

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	41 095	42 222	44 799	1 241	1 384	1 756
Harvested cropland	8 228 226	8 297 011	8 676 336	154 661	169 293	197 963
Full owners	32 124	34 255	37 332	988	1 138	1 463
Part owners	2 520 961	2 449 013	2 406 976	53 854	55 550	63 491
Full owners						
Harvested cropland	25 644	26 492	28 858	641	779	1 023
Part owners	3 331 035	3 427 837	3 887 342	57 676	69 024	90 546
Tenants	18 358	20 027	22 745	437	579	776
Harvested cropland	631 266	646 811	724 438	10 025	15 035	15 675
Part owners						
Harvested cropland	12 467	12 599	12 642	456	468	588
Tenants	4 308 023	4 315 736	4 235 806	83 333	89 525	95 577
Harvested cropland	11 390	11 623	11 820	424	437	554
Harvested cropland	1 608 498	1 553 579	1 460 418	35 705	35 199	42 677
Tenants						
Harvested cropland	2 984	3 131	3 299	144	137	145
Harvested cropland	589 168	553 438	553 188	13 652	10 744	11 840
Harvested cropland	2 376	2 605	2 767	127	122	133
Harvested cropland	281 197	248 623	222 120	8 124	5 316	5 139
Percent of tenancy	7.3	7.4	7.4	11.6	9.9	8.3
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	30 007	30 940	32 397	749	824	1 076
Not on farm operated	7 904	8 071	8 805	349	385	445
Not reported	3 184	3 211	3 597	143	175	235
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	18 410	19 571	20 617	587	712	918
Other	22 685	22 651	24 182	654	672	838
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	15 297	15 878	16 275	483	527	665
Any	23 215	23 465	25 826	632	680	910
1 to 49 days	2 007	2 098	2 465	53	57	120
50 to 99 days	1 144	1 102	1 271	28	43	54
100 to 149 days	1 297	1 272	1 489	50	60	86
150 to 199 days	2 334	2 198	2 310	87	80	75
200 days or more	16 433	16 795	18 291	414	440	575
Not reported	2 583	2 879	2 698	126	177	181
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1 846	1 942	2 226	66	61	90
3 or 4 years	2 430	2 821	2 886	70	88	71
5 to 9 years	5 442	5 861	6 166	150	142	155
10 years or more	23 602	23 468	24 385	577	638	834
Average years on present farm	20.3	19.8	19.4	20.6	21.4	21.3
Not reported	7 775	8 130	9 136	378	455	606
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	310	352	436	6	10	10
25 to 34 years	2 015	2 804	3 781	40	57	87
35 to 44 years	6 701	7 217	7 847	145	161	233
45 to 49 years	4 697	4 566	4 796	123	120	155
50 to 54 years	5 085	4 932	5 104	133	142	192
55 to 59 years	5 077	4 903	5 271	136	188	180
60 to 64 years	4 777	4 889	5 415	175	170	250
65 to 69 years	4 217	4 596	4 640	158	195	248
70 years and over	8 216	7 963	7 509	325	341	401
Average age	56.4	55.6	54.5	59.6	59.1	58.1
Operators by sex:						
Male	36 672	37 993	40 997	1 144	1 256	1 646
Female	7 655 805	7 737 603	8 157 766	145 255	156 083	187 343
Not reported	4 423	4 229	3 802	97	128	110
Harvested cropland	572 421	559 408	518 570	9 406	13 210	10 620
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	233	152	81	34	20	8
Not reported	57 770	31 670	14 918	3 995	1 879	1 823
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin						
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	34 418	28 920	29 779	866	685	857
Not reported	6 444	13 150	14 939	341	679	891
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	35 824	36 866	39 344	1 124	1 223	1 577
Partnership	6 153 108	6 259 079	6 678 985	129 602	143 974	165 838
Corporation	3 425	3 786	4 004	88	138	150
Family held:	1 132 746	1 195 176	1 250 112	14 912	20 167	24 586
More than 10 stockholders	1 620	1 327	1 173	17	12	13
10 or less stockholders	861 060	757 712	655 211	6 541	3 306	5 744
Other than family held:	33	30	16	—	1	—
More than 10 stockholders	40 260	37 060	15 443	—	(D)	—
10 or less stockholders	1 429	1 130	1 039	13	10	12
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	774 059	653 412	585 048	(D)	(D)	(D)
More than 10 stockholders	9	20	14	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	1 929	12 341	6 391	—	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	44 812	54 899	48 329	(D)	(D)	(D)
Not reported	226	243	278	12	11	16
Harvested cropland	81 312	85 044	92 028	3 606	1 846	1 795

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