	1 354	1 282
.....	acres... 109 559 210	100 912 825	98 215 437	776 086	744 779	677 797
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	farms... 1 029	1 125	819	29	30	25
.....	acres... 3 081 237	3 964 611	4 714 651	106 710	168 731	251 636
10 or less stockholders	farms... 6 870	6 914	5 379	276	231	134
.....	acres... 8 822 816	7 966 333	8 714 431	367 313	174 700	71 618
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	farms... 14 971	12 436	11 907	771	828	731
.....	acres... 65 545 604	65 664 724	64 252 795	47 304 531	44 643 198	42 650 380

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