

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	65 602	67 959	75 131	184	111	163
Harvested cropland	14 900 205 farms... acres... 54 369 acres... 8 625 011	15 463 551 farms... acres... 61 125 acres... 8 843 649	16 606 567 farms... acres... 69 141 acres... 9 335 007	27 995 farms... acres... 144 acres... 12 497	15 654 farms... acres... 84 acres... 7 452	25 078 farms... acres... 142 acres... 15 219
Full owners	39 217	38 773	43 660	119	63	99
Harvested cropland	5 816 483 farms... acres... 28 874 acres... 2 323 797	6 039 322 farms... acres... 32 772 acres... 2 644 223	6 875 780 farms... acres... 38 360 acres... 3 186 836	11 343 farms... acres... 80 acres... 2 947	6 274 farms... acres... 41 acres... 2 310	11 780 farms... acres... 78 acres... 6 030
Part owners	21 921	23 362	25 109	29	37	46
Harvested cropland	8 200 835 farms... acres... 21 489 acres... 5 648 411	8 286 246 farms... acres... 23 014 acres... 5 412 043	8 498 737 farms... acres... 24 837 acres... 5 351 392	8 419 farms... acres... 28 acres... 5 439	8 135 farms... acres... 34 acres... 4 114	11 537 farms... acres... 46 acres... 7 783
Tenants	4 464	5 824	6 362	36	11	18
Harvested cropland	882 887 farms... acres... 4 006 acres... 652 803	1 137 983 farms... acres... 5 339 acres... 787 383	1 232 050 farms... acres... 5 944 acres... 796 779	8 233 farms... acres... 36 acres... 4 111	1 245 farms... acres... 9 acres... 1 028	1 761 farms... acres... 18 acres... 1 406
Percent of tenancy	6.8	8.6	8.5	19.6	9.9	11.0
Operators by place of residence:						
On farm operated	53 287	56 526	63 747	107	83	127
Not on farm operated	9 098	8 207	7 877	69	25	24
Not reported	3 217	3 226	3 507	8	3	12
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	39 030	46 180	53 342	77	57	90
Other	26 572	21 779	21 789	107	54	73
Operators by days worked off farm:						
None	31 334	36 175	40 587	59	36	63
Any	31 303	28 081	30 014	122	69	87
1 to 49 days	3 652	3 799	4 631	16	7	10
50 to 99 days	1 712	1 556	1 785	13	8	2
100 to 149 days	1 733	1 664	1 906	16	4	2
150 to 199 days	3 118	2 755	2 916	14	11	9
200 days or more	21 088	18 307	18 776	63	39	64
Not reported	2 965	3 703	4 530	3	6	13
Operators by years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2 983	3 294	3 243	13	7	12
3 or 4 years	3 690	4 612	3 965	26	15	13
5 to 9 years	8 517	8 004	10 388	37	21	25
10 years or more	42 355	43 408	48 083	63	47	71
Average years on present farm	21.2	20.3	20.1	13.5	13.2	14.3
Not reported	8 057	8 641	9 452	45	21	42
Operators by age group:						
Under 25 years	632	1 111	1 273	3	2	4
25 to 34 years	5 294	8 537	10 408	15	14	29
35 to 44 years	15 535	15 729	16 245	43	29	38
45 to 49 years	8 715	7 836	8 046	30	21	15
50 to 54 years	8 091	7 488	8 489	28	11	19
55 to 59 years	7 168	7 303	9 242	15	19	16
60 to 64 years	6 501	7 212	8 763	21	5	28
65 to 69 years	5 387	5 599	5 952	10	3	6
70 years and over	8 279	7 144	6 713	19	7	8
Average age	52.2	50.6	50.3	50.8	47.6	48.4
Operators by sex:						
Male	61 201	64 136	71 764	161	96	148
Female	14 312 164 farms... acres... 4 401 farms... acres... 588 041	14 878 302 farms... acres... 3 823 farms... acres... 585 249	16 089 503 farms... acres... 3 367 farms... acres... 517 064	17 933 farms... acres... 23 farms... acres... 10 062	13 465 farms... acres... 15 farms... acres... 2 189	23 058 farms... acres... 15 farms... acres... 2 020
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text):						
Operators not of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin	251	148	158	14	23	18
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	64 102	34 577	33 016	1 121	1 960	1 841
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	57 784	51 968	56 776	149	64	73
Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin not reported	7 567	15 843	18 197	21	24	72
Type of organization:						
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)	56 598	58 298	64 642	157	95	142
Partnership	11 157 231 farms... acres... 5 746 farms... acres... 1 993 730 farms... acres... 2 870 farms... acres... 1 656 314	11 713 648 farms... acres... 6 930 farms... acres... 2 238 330 farms... acres... 2 502 farms... acres... 1 452 154	12 726 524 farms... acres... 7 909 farms... acres... 2 444 859 farms... acres... 2 322 farms... acres... 1 369 598	16 340 farms... acres... 8 farms... acres... (D) farms... acres... 8 farms... acres... 2 660	12 940 farms... acres... 9 farms... acres... (D) farms... acres... 6 farms... acres... 1 507	20 018 farms... acres... 15 farms... acres... 2 521 farms... acres... 4 farms... acres... (D)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	47	55	32	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	41 998 farms... acres... 2 604 farms... acres... 1 512 970	51 373 farms... acres... 2 257 farms... acres... 1 316 751	28 947 farms... acres... 2 160 farms... acres... 1 275 771	— farms... acres... 6 farms... acres... (D)	— farms... acres... 4 farms... acres... (D)	— farms... acres... 4 farms... acres... (D)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders	45	30	29	—	—	—
10 or less stockholders	51 699 farms... acres... 174 farms... acres... 49 647	30 753 farms... acres... 160 farms... acres... 53 277	32 762 farms... acres... 101 farms... acres... 32 118	2 farms... acres... (D) farms... acres... 11	2 farms... acres... (D) farms... acres... 1	— farms... acres... — farms... acres... 2
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	388	229	258	(D)	(D)	(D)
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¹For classification of social and ethnic groups, see text.