

Table 11. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1997 and 1992

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Characteristics	Vermont	Addison	Bennington	Caledonia	Chittenden	Essex	Franklin
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms, 1997.. 5 828	683	171	452	456	79	740
	1992.. 5 436	683	154	430	405	74	728
	acres, 1997.. 1 262 155	204 985	32 374	94 255	83 355	25 497	190 215
	1992.. 1 278 525	209 677	33 682	96 704	82 849	17 710	203 503
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 4 609	587	133	371	344	71	606
	1992.. 4 741	614	131	386	332	61	654
	acres, 1997.. 465 489	110 894	8 552	30 648	30 985	7 915	76 024
	1992.. 477 020	113 174	9 645	29 762	32 410	6 202	77 393
TENURE OF OPERATOR							
Full owners	farms, 1997.. 3 281	338	96	258	282	50	440
	1992.. 2 925	334	88	228	236	42	424
	acres, 1997.. 502 230	59 465	14 824	(D)	35 991	(D)	80 353
	1992.. 508 132	63 664	15 068	39 351	34 180	7 320	96 334
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 2 409	271	73	198	198	42	342
	1992.. 2 378	277	70	193	172	30	362
	acres, 1997.. 117 693	22 188	1 889	7 936	8 067	(D)	26 938
	1992.. 137 707	26 918	2 348	7 384	8 258	1 290	34 334
Part owners	farms, 1997.. 2 073	274	58	175	135	26	243
	1992.. 2 106	280	51	181	138	27	256
	acres, 1997.. 672 437	121 854	15 134	51 547	42 402	9 801	97 937
	1992.. 688 608	128 106	14 935	53 996	41 953	9 477	95 098
Owned land in farms	acres, 1997.. 434 029	78 861	8 855	32 240	25 313	6 755	70 646
	1992.. 449 309	88 244	6 939	36 884	24 030	6 624	67 510
Rented land in farms	acres, 1997.. 238 408	42 993	6 279	19 307	17 089	3 046	27 291
	1992.. 239 299	39 862	7 996	17 112	17 923	2 853	27 588
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 1 856	261	46	159	115	26	224
	1992.. 2 014	273	48	173	130	27	247
	acres, 1997.. 304 429	74 641	5 338	21 827	20 054	5 172	42 880
	1992.. 300 991	76 440	5 623	20 824	20 641	4 549	38 102
Tenants	farms, 1997.. 474	71	17	19	39	3	57
	1992.. 405	69	15	21	31	5	48
	acres, 1997.. 87 488	23 666	2 416	(D)	4 962	(D)	11 925
	1992.. 81 785	17 907	3 679	3 357	6 716	913	12 071
Harvested cropland	farms, 1997.. 344	55	14	14	31	3	40
	1992.. 349	64	13	20	30	4	45
	acres, 1997.. 43 367	14 065	1 325	885	2 864	(D)	6 206
	1992.. 38 322	9 816	1 674	1 554	3 511	363	4 957
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated	1997.. 4 855	576	134	378	373	62	627
	1992.. 4 727	588	131	369	346	63	651
Not on farm operated	1997.. 638	78	32	47	55	7	67
	1992.. 448	65	16	37	35	8	40
Not reported	1997.. 335	29	5	27	28	10	46
	1992.. 261	30	7	24	24	3	37
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	1997.. 3 300	450	86	248	226	56	478
	1992.. 3 502	499	80	271	220	50	562
Other	1997.. 2 528	233	85	204	230	23	262
	1992.. 1 934	184	74	159	185	24	166
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None	1997.. 2 661	376	68	184	214	46	386
	1992.. 2 740	413	68	207	198	46	444
Any	1997.. 2 835	274	94	232	219	24	305
	1992.. 2 402	236	80	203	192	23	238
1 to 49 days	1997.. 384	46	11	24	24	6	45
	1992.. 374	34	6	39	18	4	46
50 to 99 days	1997.. 206	14	5	7	16	2	12
	1992.. 181	17	3	11	10	1	19
100 to 149 days	1997.. 212	24	11	13	11	-	10
	1992.. 209	23	12	16	15	1	21
150 to 199 days	1997.. 348	27	9	42	23	-	40
	1992.. 294	33	6	23	26	3	23
200 days or more	1997.. 1 685	163	58	146	145	16	198
	1992.. 1 344	129	53	114	123	14	129
Not reported	1997.. 332	33	9	36	23	9	49
	1992.. 294	34	6	20	15	5	46
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less	1997.. 239	26	8	18	24	4	26
	1992.. 214	30	4	16	13	4	32
3 or 4 years	1997.. 339	36	11	32	23	3	43
	1992.. 359	52	8	32	24	2	64
5 to 9 years	1997.. 842	90	32	73	69	5	116
	1992.. 920	124	21	79	69	19	112
10 years or more	1997.. 3 640	460	99	271	283	50	453
	1992.. 3 292	396	101	258	252	33	441
Average years on present farm	1997.. 19.7	19.4	18.8	18.4	20.1	21.1	18.8
	1992.. 19.0	18.3	21.6	19.0	18.1	15.8	17.7
Not reported	1997.. 768	71	21	58	57	17	102
	1992.. 651	81	20	45	47	16	79

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Characteristics	Grand Isle	Lamoille	Orange	Orleans	Rutland	Washington	Windham	Windsor
FARMS								
Land in farms								
farms, 1997..	107	297	537	569	530	344	305	558
1992..	108	227	480	549	493	330	270	505
acres, 1997..	21 036	48 967	98 352	144 154	125 770	56 290	46 818	90 087
1992..	24 848	41 348	93 364	149 503	132 674	58 891	43 987	89 785
Harvested cropland								
farms, 1997..	92	217	418	470	423	247	228	402
1992..	95	188	421	485	426	281	226	441
acres, 1997..	12 280	13 981	29 886	55 634	37 472	16 081	13 801	21 336
1992..	14 134	14 228	26 775	58 154	39 915	18 160	13 216	23 852
TENURE OF OPERATOR								
Full owners								
farms, 1997..	56	178	313	303	284	209	160	314
1992..	54	124	265	273	243	190	144	280
acres, 1997..	6 071	22 205	43 964	52 587	46 262	25 382	17 789	41 236
1992..	5 559	16 555	38 445	53 622	47 643	25 970	19 966	44 455
Harvested cropland								
farms, 1997..	46	117	217	225	206	145	110	219
1992..	44	95	223	221	194	153	112	232
acres, 1997..	2 397	2 576	6 913	12 932	8 723	(D)	3 686	6 060
1992..	2 702	3 536	7 527	17 378	11 345	5 141	2 688	6 858
Part owners								
farms, 1997..	43	97	182	216	201	118	111	194
1992..	46	86	186	240	209	119	102	185
acres, 1997..	12 740	22 954	47 463	82 503	69 825	29 259	24 636	44 382
1992..	17 676	22 576	50 129	87 140	74 694	30 964	20 940	40 924
Owned land in farms								
acres, 1997..	6 460	13 725	30 964	54 835	42 010	17 878	16 095	29 392
1992..	9 993	14 557	35 032	55 930	45 383	20 344	12 356	25 483
Rented land in farms								
acres, 1997..	6 280	9 229	16 499	27 668	27 815	11 381	8 541	14 990
1992..	7 683	8 019	15 097	31 210	29 311	10 620	8 584	15 441
Harvested cropland								
farms, 1997..	41	85	167	207	180	99	96	150
1992..	45	79	176	236	198	112	95	175
acres, 1997..	8 313	9 705	20 028	38 695	25 001	10 902	8 454	13 419
1992..	10 507	9 513	17 456	37 312	24 899	12 134	8 454	14 537
Tenants								
farms, 1997..	8	22	42	50	45	17	34	50
1992..	8	17	29	36	41	21	24	40
acres, 1997..	2 225	3 808	6 925	9 064	9 683	1 649	4 393	4 469
1992..	1 613	2 217	4 790	8 741	10 337	1 957	3 081	4 406
Harvested cropland								
farms, 1997..	5	15	34	38	37	3	22	33
1992..	6	14	22	28	34	16	19	34
acres, 1997..	1 570	1 700	2 945	4 007	3 748	(D)	1 661	1 857
1992..	925	1 179	1 792	3 464	3 671	885	2 074	2 457
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated								
1997..	89	247	453	469	445	292	247	463
1992..	94	192	437	471	421	295	222	447
Not on farm operated								
1997..	11	35	49	60	51	37	44	65
1992..	8	23	24	51	40	26	32	43
Not reported								
1997..	7	15	35	40	34	15	14	30
1992..	6	12	19	27	32	9	16	15
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming								
1997..	69	139	297	377	293	178	146	257
1992..	78	142	309	426	278	170	145	272
Other								
1997..	38	158	240	192	237	166	159	301
1992..	30	85	171	123	215	160	125	233
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None								
1997..	58	99	228	299	240	139	116	208
1992..	59	107	226	314	207	147	105	199
Any								
1997..	41	186	286	235	251	191	175	322
1992..	42	113	225	200	257	167	151	275
1 to 49 days								
1997..	7	28	42	43	27	23	20	38
1992..	8	11	40	58	24	14	23	49
50 to 99 days								
1997..	—	12	23	23	30	18	14	30
1992..	3	7	23	20	14	21	10	22
100 to 149 days								
1997..	2	15	20	20	24	16	15	31
1992..	3	9	14	10	33	15	10	27
150 to 199 days								
1997..	3	25	32	28	31	29	23	36
1992..	2	22	26	21	38	17	23	31
200 days or more								
1997..	29	106	169	121	139	105	103	187
1992..	26	64	122	91	148	100	85	146
Not reported								
1997..	8	12	23	35	39	14	14	28
1992..	7	7	29	35	29	16	14	31
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less								
1997..	6	15	22	33	11	12	14	20
1992..	—	15	17	26	20	9	14	14
3 or 4 years								
1997..	13	17	30	38	21	18	20	34
1992..	6	10	26	37	18	35	18	27
5 to 9 years								
1997..	13	55	69	79	63	41	56	81
1992..	17	41	71	101	85	52	48	81
10 years or more								
1997..	61	168	331	341	355	230	187	351
1992..	65	134	307	325	297	201	152	330
Average years on present farm								
1997..	20.2	17.8	19.7	20.2	22.5	21.4	18.7	20.1
1992..	20.2	18.0	21.2	18.3	19.7	19.3	17.6	20.7
Not reported								
1997..	14	42	85	78	80	43	28	72
1992..	20	27	59	60	73	33	38	53

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OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS—							
Con.							
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years	1997.. 30	4	2	3	2	2	4
	1992.. 51	6	1	6	2	—	11
25 to 34 years	1997.. 362	40	6	26	26	2	58
	1992.. 471	74	10	39	37	10	74
35 to 44 years	1997.. 1 268	170	36	102	105	10	182
	1992.. 1 367	193	31	99	98	14	204
45 to 54 years	1997.. 1 700	217	45	126	126	24	252
	1992.. 1 383	165	33	107	101	20	218
55 to 59 years	1997.. 642	73	19	53	44	5	83
	1992.. 578	65	26	36	42	10	79
60 to 64 years	1997.. 545	62	23	37	39	14	61
	1992.. 541	71	22	44	51	6	48
65 to 69 years	1997.. 494	43	19	39	39	9	43
	1992.. 425	54	11	36	31	5	39
70 years and over	1997.. 787	74	21	66	75	13	57
	1992.. 620	55	20	63	43	9	55
Average age	1997.. 53.1	51.7	54.0	53.4	53.9	56.1	50.4
	1992.. 51.4	49.7	53.4	52.2	51.5	50.9	48.8
Operators by sex:							
Male	farms, 1997.. 5 046	602	147	393	368	71	687
	1992.. 4 777	606	132	381	339	66	671
	acres, 1997.. 1 154 420	192 691	24 155	86 866	74 236	22 624	181 986
	1992.. 1 179 707	196 535	30 004	89 387	73 826	14 430	194 921
Female	farms, 1997.. 782	81	24	59	88	8	53
	1992.. 659	77	22	49	66	8	57
	acres, 1997.. 107 735	12 294	8 219	7 389	9 119	2 873	8 229
	1992.. 98 818	13 142	3 678	7 317	9 023	3 280	8 582
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms, 1997.. 4 915	530	139	417	372	69	610
	1992.. 4 665	544	124	387	345	70	619
	acres, 1997.. 936 092	128 056	20 435	79 074	59 950	21 231	139 285
	1992.. 997 580	147 453	21 418	81 860	65 386	15 755	163 266
Partnership	farms, 1997.. 538	93	10	26	47	7	84
	1992.. 485	86	15	39	41	—	73
	acres, 1997.. 187 466	43 611	5 379	8 957	16 846	2 140	31 947
	1992.. 161 187	36 654	8 555	14 103	11 950	—	23 468
Corporation:							
Family held	farms, 1997.. 294	54	17	8	23	3	37
	1992.. 225	48	6	2	14	3	33
	acres, 1997.. 110 665	31 126	3 040	(D)	3 646	2 126	18 133
	1992.. 91 950	24 524	(D)	(D)	3 320	(D)	16 215
Other than family held	farms, 1997.. 24	2	1	—	5	—	1
	1992.. 21	—	2	1	3	—	—
	acres, 1997.. 11 936	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1992.. 13 086	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 1997.. 57	4	4	1	9	—	8
	1992.. 40	5	7	1	2	1	3
	acres, 1997.. 15 996	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
	1992.. 14 722	1 046	1 610	(D)	(D)	(D)	554

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Con.								
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years	1997..	2	—	4	4	1	1	1
	1992..	8	3	7	3	1	—	3
25 to 34 years	1997..	29	38	41	22	9	18	42
	1992..	23	38	52	27	19	27	34
35 to 44 years	1997..	63	94	117	96	70	85	110
	1992..	32	65	110	156	103	84	101
45 to 54 years	1997..	87	158	174	147	104	82	131
	1992..	30	46	117	140	150	85	113
55 to 59 years	1997..	32	67	58	67	40	27	59
	1992..	8	29	55	65	29	21	48
60 to 64 years	1997..	37	49	57	53	33	27	44
	1992..	10	21	42	40	49	29	36
65 to 69 years	1997..	28	45	37	56	32	29	68
	1992..	8	17	45	38	30	18	53
70 years and over	1997..	19	86	81	85	55	36	103
	1992..	13	18	70	58	53	33	81
Average age	1997..	53.0	51.0	54.0	52.7	54.9	55.0	52.2
	1992..	52.0	48.9	53.2	49.6	52.9	53.3	51.5
Operators by sex:								
Male	farms, 1997..	88	263	454	507	457	283	263
	1992..	97	195	424	506	429	262	234
	acres, 1997..	19 483	45 056	84 208	136 206	115 242	49 254	43 317
	1992..	22 768	38 388	84 644	143 606	120 325	50 516	40 788
Female	farms, 1997..	19	34	83	62	73	61	42
	1992..	11	32	56	43	64	68	36
	acres, 1997..	1 553	3 911	14 144	7 948	10 528	7 036	3 501
	1992..	2 080	2 960	8 720	5 897	12 349	8 375	3 199
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	farms, 1997..	83	254	459	509	450	293	250
	1992..	95	194	425	491	425	286	224
	acres, 1997..	16 295	37 234	76 818	117 581	90 075	45 303	34 115
	1992..	20 959	33 251	78 009	122 417	97 972	49 071	31 480
Partnership	farms, 1997..	15	28	54	44	33	30	34
	1992..	7	17	38	44	36	29	21
	acres, 1997..	3 214	7 106	15 699	18 324	11 575	7 780	7 634
	1992..	2 450	4 577	11 349	15 922	9 974	6 188	4 876
Corporation:								
Family held	farms, 1997..	8	10	18	14	36	21	14
	1992..	4	13	15	13	25	11	15
	acres, 1997..	(D)	2 502	4 881	8 154	17 080	3 207	2 873
	1992..	(D)	2 848	(D)	(D)	13 925	2 668	4 098
Other than family held	farms, 1997..	—	2	1	1	5	—	2
	1992..	—	1	—	—	4	—	6
	acres, 1997..	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	5 789	—	(D)
	1992..	—	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	2 368
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 1997..	1	3	5	1	6	—	5
	1992..	2	2	2	1	3	2	4
	acres, 1997..	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 251	—	(D)
	1992..	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 165