

**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	17 772	17 020	17 237	70	44	46
Harvested cropland	3 455 532	3 267 188	3 372 955	8 899	6 595	6 025
	15 086	14 531	15 056	54	39	36
	621 632	555 818	553 517	1 285	1 516	852
<b>Full owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	12 761	12 428	12 881	49	27	34
	1 902 518	1 875 501	2 054 141	5 700	3 855	4 004
	10 536	10 328	11 007	76	23	26
	284 417	269 066	288 312	831	853	561
<b>Part owners</b>						
Harvested cropland	4 286	3 866	3 564	19	12	9
	1 418 994	1 255 176	1 178 890	(D)	2 589	1 908
	3 969	3 611	3 388	16	12	8
	304 395	258 184	237 916	(D)	615	(D)
<b>Tenants</b>						
Harvested cropland	725	726	792	2	5	3
	134 020	136 511	139 924	(D)	151	113
	581	592	661	2	4	2
	32 820	28 568	27 289	(D)	48	(D)
Percent of tenancy	4.1	4.3	4.6	2.9	11.4	6.5
<b>Operators by place of residence:</b>						
On farm operated	13 764	13 053	13 238	55	23	30
Not on farm operated	2 954	2 629	2 586	12	11	12
Not reported	1 054	1 338	1 413	3	10	4
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>						
Farming	7 145	7 169	7 201	23	16	17
Other	10 627	9 851	10 036	47	28	29
<b>Operators by days worked off farm:</b>						
None	6 390	6 269	6 018	23	13	13
Any	10 489	9 594	10 083	47	30	29
1 to 49 days	795	690	840	4	2	3
50 to 99 days	507	443	455	6	2	3
100 to 149 days	554	515	601	—	4	1
150 to 199 days	1 079	961	909	5	4	2
200 days or more	7 554	6 985	7 278	32	18	20
Not reported	893	1 157	1 136	—	1	4
<b>Operators by years on present farm:</b>						
2 years or less	703	648	649	2	1	5
3 or 4 years	1 045	927	797	6	6	5
5 to 9 years	2 300	1 953	2 045	16	5	10
10 years or more	10 539	9 865	10 123	30	16	16
Average years on present farm	21.0	21.2	20.9	15.6	14.8	12.6
Not reported	3 185	3 627	3 623	16	16	10
<b>Operators by age group:</b>						
Under 25 years	87	123	137	1	—	—
25 to 34 years	793	912	1 146	2	5	3
35 to 44 years	2 738	2 861	3 042	12	6	9
45 to 49 years	2 205	1 849	1 797	8	5	9
50 to 54 years	2 283	1 957	1 875	14	5	9
55 to 59 years	2 138	1 979	2 004	14	8	5
60 to 64 years	2 057	1 988	2 126	5	7	4
65 to 69 years	1 917	1 921	1 855	6	3	6
70 years and over	3 554	3 430	3 255	8	5	1
Average age	56.7	56.4	55.6	54.0	53.6	51.2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>						
Male	16 088	15 541	15 947	59	41	42
Female	3 181 576	3 033 670	3 149 555	8 209	(D)	5 823
	1 684	1 479	1 290	11	3	4
	273 956	233 518	223 400	690	(D)	202
<b>Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)</b>						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	84	49	31	5	2	—
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	15 587	8 930	6 006	806	(D)	—
	15 259	11 649	11 530	51	23	26
	2 429	5 322	5 676	14	19	20
<b>Type of organization:</b>						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	16 475	15 737	15 988	67	41	41
Partnership	3 000 195	2 846 932	2 957 366	8 694	(D)	5 765
Corporation	918	977	971	1	3	5
Family held:	292 109	284 651	276 627	(D)	(D)	260
More than 10 stockholders	285	226	197	1	—	—
10 or less stockholders	137 604	105 663	112 834	(D)	—	—
Other than family held:	9	5	6	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	5 736	3 559	6 233	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	236	186	170	1	—	—
	123 017	92 258	95 723	(D)	—	—
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	1	5	3	—	—	—
More than 10 stockholders	(D)	2 720	743	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	39	30	18	—	—	—
	(D)	7 126	10 135	—	—	—
	94	80	81	1	—	—
	25 624	29 942	26 128	(D)	—	—

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