

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	14 181	13 520	14 066	114	130	121
Harvested cropland	12 024 661	9 624 463	9 989 073	4 373 387	(D)	1 074 498
Full owners	10 393	10 173	10 752	84	97	93
Harvested cropland	1 107 928	1 043 347	1 076 886	12 110	20 772	14 103
Part owners	8 924	8 212	8 833	68	76	66
Harvested cropland	7 343 578	3 904 473	4 232 137	4 347 053	(D)	1 063 763
Tenants	6 101	5 860	6 403	44	52	47
Harvested cropland	424 486	409 328	431 736	8 008	6 238	8 296
Percent of tenancy	6.9	8.0	7.1	13.2	16.9	13.2
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	9 194	8 476	8 813	80	88	87
Not on farm operated	4 206	4 048	4 278	20	28	26
Not reported	781	996	975	14	14	8
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	5 987	6 269	6 350	67	88	72
Other	8 194	7 251	7 716	47	42	49
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	4 842	4 550	4 566	58	62	46
Any	8 726	8 142	8 688	53	62	66
1 to 49 days	789	752	814	4	11	10
50 to 99 days	433	379	420	2	2	3
100 to 149 days	448	461	555	6	3	12
150 to 199 days	990	936	1 065	5	14	15
200 days or more	6 066	5 614	5 834	36	32	26
Not reported	613	828	812	3	6	9
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	655	666	693	11	5	12
3 or 4 years	974	961	798	6	7	2
5 to 9 years	2 094	1 572	1 914	12	21	9
10 years or more	8 172	7 945	8 060	50	65	66
Average years on present farm	20.5	20.5	20.2	19.2	22.3	23.8
Not reported	2 286	2 376	2 601	35	32	32
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	96	113	126	—	—	2
25 to 34 years	712	957	1 259	8	7	5
35 to 44 years	2 669	2 564	2 526	19	25	14
45 to 49 years	1 710	1 390	1 462	10	10	8
50 to 54 years	1 715	1 488	1 722	9	12	15
55 to 59 years	1 602	1 601	1 827	16	15	15
60 to 64 years	1 665	1 639	1 760	14	17	30
65 to 69 years	1 470	1 516	1 450	13	23	23
70 years and over	2 542	2 252	1 934	25	21	9
Average age	55.4	54.8	53.7	56.2	56.0	56.5
Operators by sex:						
Male	13 449	12 925	13 589	97	111	115
Female	11 786 273	9 387 073	9 801 514	4 371 828	(D)	1 074 245
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	120	77	49	19	20	14
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	77 505	22 347	8 792	(D)	1 345	864
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	12 332	9 810	9 717	73	75	76
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	11 503	11 030	11 660	86	93	99
Partnership	3 988 575	4 287 881	4 436 667	25 329	28 217	18 827
Corporation	1 545	1 616	1 619	10	18	11
Family held:	1 611 571	2 059 921	2 177 651	(D)	2 962	1 068
More than 10 stockholders	828	665	599	4	9	3
10 or less stockholders	1 860 805	1 705 093	1 744 350	(D)	21 394	(D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	41	33	19	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	644 584	168 731	209 763	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	688	551	517	4	7	2
More than 10 stockholders	1 092 145	1 201 068	1 217 727	(D)	(D)	(D)
10 or less stockholders	17	31	15	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	50 142	36 489	9 554	—	—	—
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Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ..	305	209	188	14	10	8
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¹For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.