

**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 <sup>1</sup>		
	1997	1992	1987	1997	1992	1987
<b>Tenure of operator:</b>						
All operators	5 828	5 436	5 877	27	18	21
Harvested cropland	1 262 155	1 278 525	1 407 868	4 955	2 837	3 593
farms..	4 609	4 741	5 069	22	15	16
acres..	465 489	477 020	488 253	1 860	1 040	1 673
<b>Full owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	3 281	2 925	3 383	20	13	9
farms..	502 230	508 132	644 234	3 469	1 522	(D)
acres..	2 409	2 378	2 727	15	5	6
acres..	117 693	137 707	170 645	(D)	668	590
<b>Part owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	2 073	2 106	2 089	6	4	10
farms..	672 437	688 608	681 072	(D)	(D)	1 894
acres..	1 856	2 014	1 974	6	4	10
acres..	304 429	300 991	282 839	980	(D)	1 083
<b>Tenants</b>						
Harvested cropland	474	405	405	1	1	2
farms..	87 488	81 785	82 562	(D)	(D)	(D)
acres..	344	349	368	1	1	—
acres..	43 367	38 322	34 769	(D)	(D)	—
Percent of tenancy	8.1	7.5	6.9	3.7	5.6	9.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	4 855	4 727	5 121	20	16	18
Not on farm operated	638	448	485	5	1	2
Not reported	335	261	271	2	1	1
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	3 300	3 502	3 762	18	11	10
Other	2 528	1 934	2 115	9	7	11
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	2 661	2 740	2 854	14	5	8
Any	2 835	2 402	2 695	10	12	8
1 to 49 days	384	374	393	2	3	—
50 to 99 days	206	181	202	2	1	—
100 to 149 days	212	209	184	1	5	2
150 to 199 days	348	294	318	—	—	1
200 days or more	1 685	1 344	1 598	5	3	5
Not reported	332	294	328	3	1	5
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	239	214	329	1	—	1
3 or 4 years	339	359	437	4	2	4
5 to 9 years	842	920	1 031	6	6	3
10 years or more	3 640	3 292	3 345	12	10	10
Average years on present farm	19.7	19.0	18.1	18.8	13.4	12.9
Not reported	768	651	735	4	—	3
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	30	51	56	—	—	1
25 to 34 years	362	471	705	4	2	—
35 to 44 years	1 268	1 367	1 480	4	5	6
45 to 49 years	873	736	701	1	6	2
50 to 54 years	827	647	650	2	2	4
55 to 59 years	642	578	660	2	1	3
60 to 64 years	545	541	595	4	1	5
65 to 69 years	494	425	445	6	1	—
70 years and over	787	620	585	4	—	—
Average age	53.1	51.4	50.4	56.6	46.6	49.9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	5 046	4 777	5 302	16	14	20
Female	1 154 420	1 179 707	1 319 632	3 925	(D)	(D)
farms..	782	659	575	11	4	1
acres..	107 735	98 818	88 236	1 030	(D)	(D)
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)</b>						
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	45	27	24	5	2	—
farms..	9 669	4 648	5 479	(D)	(D)	—
acres..	5 028	4 170	4 280	20	14	12
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	755	1 239	1 573	2	2	9
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	4 915	4 665	5 096	24	18	18
Partnership	936 092	997 580	1 126 649	4 413	2 837	2 682
Corporation	538	485	510	2	—	1
farms..	187 466	161 187	170 255	(D)	—	(D)
acres..	318	246	232	1	—	2
acres..	122 601	105 036	97 113	(D)	—	(D)
<b>Family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	3	3	3	—	—	—
farms..	1 162	(D)	3 651	—	—	—
acres..	291	222	206	1	—	2
acres..	109 503	(D)	82 857	(D)	—	(D)
<b>Other than family held:</b>						
More than 10 stockholders	—	3	1	—	—	—
farms..	—	342	(D)	—	—	—
acres..	—	18	22	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	11 936	12 744	(D)	—	—	—
farms..	57	40	39	—	—	—
acres..	15 996	14 722	13 851	—	—	—

<sup>1</sup>For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.