

Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS								
Farms	65 602	39 030	428	3 124	8 914	8 782	7 898	9 884
number								
percent	100.0	59.5	.7	4.8	13.6	13.4	12.0	15.1
Land in farms	14 900 205	11 769 139	100 662	831 475	2 934 496	3 084 609	2 559 486	2 258 411
acres								
Average size of farm	227	302	235	266	329	351	324	228
acres								
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD								
Total sales (see text)	65 602	39 030	428	3 124	8 914	8 782	7 898	9 884
farms								
\$1,000	5 579 861	5 065 883	42 756	429 887	1 516 071	1 420 569	1 049 979	606 621
dollars								
Average per farm	85 056	129 795	99 897	137 608	170 078	161 759	132 942	61 374
dollars								
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$1,000 (see text)	9 384	1 934	8	49	141	184	301	1 251
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4 623	1 140	12	47	126	142	229	584
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5 161	1 599	11	63	143	211	261	910
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6 177	2 383	28	83	254	310	472	1 236
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6 639	3 226	57	200	401	458	680	1 430
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2 202	1 279	21	108	165	231	275	479
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4 484	3 018	25	225	532	600	696	940
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2 342	1 789	27	160	342	409	390	461
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8 818	7 653	94	742	1 998	2 034	1 626	1 159
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11 163	10 606	110	1 062	3 495	2 926	2 040	973
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3 162	3 048	25	281	932	886	620	304
\$500,000 to \$999,999	980	923	8	80	257	268	211	99
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999	382	357	2	21	105	102	77	50
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999	65	58	—	3	19	15	16	5
\$5,000,000 or more	20	17	—	—	4	6	4	3
Grains	27 313	19 027	228	1 462	4 327	4 294	4 016	4 700
farms								
\$1,000	879 967	753 175	8 178	54 318	190 557	202 303	178 542	119 578
Sales of \$50,000 or more	3 895	3 413	44	252	863	936	784	534
\$1,000	588 974	536 430	5 679	36 317	138 823	151 613	132 450	71 548
Corn for grain	21 668	15 137	185	1 182	3 373	3 408	3 252	3 737
\$1,000	580 698	499 921	5 301	35 813	126 171	132 664	120 745	79 226
Wheat	4 445	3 458	33	232	825	866	711	791
\$1,000	25 529	21 720	141	1 214	5 227	6 448	4 954	3 735
Soybeans	11 875	8 748	125	728	2 144	2 062	1 841	1 848
\$1,000	255 335	215 743	2 585	16 446	55 935	58 549	49 553	32 675
Sorghum for grain	7	4	—	—	2	1	—	1
\$1,000	95	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Barley	1 016	792	10	80	188	216	150	148
\$1,000	2 571	(D)	(D)	206	498	(D)	562	(D)
Oats	5 003	3 646	32	200	758	768	762	1 126
\$1,000	9 454	7 724	72	339	1 770	1 708	1 939	1 895
Other grains	533	385	4	30	91	108	88	64
\$1,000	6 286	(D)	(D)	300	(D)	2 284	788	1 435
Cotton and cottonseed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$1,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	836	459	5	26	124	80	101	123
\$1,000	7 692	5 531	39	529	1 817	928	1 306	911
Sales of \$50,000 or more	24	22	—	3	7	5	6	1
\$1,000	1 841	(D)	—	279	460	364	577	(D)
Hay, silage, and field seeds	15 505	8 628	91	578	1 575	1 660	1 688	3 036
\$1,000	106 572	79 298	950	7 291	19 905	18 390	14 383	18 379
Sales of \$50,000 or more	225	209	1	27	64	62	36	19
\$1,000	19 372	18 167	(D)	2 208	5 732	5 275	3 232	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3 281	2 259	21	162	542	531	464	539
\$1,000	149 443	132 969	529	5 037	38 811	43 901	24 614	20 077
Sales of \$50,000 or more	446	403	1	30	103	116	97	56
\$1,000	113 406	105 991	(D)	(D)	32 514	37 438	19 438	13 336
Fruits, nuts, and berries	1 005	599	2	31	131	130	148	157
\$1,000	140 140	130 064	(D)	(D)	31 095	47 486	30 153	17 115
Sales of \$50,000 or more	267	235	—	12	61	60	64	38
\$1,000	134 632	126 924	—	4 077	30 409	46 901	29 370	16 167
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1 977	794	1	38	192	207	179	177
\$1,000	157 348	100 249	(D)	(D)	25 466	33 868	20 509	15 316
Sales of \$50,000 or more	468	302	1	11	89	92	64	45
\$1,000	143 060	94 222	(D)	(D)	23 952	32 130	19 182	14 226
Other crops	1 633	943	5	56	256	251	221	154
\$1,000	199 119	177 653	429	4 381	52 635	47 855	45 708	26 645
Sales of \$50,000 or more	415	345	2	21	93	108	82	39
\$1,000	185 256	170 158	(D)	(D)	50 484	46 105	43 772	25 427
Poultry and poultry products	1 805	971	(D)	108	282	206	151	213
\$1,000	241 523	212 392	(D)	(D)	62 621	91 516	22 999	19 709
Sales of \$50,000 or more	175	153	2	17	50	43	23	18
\$1,000	239 003	210 800	(D)	(D)	62 238	91 129	22 689	19 423
Dairy products	22 592	21 427	245	2 179	6 342	5 811	4 194	2 656
\$1,000	2 746 950	2 670 723	25 266	274 759	847 833	729 578	530 649	262 638
Sales of \$50,000 or more	17 060	16 595	173	1 723	5 347	4 659	3 151	1 542
\$1,000	2 588 373	2 528 588	23 378	261 986	816 739	693 820	499 474	233 190
Cattle and calves	38 832	28 992	309	2 603	7 441	7 133	5 916	5 590
\$1,000	670 518	561 148	3 871	49 235	157 827	147 026	121 430	81 760
Sales of \$50,000 or more	2 183	1 910	14	155	497	522	420	302
\$1,000	331 669	286 588	1 280	26 794	86 776	77 172	59 738	34 827

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS							
Farms	26 572	204	2 170	6 621	8 024	5 771	3 782
number ..							
percent ..	40.5	.3	3.3	10.1	12.2	8.8	5.8
Land in farms	3 131 066	14 927	194 573	686 516	965 507	788 620	480 923
acres ..							
Average size of farm	118	73	90	104	120	137	127
acres ..							
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD							
Total sales (see text)	26 572	204	2 170	6 621	8 024	5 771	3 782
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	513 978	3 560	41 175	125 102	167 715	120 760	55 667
Average per farm	19 343	17 452	18 975	18 895	20 902	20 925	14 719
dollars ..							
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$1,000 (see text)	7 450	34	359	1 448	2 151	1 727	1 731
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3 483	27	328	900	1 081	692	455
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3 562	28	345	939	1 072	754	424
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3 794	29	346	1 004	1 101	846	468
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3 413	37	306	944	1 093	714	319
\$20,000 to \$24,999	923	13	88	256	294	188	84
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1 466	16	142	411	469	319	109
\$40,000 to \$49,999	553	4	62	166	174	108	39
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1 165	9	130	341	361	247	77
\$100,000 to \$249,999	557	6	50	162	165	123	51
\$250,000 to \$499,999	114	1	9	29	38	26	11
\$500,000 to \$999,999	57	—	4	17	14	15	7
\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999	25	—	1	4	9	8	3
\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999	7	—	—	—	—	3	4
\$5,000,000 or more	3	—	—	—	2	1	—
Grains	8 286	78	760	2 153	2 563	1 852	880
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	126 793	979	11 863	32 962	40 604	29 693	10 693
Sales of \$50,000 or more	482	—	47	123	151	123	38
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	52 544	—	4 515	12 951	16 966	13 841	4 271
Corn for grain	6 531	66	616	1 727	2 050	1 437	635
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	80 777	640	7 654	20 635	26 159	19 121	6 567
Wheat	987	9	67	247	293	251	120
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	3 809	31	230	840	1 206	1 086	416
Soybeans	3 127	30	308	864	961	659	305
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	39 592	295	3 807	10 782	12 339	8 906	3 464
Sorghum for grain	3	1	—	1	—	1	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	—	(D)	—
Barley	224	2	19	82	61	41	19
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	98	(D)	29
Oats	1 357	8	111	327	451	311	149
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 729	9	126	423	571	433	168
Other grains	148	—	9	38	52	33	16
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	(D)	—	21	135	230	(D)	48
Cotton and cottonseed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales of \$50,000 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	377	8	45	110	101	75	38
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	2 162	45	262	692	556	462	144
Sales of \$50,000 or more	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Hay, silage, and field seeds	6 877	42	521	1 845	2 149	1 462	858
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	27 274	163	2 276	7 610	8 521	5 491	3 213
Sales of \$50,000 or more	16	—	2	5	7	2	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	1 205	—	(D)	395	550	(D)	—
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1 022	9	71	304	327	207	104
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	16 475	90	570	5 036	3 627	5 216	1 935
Sales of \$50,000 or more	43	—	1	19	6	13	4
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	7 415	—	(D)	2 444	932	3 131	(D)
Fruits, nuts, and berries	406	—	19	81	136	109	61
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	10 076	—	461	1 697	2 423	3 459	2 036
Sales of \$50,000 or more	32	—	2	8	11	9	2
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	7 708	—	(D)	1 124	1 573	2 841	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1 183	1	73	304	369	292	144
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	57 099	(D)	(D)	10 521	21 834	16 903	6 204
Sales of \$50,000 or more	166	—	10	41	46	53	16
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	48 838	—	1 188	8 151	19 201	15 046	5 253
Other crops	690	4	86	234	178	127	61
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	21 467	27	1 457	7 304	4 123	4 971	3 584
Sales of \$50,000 or more	70	—	4	30	13	15	8
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	15 098	—	591	5 084	2 392	3 868	3 165
Poultry and poultry products	834	1	84	322	259	116	52
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	29 131	(D)	(D)	2 794	21 081	2 244	90
Sales of \$50,000 or more	22	—	5	4	9	4	—
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	28 203	—	2 776	2 451	20 829	2 146	—
Dairy products	1 165	20	130	332	347	225	111
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	76 227	692	7 441	17 900	25 510	17 317	7 367
Sales of \$50,000 or more	465	7	52	121	147	95	43
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	59 785	536	5 701	12 811	20 793	14 285	5 660
Cattle and calves	9 840	106	1 043	2 897	3 016	1 934	844
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	109 370	1 118	9 735	29 806	30 812	27 255	10 645
Sales of \$50,000 or more	273	2	26	76	83	63	23
farms ..							
\$1,000 ..	45 081	(D)	(D)	12 147	9 652	14 018	5 733

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.								
Total sales (see text)—Con.								
Hogs and pigs	farms.. 3 591	2 409	35	191	588	580	519	496
	\$1,000.. 151 164	126 930	2 227	8 204	38 603	39 391	24 669	13 836
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 679	601	9	42	171	174	132	73
	\$1,000.. 124 751	106 608	2 029	6 542	34 121	34 594	19 839	9 482
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms.. 1 934	872	12	56	190	224	166	224
	\$1,000.. 4 847	2 721	11	71	661	689	546	744
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 4	3	—	—	1	1	—	1
	\$1,000.. 452	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms.. 2 968	1 386	16	135	341	356	251	287
	\$1,000.. 124 576	113 031	518	1 949	48 241	17 640	34 470	10 213
Sales of \$50,000 or more	farms.. 198	174	4	11	43	45	44	27
	\$1,000.. 110 893	106 043	412	1 458	46 453	15 722	33 147	8 852
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)	farms.. 3 843	1 916	21	152	509	457	368	409
	\$1,000.. 21 866	16 722	305	1 106	4 839	4 056	4 346	2 070
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹								
Total farm production expenses								
	farms.. 65 584	38 684	545	2 927	8 808	8 813	7 938	9 653
	\$1,000.. 4 202 802	3 712 620	43 880	300 278	1 087 359	1 070 741	749 818	460 544
Average per farm	dollars.. 64 083	95 973	80 513	102 589	123 451	121 496	94 459	47 710
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms.. 22 888	15 618	268	1 611	4 029	3 747	3 110	2 853
	\$1,000.. 306 830	257 714	3 888	25 085	81 228	66 623	49 252	31 637
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	12 917	7 471	92	740	1 759	1 693	1 510	1 677
\$5,000 to \$24,999	7 494	5 960	123	668	1 643	1 472	1 118	936
\$25,000 to \$99,999	2 062	1 819	53	156	504	495	414	197
\$100,000 to \$249,999	324	289	—	36	98	69	51	35
\$250,000 or more	91	79	—	11	25	18	17	8
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms.. 39 355	28 375	437	2 395	7 532	7 301	5 680	5 030
	\$1,000.. 847 206	778 713	9 178	72 509	245 032	237 223	138 303	76 468
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	16 996	7 800	73	439	1 297	1 501	1 819	2 671
\$5,000 to \$24,999	14 103	12 615	253	1 123	3 631	3 464	2 433	1 711
\$25,000 to \$99,999	7 174	6 940	102	744	2 262	2 063	1 219	550
\$100,000 to \$249,999	760	729	9	57	241	196	158	68
\$250,000 or more	322	291	—	32	101	77	51	30
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms.. 31 337	24 238	380	2 056	6 817	6 471	4 843	3 671
	\$1,000.. 492 180	450 293	4 183	43 447	143 527	139 462	78 914	40 761
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	15 911	9 763	136	661	2 348	2 375	2 052	2 191
\$5,000 to \$24,999	11 816	10 994	188	1 033	3 352	3 099	2 142	1 180
\$25,000 to \$99,999	3 088	3 004	55	313	958	869	557	252
\$100,000 or more	522	477	1	49	159	128	92	48
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms.. 45 101	32 041	449	2 521	7 852	7 788	6 659	6 772
	\$1,000.. 179 427	156 302	1 660	11 370	42 462	44 176	34 445	22 190
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$999	16 158	8 008	109	519	1 381	1 409	1 588	3 002
\$1,000 to \$4,999	20 135	16 086	250	1 355	4 210	4 139	3 349	2 783
\$5,000 to \$24,999	7 932	7 121	83	591	2 034	1 997	1 526	890
\$25,000 to \$49,999	596	565	6	48	163	152	130	66
\$50,000 or more	280	261	1	8	64	91	66	31
Commercial fertilizer	farms.. 44 200	31 235	459	2 435	7 594	7 581	6 547	6 619
	\$1,000.. 258 450	229 135	2 512	16 250	62 746	64 173	50 873	32 582
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	30 776	19 102	308	1 463	4 120	4 238	3 899	5 074
\$5,000 to \$24,999	11 809	10 589	137	860	3 074	2 873	2 308	1 337
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1 089	1 052	7	84	266	318	231	146
\$50,000 or more	526	492	7	28	134	152	109	62
Agricultural chemicals	farms.. 40 404	28 707	403	2 218	7 000	7 065	6 048	5 973
	\$1,000.. 169 356	147 852	1 681	9 235	40 161	41 292	33 253	22 230
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	32 830	22 036	340	1 700	5 197	5 258	4 487	5 054
\$5,000 to \$24,999	6 618	5 766	55	470	1 567	1 541	1 337	796
\$25,000 to \$49,999	624	589	5	36	149	169	151	79
\$50,000 or more	332	316	3	12	87	97	73	44
Petroleum products	farms.. 60 160	37 468	522	2 832	8 620	8 627	7 760	9 107
	\$1,000.. 187 629	163 338	1 908	12 075	44 554	46 709	33 826	24 266
Farms with expenses of—								
\$1 to \$4,999	50 748	28 597	409	2 115	6 040	6 129	5 901	8 003
\$5,000 to \$24,999	8 705	8 216	108	694	2 406	2 283	1 708	1 017
\$25,000 to \$49,999	547	512	4	20	139	162	120	67
\$50,000 or more	160	143	1	3	35	53	31	20
Gasoline and gasohol	farms.. 52 464	33 180	426	2 428	7 665	7 665	6 926	8 070
	\$1,000.. 54 141	45 119	561	3 218	11 623	12 128	9 506	8 083
Diesel fuel	farms.. 44 419	31 372	462	2 526	7 840	7 662	6 530	6 352
	\$1,000.. 85 166	76 434	923	6 102	21 616	21 218	16 169	10 406
Natural gas	farms.. 2 474	1 997	34	215	514	560	367	307
	\$1,000.. 9 694	8 106	71	440	2 403	2 865	1 341	984
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc.	farms.. 48 608	34 007	459	2 681	8 214	8 149	7 100	7 404
	\$1,000.. 38 628	33 679	352	2 315	8 912	10 497	6 809	4 794

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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.							
Total sales (see text)—Con.							
Hogs and pigs..... farms..	1 182	21	155	426	356	153	71
\$1,000..	24 234	413	1 635	5 896	4 185	3 409	8 697
Sales of \$50,000 or more..... farms..	78	3	11	23	21	12	8
\$1,000..	18 143	275	1 009	3 936	2 111	2 505	8 308
Sheep, lambs, and wool..... farms..	1 062	9	97	321	365	213	57
\$1,000..	2 126	(D)	(D)	519	754	567	124
Sales of \$50,000 or more..... farms..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
\$1,000..	(D)	—	—	—	—	(D)	—
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)..... farms..	1 582	11	137	476	563	270	125
\$1,000..	11 544	27	760	2 365	3 685	3 773	934
Sales of \$50,000 or more..... farms..	24	—	2	2	7	10	3
\$1,000..	4 850	—	(D)	(D)	1 387	2 573	432
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text)..... farms..	1 927	7	209	694	600	301	116
\$1,000..	5 144	14	386	1 708	1 787	971	277
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
Total farm production expenses..... farms..	26 900	277	2 382	6 589	7 869	5 833	3 950
\$1,000..	490 183	3 997	48 199	119 028	158 167	105 332	55 460
Average per farm..... dollars..	18 222	14 431	20 235	18 065	20 100	18 058	14 040
Livestock and poultry purchased..... farms..	7 270	85	995	2 340	2 218	1 209	423
\$1,000..	49 116	647	5 695	12 221	13 429	12 372	4 752
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999.....	5 446	60	745	1 732	1 677	925	307
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	1 534	24	201	541	466	204	98
\$25,000 to \$99,999.....	243	—	47	56	61	66	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999.....	35	—	2	9	12	9	3
\$250,000 or more.....	12	1	—	2	2	5	2
Feed for livestock and poultry..... farms..	10 980	129	1 301	3 370	3 248	2 109	823
\$1,000..	68 493	359	7 557	15 263	25 875	10 302	9 136
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999.....	9 196	114	1 027	2 836	2 726	1 810	683
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	1 488	15	226	471	429	244	103
\$25,000 to \$99,999.....	234	—	42	48	80	36	28
\$100,000 to \$249,999.....	31	—	2	7	5	14	3
\$250,000 or more.....	31	—	4	8	8	5	6
Commercially mixed formula feeds..... farms..	7 099	92	880	2 370	1 975	1 272	510
\$1,000..	41 887	192	4 061	9 133	17 660	5 309	5 531
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999.....	6 148	84	742	2 059	1 701	1 139	423
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	822	8	120	285	227	104	78
\$25,000 to \$99,999.....	84	—	12	14	37	17	4
\$100,000 or more.....	45	—	6	12	10	12	5
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees..... farms..	13 060	164	1 421	3 468	3 939	2 740	1 328
\$1,000..	23 125	210	2 354	5 875	6 904	5 681	2 101
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999.....	8 150	88	855	2 151	2 399	1 825	832
\$1,000 to \$4,999.....	4 049	68	443	1 067	1 301	734	436
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	811	8	121	238	224	163	57
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	31	—	2	8	8	11	2
\$50,000 or more.....	19	—	—	4	7	7	1
Commercial fertilizer..... farms..	12 965	170	1 379	3 278	3 950	2 767	1 421
\$1,000..	29 315	311	3 036	7 696	9 103	6 307	2 863
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999.....	11 674	163	1 221	2 900	3 547	2 521	1 322
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	1 220	7	155	367	375	225	91
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	37	—	1	5	15	11	5
\$50,000 or more.....	34	—	2	6	13	10	3
Agricultural chemicals..... farms..	11 697	178	1 249	2 980	3 410	2 534	1 346
\$1,000..	21 504	245	1 985	5 733	6 064	4 823	2 654
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999.....	10 794	163	1 149	2 697	3 165	2 355	1 265
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	852	15	98	274	226	165	74
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	35	—	2	6	14	7	6
\$50,000 or more.....	16	—	—	3	5	7	1
Petroleum products..... farms..	22 692	243	2 156	5 826	6 700	4 836	2 931
\$1,000..	24 291	231	2 339	6 008	7 609	5 620	2 485
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999.....	22 151	243	2 091	5 704	6 527	4 701	2 885
\$5,000 to \$24,999.....	489	—	57	112	162	117	41
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	35	—	8	8	6	10	3
\$50,000 or more.....	17	—	—	2	5	8	2
Gasoline and gasohol..... farms..	19 284	212	1 686	4 869	5 776	4 230	2 511
\$1,000..	9 022	96	929	2 178	2 903	1 909	1 007
Diesel fuel..... farms..	13 047	162	1 451	3 372	3 759	2 731	1 572
\$1,000..	8 733	102	948	2 258	2 572	1 933	919
Natural gas..... farms..	477	—	69	140	125	94	49
\$1,000..	1 588	—	35	376	475	589	113
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc..... farms..	14 601	157	1 448	3 863	4 300	3 117	1 716
\$1,000..	4 948	33	427	1 195	1 658	1 188	446

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming							
		Total	Age of operator (years)						
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹									
—Con.									
Total farm production expenses—Con.									
Electricity	farms ..	52 272	35 349	501	2 637	8 391	8 428	7 332	8 060
	\$1,000 ..	107 204	96 419	1 243	7 520	27 097	28 025	19 798	12 736
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999		25 739	11 123	116	526	1 445	1 758	2 479	4 799
\$1,000 to \$4,999		22 146	19 976	344	1 786	5 673	5 420	3 967	2 786
\$5,000 to \$24,999		4 231	4 110	41	319	1 235	1 206	849	460
\$25,000 to \$49,999		97	88	—	5	25	26	24	8
\$50,000 or more		59	52	—	1	13	18	13	7
Hired farm labor	farms ..	25 179	19 701	239	1 432	5 353	5 472	3 964	3 241
	\$1,000 ..	409 009	373 135	3 020	21 987	100 604	112 141	83 598	51 784
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999		14 622	9 823	122	735	2 624	2 433	1 909	2 000
\$5,000 to \$24,999		6 840	6 410	76	450	1 802	2 019	1 276	787
\$25,000 to \$99,999		3 074	2 871	38	212	761	842	639	379
\$100,000 to \$249,999		458	430	3	29	124	123	102	49
\$250,000 or more		185	167	—	6	42	55	38	26
Workers by days worked:									
150 days or more	farms ..	13 262	11 651	137	722	3 226	3 532	2 377	1 657
	workers ..	30 026	27 107	296	1 554	7 910	8 248	5 376	3 723
Less than 150 days	farms ..	20 203	14 978	166	1 146	4 100	4 080	2 913	2 573
	workers ..	66 456	51 771	573	3 234	15 078	14 990	10 269	7 627
Contract labor	farms ..	4 464	3 191	39	202	866	956	621	507
	\$1,000 ..	20 509	17 555	100	1 537	4 434	6 934	3 232	1 318
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999		1 698	954	11	26	231	233	170	283
\$1,000 to \$4,999		1 918	1 494	20	131	403	497	286	157
\$5,000 to \$24,999		715	626	8	34	203	177	142	62
\$25,000 to \$49,999		84	74	—	6	19	27	17	5
\$50,000 or more		49	43	—	5	10	22	6	—
Repair and maintenance	farms ..	56 062	36 050	490	2 756	8 404	8 473	7 487	8 440
	\$1,000 ..	337 991	295 668	3 887	22 462	82 165	82 205	63 439	41 510
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999		36 646	18 564	219	1 320	3 253	3 657	3 799	6 316
\$5,000 to \$24,999		17 256	15 414	250	1 292	4 557	4 204	3 234	1 877
\$25,000 to \$49,999		1 668	1 610	18	127	477	473	342	173
\$50,000 or more		492	462	3	17	117	139	112	74
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment	farms ..	29 186	21 070	327	1 769	5 424	5 267	4 329	3 954
	\$1,000 ..	87 204	75 134	864	7 215	21 809	21 116	14 861	9 269
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999		12 485	7 253	133	520	1 566	1 682	1 472	1 880
\$1,000 to \$4,999		12 670	10 239	164	904	2 743	2 622	2 127	1 679
\$5,000 to \$24,999		3 652	3 226	27	311	1 009	855	660	364
\$25,000 to \$49,999		261	241	3	25	78	76	39	20
\$50,000 or more		118	111	—	9	28	32	31	11
Interest	farms ..	34 539	23 837	374	2 192	6 866	6 585	4 576	3 244
	\$1,000 ..	356 573	309 309	3 925	25 585	95 967	93 770	60 596	29 466
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999		16 939	9 185	146	795	2 179	2 200	1 918	1 947
\$5,000 to \$24,999		14 591	11 793	205	1 186	3 790	3 491	2 082	1 039
\$25,000 to \$99,999		2 768	2 632	19	198	836	821	520	238
\$100,000 or more		241	227	4	13	61	73	56	20
Secured by real estate	farms ..	26 877	18 240	228	1 613	5 425	5 241	3 455	2 278
	\$1,000 ..	242 678	206 363	2 416	16 756	61 106	64 344	41 687	20 054
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999		2 917	1 391	23	62	291	343	296	376
\$1,000 to \$4,999		10 412	5 656	59	523	1 623	1 471	1 098	882
\$5,000 to \$24,999		11 896	9 608	137	901	3 093	2 910	1 720	847
\$25,000 to \$49,999		1 147	1 106	5	97	297	363	221	123
\$50,000 or more		505	479	4	30	121	154	120	50
Not secured by real estate	farms ..	18 981	14 321	226	1 447	4 244	3 843	2 742	1 819
	\$1,000 ..	113 896	102 945	1 509	8 829	34 860	29 426	18 909	9 412
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$999		5 204	2 902	37	218	763	623	581	680
\$1,000 to \$4,999		7 373	5 454	76	681	1 444	1 497	1 095	661
\$5,000 to \$24,999		5 687	5 297	107	497	1 818	1 519	926	430
\$25,000 to \$49,999		528	493	4	39	162	151	105	32
\$50,000 or more		189	175	2	12	57	53	35	16
Cash rent	farms ..	21 766	17 245	264	1 828	5 153	4 681	3 408	1 911
	\$1,000 ..	193 761	175 375	2 678	19 451	60 274	45 337	31 898	15 736
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999		13 773	10 105	154	978	2 776	2 780	2 122	1 295
\$5,000 to \$9,999		3 327	2 888	37	297	832	870	604	248
\$10,000 to \$24,999		3 038	2 697	53	342	997	638	418	249
\$25,000 or more		1 628	1 555	20	211	548	393	264	119
Property taxes	farms ..	61 736	36 384	409	2 458	7 987	8 411	7 725	9 394
	\$1,000 ..	217 808	162 879	1 758	8 844	35 879	42 985	38 361	35 052
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999		49 947	26 122	279	1 969	5 704	5 599	5 129	7 442
\$5,000 to \$9,999		8 954	7 702	107	385	1 790	2 047	1 926	1 447
\$10,000 to \$24,999		2 473	2 235	21	88	433	667	579	447
\$25,000 or more		362	325	2	16	60	98	91	58
All other farm production expenses	farms ..	60 364	37 726	540	2 871	8 699	8 711	7 782	9 123
	\$1,000 ..	523 843	474 092	5 579	39 153	142 945	138 034	94 082	54 300
Farms with expenses of—									
\$1 to \$4,999		38 896	17 952	237	1 176	2 811	3 048	3 773	6 907
\$5,000 to \$24,999		16 556	15 054	263	1 290	4 307	4 247	3 128	1 819
\$25,000 to \$49,999		3 445	3 323	30	277	1 172	977	602	265
\$50,000 to \$99,999		1 019	975	6	104	288	305	185	87
\$100,000 or more		448	422	4	24	121	134	94	45

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹							
—Con.							
Total farm production expenses—Con.							
Electricity farms	16 923	159	1 559	4 478	5 092	3 532	2 103
\$1,000	10 785	73	1 016	2 549	3 451	2 346	1 351
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	14 616	141	1 322	3 887	4 331	3 062	1 873
\$1,000 to \$4,999	2 170	18	220	563	728	442	199
\$5,000 to \$24,999	121	—	17	26	26	23	29
\$25,000 to \$49,999	9	—	—	1	5	2	1
\$50,000 or more	7	—	—	—	2	3	1
Hired farm labor farms	5 478	55	489	1 505	1 714	1 103	612
\$1,000	35 874	94	1 850	5 919	13 665	9 672	4 674
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	4 799	47	430	1 316	1 506	961	539
\$5,000 to \$24,999	430	8	39	136	130	75	42
\$25,000 to \$99,999	203	—	19	44	64	56	20
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	—	1	7	7	6	7
\$250,000 or more	18	—	—	2	7	5	4
Workers by days worked:							
150 days or more farms	1 611	1	140	394	456	360	260
workers	2 919	(D)	(D)	628	1 047	625	386
Less than 150 days farms	5 225	55	450	1 430	1 626	1 061	603
workers	14 685	259	1 576	3 873	4 520	3 201	1 256
Contract labor farms	1 273	31	93	340	419	248	142
\$1,000	2 954	39	177	565	1 321	547	306
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	744	10	53	209	262	139	71
\$1,000 to \$4,999	424	21	39	111	115	81	57
\$5,000 to \$24,999	89	—	—	18	33	26	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10	—	1	2	6	—	1
\$50,000 or more	6	—	—	—	3	2	1
Repair and maintenance farms	20 012	209	1 889	5 122	6 015	4 214	2 563
\$1,000	42 322	280	4 062	10 857	13 668	8 817	4 638
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	18 082	200	1 656	4 657	5 395	3 815	2 359
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 842	9	232	444	586	379	192
\$25,000 to \$49,999	58	—	1	14	25	11	7
\$50,000 or more	30	—	—	7	9	9	5
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment farms	8 116	150	923	2 132	2 400	1 594	917
\$1,000	12 070	189	1 278	3 135	3 649	2 652	1 167
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	5 232	78	604	1 486	1 486	948	630
\$1,000 to \$4,999	2 431	72	270	517	749	586	237
\$5,000 to \$24,999	426	—	48	125	158	46	49
\$25,000 to \$49,999	20	—	—	2	4	13	1
\$50,000 or more	7	—	1	2	3	1	—
Interest farms	10 702	115	1 204	3 157	3 355	1 946	925
\$1,000	47 265	374	5 471	12 911	15 901	8 628	3 981
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	7 754	94	829	2 279	2 370	1 443	739
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 798	21	364	849	936	464	164
\$25,000 to \$99,999	136	—	11	28	44	34	19
\$100,000 or more	14	—	—	1	5	5	3
Secured by real estate farms	8 637	68	931	2 593	2 822	1 571	652
\$1,000	36 315	252	4 173	10 126	12 230	6 773	2 761
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	1 526	7	102	366	528	336	187
\$1,000 to \$4,999	4 756	41	544	1 521	1 499	810	341
\$5,000 to \$24,999	2 288	20	283	691	767	410	117
\$25,000 to \$49,999	41	—	2	11	15	9	4
\$50,000 or more	26	—	—	4	13	6	3
Not secured by real estate farms	4 660	76	615	1 353	1 409	800	407
\$1,000	10 950	121	1 297	2 785	3 671	1 855	1 220
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$999	2 302	51	289	650	630	469	213
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 919	17	282	610	609	265	136
\$5,000 to \$24,999	390	8	35	86	153	55	53
\$25,000 to \$49,999	35	—	8	4	15	6	2
\$50,000 or more	14	—	1	3	2	5	3
Cash rent farms	4 521	98	703	1 410	1 279	761	270
\$1,000	18 386	304	2 287	6 571	4 381	3 345	1 499
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	3 668	75	562	1 073	1 110	632	216
\$5,000 to \$9,999	439	16	82	157	80	80	24
\$10,000 to \$24,999	341	7	56	157	71	32	18
\$25,000 or more	73	—	3	23	18	17	12
Property taxes farms	25 352	200	2 017	6 125	7 578	5 673	3 759
\$1,000	54 929	305	3 843	12 013	16 859	13 178	8 731
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	23 825	200	1 925	5 846	7 119	5 249	3 486
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 252	—	70	264	354	345	219
\$10,000 to \$24,999	238	—	16	12	97	67	46
\$25,000 or more	37	—	6	3	8	12	8
All other farm production expenses farms	22 638	239	2 133	5 807	6 635	4 697	3 127
\$1,000	49 751	336	5 248	11 713	16 288	11 042	5 123
Farms with expenses of—							
\$1 to \$4,999	20 944	237	1 874	5 371	6 070	4 392	3 000
\$5,000 to \$24,999	1 502	1	235	396	500	263	107
\$25,000 to \$49,999	122	—	21	24	45	21	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44	—	1	13	11	12	6
\$100,000 or more	26	—	2	3	9	9	3

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹								
All farms..... number..	65 585	38 684	545	2 927	8 808	8 813	7 938	9 653
..... \$1,000..	1 318 913	1 298 055	13 451	104 276	402 261	366 941	273 268	137 858
Average per farm..... dollars..	20 110	33 555	24 680	35 625	45 670	41 636	34 425	14 281
Farms with net gains ² number..	35 554	27 073	396	2 294	6 986	6 696	5 455	5 246
Average net gain..... dollars..	43 668	52 667	38 784	49 339	61 496	59 568	55 417	31 746
Gain of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	2 502	993	16	63	157	114	207	436
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	10 246	5 712	98	402	982	993	1 164	2 073
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	14 442	12 500	173	1 133	3 490	3 292	2 597	1 815
\$50,000 or more.....	8 364	7 868	109	696	2 357	2 297	1 487	922
Farms with net losses..... number..	30 031	11 611	149	633	1 822	2 117	2 483	4 407
Average net loss..... dollars..	7 781	11 007	12 803	14 072	15 011	15 081	11 692	6 509
Loss of—								
Less than \$1,000.....	3 694	1 295	2	58	162	180	186	707
\$1,000 to \$9,999.....	20 046	6 680	80	301	877	1 071	1 343	3 008
\$10,000 to \$49,999.....	5 940	3 345	66	258	710	779	884	648
\$50,000 or more.....	351	291	1	16	73	87	70	44
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME								
Government payments..... farms..	36 946	24 068	214	1 789	5 658	5 588	5 000	5 819
..... \$1,000..	137 274	102 116	760	6 919	24 536	26 782	22 714	20 405
Other farm-related income ¹ farms..	32 101	21 940	341	1 636	5 180	5 129	4 697	4 957
..... \$1,000..	110 211	83 143	931	7 853	17 698	21 120	19 580	15 961
Customwork and other agricultural services..... farms..	5 336	4 205	64	416	1 110	1 193	855	567
..... \$1,000..	38 485	33 043	360	3 716	8 297	9 037	7 750	3 884
Gross cash rent or share payments..... farms..	7 622	3 125	66	116	326	523	699	1 395
..... \$1,000..	30 574	16 288	119	905	1 655	3 210	4 186	6 214
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products..... farms..	2 800	1 845	35	123	352	491	392	452
..... \$1,000..	15 996	11 261	280	1 250	1 861	2 874	2 442	2 554
Other farm-related income sources..... farms..	24 703	18 717	265	1 377	4 623	4 572	3 974	3 906
..... \$1,000..	25 156	22 551	172	1 982	5 886	6 000	5 202	3 309
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS								
Total..... farms..	3 066	2 623	25	248	818	727	485	320
..... \$1,000..	66 597	61 904	416	3 207	16 433	17 793	15 930	8 125
Corn..... farms..	2 905	2 500	24	236	796	689	456	299
..... \$1,000..	51 031	47 574	358	2 515	12 765	13 365	12 328	6 244
Wheat..... farms..	129	113	2	8	28	32	25	18
..... \$1,000..	778	748	(D)	17	109	318	(D)	(D)
Soybeans..... farms..	503	433	5	32	113	140	91	52
..... \$1,000..	14 672	13 479	(D)	666	3 530	4 102	3 321	(D)
Sorghum, barley, and oats..... farms..	157	128	—	20	43	25	22	18
..... \$1,000..	(D)	(D)	—	9	29	(D)	(D)	22
Cotton..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... \$1,000..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco..... farms..	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	1
..... \$1,000..	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	(D)	—	(D)
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE								
Total cropland..... farms..	61 166	37 371	389	2 960	8 584	8 500	7 608	9 330
..... acres..	10 353 300	8 617 531	80 770	651 661	2 265 985	2 299 163	1 851 592	1 468 360
Harvested cropland..... farms..	54 369	35 711	375	2 869	8 386	8 266	7 339	8 476
..... acres..	8 625 011	7 502 678	72 379	580 093	2 015 789	2 035 690	1 617 199	1 181 528
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 49 acres.....	18 235	6 448	64	413	938	982	1 265	2 786
50 to 99 acres.....	10 349	6 452	71	504	1 134	1 230	1 294	2 219
100 to 199 acres.....	12 846	10 822	135	1 004	2 834	2 710	2 163	1 976
200 to 499 acres.....	10 030	9 215	82	737	2 731	2 533	1 991	1 141
500 to 999 acres.....	2 117	2 021	16	166	548	580	457	254
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	614	583	6	37	159	178	126	77
2,000 acres or more.....	178	170	1	8	42	53	43	23
Cropland:								
Pasture or grazing only..... farms..	27 104	18 618	174	1 541	4 643	4 590	3 742	3 928
..... acres..	959 426	737 056	6 509	53 407	184 701	185 514	154 402	152 523
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured..... farms..	6 815	3 263	18	177	623	702	661	1 082
..... acres..	254 572	122 816	235	4 988	20 331	25 848	25 743	45 671
On which all crops failed..... farms..	1 956	1 294	20	97	283	290	265	339
..... acres..	37 484	27 322	436	1 894	6 500	5 768	5 533	7 191
In cultivated summer fallow..... farms..	1 338	913	5	57	195	203	208	245
..... acres..	49 579	39 705	310	2 347	8 833	11 102	8 999	8 114
Idle..... farms..	11 024	4 971	46	279	804	997	1 013	1 832
..... acres..	427 228	187 954	901	8 932	29 831	35 241	39 716	73 333
Total woodland..... farms..	40 687	25 351	198	1 717	5 667	5 935	5 294	6 540
..... acres..	2 849 832	1 941 042	11 444	106 952	413 746	469 454	432 668	506 778
Woodland pastured..... farms..	14 293	10 057	81	704	2 365	2 390	2 052	2 465
..... acres..	707 514	543 087	4 509	30 093	122 081	127 353	119 309	139 742
Woodland not pastured..... farms..	34 791	21 391	151	1 425	4 766	5 072	4 541	5 436
..... acres..	2 142 318	1 397 955	6 935	76 859	291 665	342 101	313 359	367 036

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)¹							
All farms	26 901	277	2 382	6 589	7 870	5 833	3 950
\$1,000..	20 858	-195	2 375	3 080	83	10 858	4 657
Average per farm	775	-703	997	467	11	1 861	1 179
Farms with net gains ²	8 481	93	823	2 281	2 201	1 999	1 084
Average net gain	14 940	7 096	16 317	12 867	15 533	16 184	15 436
Gain of—							
Less than \$1,000	1 509	20	110	430	396	304	249
\$1,000 to \$9,999	4 534	45	388	1 162	1 195	1 146	598
\$10,000 to \$49,999	1 942	28	265	565	516	409	159
\$50,000 or more	496	-	60	124	94	140	78
Farms with net losses	18 420	184	1 559	4 308	5 669	3 834	2 866
Average net loss	5 747	4 645	7 090	6 098	6 016	5 606	4 213
Loss of—							
Less than \$1,000	2 399	44	172	525	609	585	464
\$1,000 to \$9,999	13 366	123	1 034	3 112	4 168	2 740	2 189
\$10,000 to \$49,999	2 595	17	346	651	881	490	210
\$50,000 or more	60	-	7	20	11	19	3
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME							
Government payments	12 878	52	811	2 771	3 840	3 064	2 340
\$1,000..	35 158	80	1 656	6 287	10 033	9 217	7 887
Other farm-related income ¹	10 161	55	845	2 482	3 005	2 301	1 473
\$1,000..	27 068	62	1 862	7 153	7 221	5 692	5 078
Customwork and other agricultural services	1 131	8	201	367	251	235	69
\$1,000..	5 441	8	970	2 755	848	514	347
Gross cash rent or share payments	4 497	16	271	1 043	1 352	996	819
\$1,000..	14 286	32	673	2 586	4 711	3 216	3 067
Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products	955	-	55	183	269	276	172
\$1,000..	4 736	-	119	774	1 163	1 398	1 282
Other farm-related income sources	5 986	46	511	1 437	1 912	1 379	701
\$1,000..	2 605	22	100	1 037	499	565	382
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS							
Total	443	4	44	135	143	78	39
\$1,000..	4 693	14	278	1 161	1 975	1 018	247
Corn	405	3	44	124	124	74	36
\$1,000..	3 456	(D)	271	846	1 250	838	(D)
Wheat	16	-	2	5	6	3	-
\$1,000..	30	-	(D)	1	(D)	(D)	-
Soybeans	70	1	5	24	27	8	5
\$1,000..	1 194	(D)	(D)	311	697	173	8
Sorghum, barley, and oats	29	-	3	15	7	2	2
\$1,000..	13	-	(D)	4	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cotton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$1,000..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$1,000..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peanuts, rice, and tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$1,000..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE							
Total cropland	23 795	148	1 897	5 863	7 291	5 240	3 356
Harvested cropland	1 735 769	9 813	126 607	413 936	537 457	415 070	232 886
Farms	18 658	134	1 624	4 912	5 841	4 055	2 092
acres..	1 122 333	7 856	94 935	293 747	356 932	261 082	107 781
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 49 acres	11 787	83	986	3 025	3 638	2 569	1 486
50 to 99 acres	3 897	26	374	1 058	1 229	839	371
100 to 199 acres	2 024	17	176	562	682	427	160
200 to 499 acres	815	8	80	240	251	179	57
500 to 999 acres	96	-	7	21	26	29	13
1,000 to 1,999 acres	31	-	1	5	13	8	4
2,000 acres or more	8	-	-	1	2	4	1
Cropland:							
Pasture or grazing only	8 486	40	741	2 335	2 755	1 714	901
acres..	222 370	1 011	16 924	55 156	69 781	49 736	29 762
In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured	3 552	12	159	710	1 109	848	714
acres..	131 756	470	3 905	21 426	37 580	32 901	35 474
On which all crops failed	662	3	53	158	205	170	73
acres..	10 162	(D)	(D)	2 217	2 799	2 918	1 663
In cultivated summer fallow	425	1	27	90	141	105	61
acres..	9 874	(D)	(D)	1 959	2 891	2 676	1 561
Idle	6 053	14	337	1 228	1 835	1 514	1 125
acres..	239 274	383	9 584	39 431	67 474	65 757	56 645
Total woodland	15 336	56	922	3 581	4 876	3 614	2 387
acres..	908 790	2 959	41 927	176 434	281 178	250 024	156 268
Woodland pastured	4 236	26	313	1 037	1 356	1 002	502
acres..	164 427	1 000	10 098	35 102	48 835	47 190	22 202
Woodland not pastured	13 400	38	768	3 109	4 272	3 160	2 053
acres..	744 363	1 959	31 829	141 332	232 343	202 834	134 066

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.								
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	15 896	10 279	112	823	2 348	2 401	2 119	2 476
acres..	707 024	515 929	5 327	37 077	112 848	126 303	114 433	119 941
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	45 793	27 416	195	1 911	6 020	6 320	5 775	7 195
acres..	990 049	694 637	3 121	35 785	141 917	189 689	160 793	163 332
Irrigated land farms..	2 025	1 425	8	81	399	398	304	235
acres..	341 813	312 758	(D)	(D)	91 411	89 177	71 124	50 259
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	1 980	1 403	8	79	396	392	300	228
acres..	339 850	311 184	(D)	(D)	91 068	88 708	70 628	(D)
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	100	69	—	4	22	19	13	11
acres..	1 963	1 574	—	(D)	343	469	496	(D)
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	11 907	4 712	24	198	656	794	906	2 134
acres..	593 739	231 914	1 146	7 761	32 043	33 521	45 920	111 523
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹								
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	65 585	38 684	545	2 927	8 808	8 813	7 938	9 653
\$1,000..	18 503 801	13 970 851	153 341	922 916	3 355 236	3 794 781	3 112 903	2 631 673
Average per farm dollars..	282 135	361 153	281 359	315 311	380 931	430 589	392 152	272 627
Average per acre dollars..	1 244	1 201	1 158	1 161	1 168	1 238	1 213	1 196
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$39,999	4 616	1 677	67	155	267	239	307	642
\$40,000 to \$69,999	6 075	2 305	41	193	319	375	399	978
\$70,000 to \$99,999	6 986	2 958	47	193	475	447	460	1 336
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10 858	5 095	61	425	1 026	940	974	1 669
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8 928	5 204	69	475	1 209	1 216	1 030	1 205
\$200,000 to \$499,999	20 235	14 707	182	1 051	3 925	3 669	3 161	2 719
\$500,000 to \$999,999	5 322	4 491	59	313	1 060	1 296	1 027	736
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	1 754	1 503	14	90	366	390	401	242
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	681	621	3	28	134	192	156	108
\$5,000,000 or more	130	123	2	4	27	49	23	18
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	65 571	38 684	545	2 927	8 808	8 813	7 938	9 653
\$1,000..	4 375 650	3 590 150	42 219	265 610	954 236	978 863	779 956	569 266
Farms by value group:								
\$1 to \$4,999	4 595	1 280	40	88	209	170	201	572
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7 540	2 566	53	139	328	343	579	1 124
\$10,000 to \$19,999	10 517	4 226	68	291	643	625	900	1 699
\$20,000 to \$49,999	17 243	9 093	82	724	1 656	1 981	1 741	2 909
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11 470	8 755	146	671	2 262	2 100	1 845	1 731
\$100,000 to \$199,999	9 238	8 141	100	684	2 487	2 232	1 622	1 016
\$200,000 to \$499,999	4 297	3 987	55	291	1 063	1 188	873	517
\$500,000 or more	671	636	1	39	160	174	177	85
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹								
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	57 250	35 998	513	2 749	8 424	8 400	7 487	8 425
number..	93 528	63 694	767	4 564	14 964	16 024	13 823	13 552
Wheel tractors farms..	61 085	36 158	460	2 635	8 167	8 217	7 472	9 207
number..	181 986	123 654	1 393	8 081	28 811	29 402	26 599	29 368
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	35 112	20 068	210	1 251	4 179	4 226	4 411	5 791
number..	58 169	34 526	378	1 962	7 018	7 154	7 772	10 242
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	51 275	32 313	413	2 385	7 509	7 487	6 649	7 870
number..	123 817	89 128	1 015	6 119	21 793	22 248	18 827	19 126
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	49 061	30 435	379	2 132	7 009	7 068	6 339	7 508
number..	90 801	62 471	738	3 963	14 716	15 165	13 230	14 659
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	21 660	16 606	179	1 425	4 288	4 304	3 399	3 011
number..	33 016	26 657	277	2 156	7 077	7 083	5 597	4 467
Grain and bean combines farms..	17 242	13 288	147	979	2 889	3 143	2 972	3 158
number..	18 735	14 482	150	1 089	3 162	3 379	3 287	3 415
Cotton pickers and strippers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	37 370	26 991	332	1 911	6 546	6 563	5 700	5 939
number..	41 119	29 946	364	2 153	7 377	7 258	6 240	6 554
Pickup balers farms..	36 563	26 499	331	1 810	6 396	6 232	5 667	6 063
number..	44 143	32 281	393	2 182	7 742	7 694	6 964	7 306
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹								
Commercial fertilizer farms..	43 969	31 148	459	2 434	7 577	7 569	6 540	6 569
acres on which used..	6 260 175	5 507 879	63 645	414 014	1 527 742	1 532 964	1 182 213	787 301
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—								
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	14 345	11 026	164	778	3 111	2 816	2 256	1 901
acres on which used..	1 540 373	1 385 435	17 335	90 246	398 829	365 906	299 647	213 472
Nematodes in crops farms..	1 725	1 318	10	82	428	293	296	209
acres on which used..	164 718	147 851	2 998	7 857	48 317	32 736	32 743	23 200
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	2 671	1 567	3	61	423	424	334	322
acres on which used..	212 528	187 367	(D)	(D)	60 361	45 049	42 812	33 989
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	31 659	23 249	321	1 886	5 937	5 727	4 899	4 479
acres on which used..	3 986 234	3 478 237	41 313	250 762	945 752	958 802	763 754	517 854
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	1 389	983	24	52	293	238	231	145
acres on which used..	133 698	123 762	3 060	3 550	30 887	34 883	33 544	17 838

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		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.							
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..	5 617	52	460	1 407	1 732	1 243	723
acres..	191 095	1 357	12 220	38 738	58 549	48 059	32 172
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. farms..	18 377	76	1 297	4 561	5 689	4 113	2 641
acres..	295 412	798	13 819	57 408	88 323	75 467	59 597
Irrigated land farms..	600	1	48	190	178	136	47
acres..	29 055	(D)	1 026	7 732	7 807	8 037	(D)
Harvested cropland irrigated farms..	577	1	45	184	167	133	47
acres..	28 666	(D)	956	(D)	7 691	7 939	(D)
Pasture and other land irrigated farms..	31	—	3	7	14	6	1
acres..	389	—	70	(D)	116	98	(D)
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs farms..	7 195	13	277	1 213	2 045	1 840	1 807
acres..	361 825	493	11 700	53 335	97 576	95 881	102 840
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹							
Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..	26 901	277	2 382	6 589	7 870	5 833	3 950
\$1,000..	4 532 950	25 243	354 793	1 007 844	1 368 438	1 124 000	652 632
Average per farm dollars..	168 505	91 128	148 948	152 958	173 880	192 697	165 223
Average per acre dollars..	1 396	1 255	1 546	1 399	1 422	1 402	1 272
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$39,999	2 939	81	355	704	769	615	415
\$40,000 to \$69,999	3 770	59	372	936	973	693	737
\$70,000 to \$99,999	4 028	56	373	976	1 145	957	521
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5 763	21	511	1 584	1 706	1 103	838
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3 724	44	298	993	1 100	834	455
\$200,000 to \$499,999	5 528	16	378	1 212	1 824	1 303	795
\$500,000 to \$999,999	831	—	68	142	268	212	141
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	251	—	26	36	71	79	39
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	60	—	1	6	12	33	8
\$5,000,000 or more	7	—	—	—	2	4	1
VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment farms..	26 887	277	2 382	6 582	7 870	5 826	3 950
\$1,000..	785 501	5 899	65 529	198 048	229 167	180 900	105 958
Farms by value group:							
\$1 to \$4,999	3 315	29	292	696	980	755	563
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4 974	81	420	1 330	1 431	907	805
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6 291	65	578	1 533	1 754	1 442	919
\$20,000 to \$49,999	8 150	76	772	1 915	2 418	1 794	1 175
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2 715	16	212	778	889	516	304
\$100,000 to \$199,999	1 097	10	84	252	278	341	132
\$200,000 to \$499,999	310	—	23	60	113	64	50
\$500,000 or more	35	—	1	18	7	7	2
SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹							
Motortrucks, including pickups farms..	21 252	236	1 950	5 389	6 179	4 610	2 888
number..	29 834	272	2 830	7 691	8 641	6 390	4 010
Wheel tractors farms..	24 927	265	2 050	5 970	7 319	5 605	3 718
number..	58 332	628	4 504	13 263	17 522	13 780	8 635
Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) farms..	15 044	148	1 097	3 256	4 570	3 607	2 366
number..	23 643	257	1 610	4 895	7 048	5 924	3 909
40 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	18 962	224	1 652	4 700	5 632	4 116	2 638
number..	34 689	371	2 894	8 368	10 474	7 856	4 726
40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) farms..	17 626	202	1 423	4 319	5 324	3 883	2 475
number..	28 330	307	2 196	6 651	8 703	6 506	3 967
100 horsepower (PTO) or more farms..	5 054	63	605	1 308	1 434	1 040	604
number..	6 359	64	698	1 771	1 771	1 350	759
Grain and bean combines farms..	3 954	50	337	1 036	1 142	982	407
number..	4 253	50	356	1 159	1 212	1 053	423
Cotton pickers and strippers farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mower conditioners farms..	10 379	97	867	2 450	3 390	2 357	1 218
number..	11 173	98	940	2 667	3 659	2 524	1 285
Pickup balers farms..	10 064	92	811	2 479	3 286	2 254	1 142
number..	11 862	118	951	2 913	3 941	2 646	1 293
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS¹							
Commercial fertilizer farms..	12 821	170	1 368	3 240	3 906	2 753	1 384
acres on which used..	752 296	7 003	72 808	199 299	231 184	169 167	72 835
Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—							
Insects on hay and other crops farms..	3 319	32	378	866	992	711	340
acres on which used..	154 938	558	17 693	37 227	43 043	33 634	22 783
Nematodes in crops farms..	407	—	55	108	120	85	39
acres on which used..	16 867	—	1 753	7 938	2 755	3 398	1 023
Diseases in crops and orchards farms..	1 104	—	102	366	297	250	89
acres on which used..	25 161	—	970	6 654	5 951	7 601	3 985
Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture farms..	8 410	126	958	2 219	2 542	1 735	830
acres on which used..	507 997	5 322	52 620	142 752	151 984	104 042	51 277
Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate farms..	406	8	40	86	145	74	53
acres on which used..	9 936	59	535	1 001	2 439	2 619	3 283

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		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR								
All operators	65 602	39 030	428	3 124	8 914	8 782	7 898	9 884
Full owners	39 217	18 939	124	927	2 944	3 564	4 106	7 274
Part owners	21 921	17 251	122	1 469	4 981	4 780	3 532	2 367
Tenants	4 464	2 840	182	728	989	438	260	243
White	65 418	38 953	427	3 119	8 898	8 757	7 884	9 868
Full owners	39 098	18 890	124	924	2 936	3 547	4 097	7 262
Part owners	21 892	17 236	122	1 468	4 978	4 775	3 529	2 364
Tenants	4 428	2 827	181	727	984	435	258	242
Black and other races	184	77	1	5	16	25	14	16
Full owners	119	49	—	3	8	17	9	12
Part owners	29	15	—	1	3	5	3	3
Tenants	36	13	1	1	5	3	2	1
OWNED AND RENTED LAND								
Land owned..... farms..	61 266	36 251	250	2 401	7 930	8 359	7 651	9 660
acres..	11 600 493	8 568 869	49 263	427 094	1 813 086	2 201 740	2 011 878	2 065 808
Owned land in farms	61 138	36 190	246	2 396	7 925	8 344	7 638	9 641
acres..	10 833 260	8 201 878	47 607	414 041	1 771 114	2 139 787	1 929 726	1 899 603
Land rented or leased from others	26 563	20 191	306	2 208	5 990	5 235	3 810	2 642
acres..	4 125 776	3 612 686	53 374	419 716	1 174 920	954 657	641 252	368 767
landlords..	70 042	57 149	806	5 976	17 319	15 730	10 657	6 661
Rented or leased land in farms	26 385	20 091	304	2 197	5 970	5 218	3 792	2 610
acres..	4 066 945	3 567 261	53 055	417 434	1 163 382	944 822	629 760	358 808
Land rented or leased to others	10 586	4 318	25	180	572	717	844	1 980
acres..	826 064	412 416	1 975	15 335	53 510	71 788	93 644	176 164
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Operators by place of residence:								
On farm operated	53 287	33 915	306	2 564	7 932	7 827	6 924	8 362
Not on farm operated	9 098	3 221	110	462	669	571	617	792
Not reported	3 217	1 894	12	98	313	384	357	730
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	39 030	39 030	428	3 124	8 914	8 782	7 898	9 884
Other	26 572	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by days worked off farm:								
None	31 334	28 083	228	2 094	6 248	6 139	5 737	7 637
Any	31 303	7 982	173	897	2 197	2 121	1 596	998
1 to 99 days	5 364	4 199	85	432	1 109	1 031	852	690
100 to 199 days	4 851	1 799	33	176	477	509	401	203
200 days or more	21 088	1 984	55	289	611	581	343	105
Not reported	2 965	2 965	27	133	469	522	565	1 249
Operators by years on present farm:								
2 years or less	2 983	1 331	141	430	411	181	92	76
3 or 4 years	3 690	1 611	77	524	560	241	139	70
5 to 9 years	8 517	3 951	56	1 065	1 624	675	316	215
10 years or more	42 355	27 330	—	789	5 445	6 770	6 438	7 888
Average years on present farm	21.2	24.0	3.0	7.1	13.6	21.1	29.2	39.0
Not reported	8 057	4 807	154	316	874	915	913	1 635
Operators by age group:								
Under 25 years	632	428	428	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	5 294	3 124	—	3 124	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	15 535	8 914	—	—	8 914	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	8 715	4 617	—	—	—	4 617	—	—
50 to 54 years	8 091	4 165	—	—	—	4 165	—	—
55 to 59 years	7 168	3 890	—	—	—	—	3 890	—
60 to 64 years	6 501	4 008	—	—	—	—	4 008	—
65 to 69 years	5 387	3 806	—	—	—	—	—	3 806
70 years and over	8 279	6 078	—	—	—	—	—	6 078
Average age	52.2	53.2	21.7	30.9	39.8	49.3	59.5	72.2
Operators by sex:								
Male	61 201	36 981	414	3 014	8 557	8 329	7 517	9 150
Female	4 401	2 049	14	110	357	453	381	734
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)								
	251	169	5	10	42	40	30	42
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..	56 598	32 641	349	2 634	7 442	7 409	6 529	8 278
acres..	11 157 231	8 503 576	72 829	631 529	2 138 720	2 274 366	1 806 688	1 579 444
Partnership	5 746	3 983	60	354	861	757	853	1 098
acres..	1 993 730	1 710 763	17 612	138 565	415 967	379 894	395 472	363 253
Corporation:								
Family held	2 651	2 104	15	122	543	551	445	428
acres..	1 554 968	1 421 907	8 647	55 244	345 059	396 392	323 286	293 279
More than 10 stockholders	47	34	—	2	7	13	5	7
10 or less stockholders	2 604	2 070	15	120	536	538	440	421
Other than family held	219	119	1	7	40	36	21	14
acres..	101 346	77 567	(D)	(D)	26 762	25 289	13 982	8 851
More than 10 stockholders	45	30	—	1	11	11	7	—
10 or less stockholders	174	89	1	6	29	25	14	14
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.								
farms..	388	183	3	7	28	29	50	66
acres..	92 930	55 326	(D)	(D)	7 988	8 668	20 058	13 584

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR							
All operators	26 572	204	2 170	6 621	8 024	5 771	3 782
Full owners	20 278	90	1 319	4 635	6 094	4 756	3 384
Part owners	4 670	27	472	1 464	1 598	829	280
Tenants	1 624	87	379	522	332	186	118
White	26 465	202	2 160	6 594	7 991	5 749	3 769
Full owners	20 208	90	1 318	4 623	6 066	4 738	3 373
Part owners	4 656	27	470	1 459	1 596	826	278
Tenants	1 601	85	372	512	329	185	118
Black and other races	107	2	10	27	33	22	13
Full owners	70	—	1	12	28	18	11
Part owners	14	—	2	5	2	3	2
Tenants	23	2	7	10	3	1	—
OWNED AND RENTED LAND							
Land owned..... farms..	25 015	118	1 795	6 118	7 714	5 597	3 673
acres..	3 031 624	16 682	150 569	600 916	923 381	797 965	542 111
Owned land in farms	24 948	117	1 791	6 099	7 681	5 585	3 664
acres..	2 631 382	8 358	129 179	528 177	820 955	703 855	440 858
Land rented or leased from others	6 372	116	858	2 010	1 948	1 027	413
acres..	513 090	7 023	66 314	162 679	148 125	86 620	42 329
landlords..	12 893	202	1 570	4 097	3 924	2 311	789
Rented or leased land in farms	6 294	114	851	1 986	1 930	1 015	398
acres..	499 684	6 569	65 394	158 339	144 552	84 765	40 065
Land rented or leased to others.....	6 268	23	389	1 414	1 803	1 435	1 204
acres..	413 648	8 778	22 310	77 079	105 999	95 965	103 517
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Operators by place of residence:							
On farm operated	19 372	109	1 548	5 113	6 030	4 130	2 442
Not on farm operated	5 877	86	546	1 214	1 641	1 343	1 047
Not reported	1 323	9	76	294	353	298	293
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	26 572	204	2 170	6 621	8 024	5 771	3 782
Operators by days worked off farm:							
None	3 251	10	65	196	275	623	2 082
Any	23 321	194	2 105	6 425	7 749	5 148	1 700
1 to 99 days	1 165	12	63	163	214	313	400
100 to 199 days	3 052	24	211	674	960	758	425
200 days or more	19 104	158	1 831	5 588	6 575	4 077	875
Not reported	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operators by years on present farm:							
2 years or less	1 652	78	431	590	362	145	46
3 or 4 years	2 079	44	485	837	485	180	48
5 to 9 years	4 566	24	760	1 857	1 261	520	144
10 years or more	15 025	—	273	2 654	5 079	4 208	2 811
Average years on present farm	17.1	2.8	5.5	9.8	15.9	22.6	33.2
Not reported	3 250	58	221	683	837	718	733
Operators by age group:							
Under 25 years	204	204	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	2 170	—	2 170	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	6 621	—	—	6 621	—	—	—
45 to 49 years	4 098	—	—	—	4 098	—	—
50 to 54 years	3 926	—	—	—	3 926	—	—
55 to 59 years	3 278	—	—	—	—	3 278	—
60 to 64 years	2 493	—	—	—	—	2 493	—
65 to 69 years	1 581	—	—	—	—	—	1 581
70 years and over	2 201	—	—	—	—	—	2 201
Average age	50.6	21.7	30.8	39.9	49.4	59.0	72.1
Operators by sex:							
Male	24 220	191	2 018	6 122	7 432	5 268	3 189
Female	2 352	13	152	499	592	503	593
Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text)	82	1	9	16	25	16	15
FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	23 957	185	1 975	6 062	7 286	5 159	3 290
farms..	2 653 655	12 880	168 348	595 226	831 402	654 375	391 424
acres..	1 763	17	149	370	490	419	318
Partnership	282 967	(D)	(D)	59 107	78 124	71 684	52 575
acres..							
Corporation:							
Family held	547	1	35	138	169	120	84
farms..	133 061	(D)	(D)	24 532	37 906	44 183	21 160
acres..	13	—	—	4	4	5	—
More than 10 stockholders	534	1	35	134	165	115	84
10 or less stockholders							
Other than family held	100	—	4	25	32	17	22
farms..	23 779	—	142	3 462	8 418	4 588	7 169
acres..	15	—	—	3	4	3	5
More than 10 stockholders	85	—	4	22	28	14	17
10 or less stockholders							
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	205	1	7	26	47	56	68
farms..	37 604	(D)	(D)	4 189	9 657	13 790	8 595
acres..							

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming							
		Total	Age of operator (years)						
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	
INJURIES AND DEATHS									
Farm-related injuries:									
Operator and family members	farms..	1 282	1 069	9	111	338	290	169	152
	number..	1 503	1 264	11	123	420	345	189	176
Hired workers	farms..	477	422	4	34	115	130	84	55
	number..	777	696	4	48	161	254	128	101
Farm-related deaths:									
Operator and family members	farms..	19	17	—	2	2	6	1	6
	number..	19	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hired workers	farms..	4	4	—	—	2	1	—	1
	number..	4	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
FARMS BY SIZE									
1 to 9 acres		3 142	1 030	23	108	231	219	185	264
10 to 49 acres		9 673	2 852	55	245	500	448	520	1 084
50 to 69 acres		3 684	1 228	17	105	199	163	221	523
70 to 99 acres		6 876	2 745	38	222	384	426	499	1 176
100 to 139 acres		7 141	3 628	47	304	667	635	685	1 290
140 to 179 acres		6 845	4 254	54	363	875	849	833	1 280
180 to 219 acres		5 418	3 892	45	352	886	908	726	975
220 to 259 acres		4 495	3 477	20	286	922	854	678	717
260 to 499 acres		12 315	10 424	86	781	2 864	2 689	2 283	1 721
500 to 999 acres		4 573	4 164	31	284	1 057	1 170	967	655
1,000 to 1,999 acres		1 121	1 040	11	60	261	328	227	153
2,000 acres or more		319	296	1	14	68	93	74	46
FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM									
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)		15 982	6 731	104	412	887	1 043	1 373	2 912
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)		1 293	749	4	45	130	143	156	271
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)		839	419	—	16	80	92	107	124
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)		1 680	628	1	24	150	160	151	142
Other crop farming (1119)		7 527	3 070	25	136	413	500	546	1 450
Tobacco farming (11191)		280	64	1	3	13	6	14	27
Cotton farming (11192)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)		7 247	3 006	24	133	400	494	532	1 423
Beef cattle ranching and farming (11211)		9 469	4 283	31	235	660	706	989	1 662
Cattle feedlots (11212)		2 540	1 084	7	61	150	179	267	420
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)		20 958	19 984	232	2 061	6 001	5 444	3 871	2 375
Hog and pig farming (1122)		1 179	682	14	58	156	173	157	124
Poultry and egg production (1123)		466	225	2	24	62	56	36	45
Sheep and goat farming (1124)		805	248	3	8	51	64	46	76
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)		2 864	927	5	44	174	222	199	283
LIVESTOCK									
Cattle and calves inventory	farms..	39 593	28 933	312	2 594	7 453	7 118	5 877	5 579
	number..	3 440 300	3 089 550	29 381	287 658	900 015	835 365	637 979	399 152
Farms with—									
1 to 9		4 068	1 214	8	64	160	167	231	584
10 to 49		12 949	6 932	91	527	1 077	1 264	1 468	2 505
50 to 99		10 356	9 086	102	872	2 548	2 454	1 819	1 291
100 to 199		8 881	8 519	82	860	2 760	2 332	1 664	821
200 to 499		2 890	2 765	28	232	778	779	615	323
500 or more		449	417	1	39	120	122	80	55
Cows and heifers that had calved									
	farms..	32 097	25 347	275	2 341	6 853	6 474	5 064	4 340
	number..	1 559 148	1 436 910	14 476	140 181	422 832	387 481	293 628	178 312
Beef cows									
	farms..	11 642	6 008	43	320	1 018	1 237	1 365	2 025
	number..	222 522	142 240	1 011	7 574	25 006	34 274	33 743	40 632
Farms with—									
1 to 9		4 914	2 097	21	127	402	405	420	722
10 to 49		5 806	3 185	14	148	477	637	765	1 144
50 to 99		708	550	6	33	101	148	142	120
100 to 199		172	145	2	11	32	38	31	31
200 to 499		36	26	—	1	5	7	6	7
500 or more		6	5	—	—	1	2	1	1
Milk cows									
	farms..	22 576	21 232	246	2 163	6 302	5 749	4 109	2 663
	number..	1 336 626	1 294 670	13 465	132 607	397 826	353 207	259 885	137 680
Farms with—									
1 to 4		537	274	6	18	48	54	50	98
5 to 9		297	226	4	19	29	42	40	92
10 to 49		10 452	9 664	113	973	2 591	2 607	1 916	1 464
50 to 99		8 839	8 663	97	917	2 966	2 371	1 565	747
100 to 199		1 916	1 887	21	178	516	551	417	204
200 to 499		481	466	5	53	138	109	109	52
500 or more		54	52	—	5	14	15	12	6
Heifers and heifer calves									
	farms..	32 353	25 302	271	2 302	6 840	6 424	5 112	4 353
	number..	1 202 635	1 103 656	10 738	102 044	333 854	299 549	226 133	131 338
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves									
	farms..	28 582	20 078	216	1 693	4 929	4 954	4 192	4 094
	number..	678 517	548 984	4 167	45 433	143 329	148 335	118 218	89 502

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
INJURIES AND DEATHS							
Farm-related injuries:							
Operator and family members	213	—	22	81	52	32	26
farms..	—	—	24	87	57	36	35
number..	239	—	1	14	17	17	6
Hired workers	55	—	(D)	15	29	24	(D)
farms..	81	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farm-related deaths:							
Operator and family members	2	—	1	—	—	1	—
farms..	(D)	—	(D)	—	—	(D)	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hired workers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FARMS BY SIZE							
1 to 9 acres	2 112	44	287	673	564	334	210
10 to 49 acres	6 821	61	664	1 888	2 080	1 293	835
50 to 69 acres	2 456	20	211	596	691	541	397
70 to 99 acres	4 131	34	327	1 025	1 272	888	585
100 to 139 acres	3 513	14	245	800	1 045	827	582
140 to 179 acres	2 591	12	178	594	793	582	432
180 to 219 acres	1 526	7	73	336	498	392	220
220 to 259 acres	1 018	1	52	206	335	260	164
260 to 499 acres	1 891	11	115	417	591	489	268
500 to 999 acres	409	—	14	71	125	127	72
1,000 to 1,999 acres	81	—	4	14	22	28	13
2,000 acres or more	23	—	—	1	8	10	4
FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM							
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	9 251	63	615	1 844	2 618	2 260	1 851
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	544	6	39	153	168	114	64
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	420	—	19	85	137	105	74
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	1 052	—	64	267	325	261	135
Other crop farming (1119)	4 457	30	335	1 163	1 341	936	652
Tobacco farming (11191)	216	3	29	61	53	46	24
Cotton farming (11192)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	4 241	27	306	1 102	1 288	890	628
Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111)	5 186	55	554	1 476	1 574	1 020	507
Cattle feedlots (112112)	1 456	12	143	437	442	314	108
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	974	14	109	281	281	193	96
Hog and pig farming (1122)	497	15	66	173	133	72	38
Poultry and egg production (1123)	241	—	32	70	85	32	22
Sheep and goat farming (1124)	557	4	53	147	212	106	35
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	1 937	5	141	525	708	358	200
LIVESTOCK							
Cattle and calves inventory	10 660	111	1 147	3 194	3 259	2 036	913
farms..	350 750	3 348	36 182	95 327	106 561	76 718	32 614
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms with—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 9	2 854	28	318	939	866	461	242
10 to 49	6 017	65	636	1 790	1 798	1 200	528
50 to 99	1 270	14	142	332	435	252	95
100 to 199	362	2	40	91	111	88	30
200 to 499	125	2	8	36	41	25	13
500 or more	32	—	3	6	8	10	5
Cows and heifers that had calved	6 750	71	682	1 936	2 083	1 359	619
farms..	122 238	993	11 519	30 228	39 410	27 743	12 345
number..	5 634	49	548	1 611	1 767	1 143	516
Beef cows	80 282	506	7 301	20 095	26 223	18 011	8 146
farms..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms with—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 9	2 817	30	307	892	859	481	248
10 to 49	2 621	19	218	676	847	622	239
50 to 99	158	—	18	36	48	33	23
100 to 199	27	—	5	5	11	2	4
200 to 499	10	—	—	2	1	5	2
500 or more	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Milk cows	1 344	26	147	392	387	264	128
farms..	41 956	487	4 218	10 133	13 187	9 732	4 199
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms with—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 4	263	7	26	85	73	50	22
5 to 9	71	7	11	22	14	12	5
10 to 49	788	8	92	241	236	145	66
50 to 99	176	4	15	37	44	44	32
100 to 199	29	—	2	5	13	8	1
200 to 499	15	—	1	2	6	4	2
500 or more	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Heifers and heifer calves	7 051	77	775	2 117	2 163	1 355	564
farms..	98 979	1 116	10 527	26 812	31 147	20 925	8 452
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	8 504	85	942	2 589	2 639	1 602	647
farms..	129 533	1 239	14 136	38 287	36 004	28 050	11 817
number..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LIVESTOCK—Con.								
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 38 832	28 992	309	2 603	7 441	7 133	5 916	5 590
	number.. 1 547 935	1 324 726	10 751	131 835	387 666	344 286	271 880	178 308
	\$1,000.. 670 518	561 148	3 871	49 235	157 827	147 026	121 430	81 760
Calves	farms.. 23 416	19 515	228	1 971	5 500	5 057	3 818	2 941
	number.. 737 495	649 843	5 381	80 950	211 306	165 699	119 086	67 421
	\$1,000.. 163 858	138 703	764	18 581	49 596	34 557	23 479	11 726
Cattle	farms.. 32 204	23 904	245	2 029	6 040	5 889	4 994	4 707
	number.. 810 440	674 883	5 370	50 885	176 360	178 587	152 794	110 887
	\$1,000.. 506 660	422 445	3 107	30 653	108 230	112 469	97 951	70 034
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 8 422	5 600	44	395	1 231	1 337	1 266	1 327
	number.. 254 671	208 700	1 213	12 853	49 223	55 910	51 567	37 934
	\$1,000.. 193 383	159 614	799	9 775	37 530	42 980	39 502	29 028
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 3 686	2 447	34	211	610	587	507	498
	number.. 738 339	627 120	9 331	43 474	180 014	192 934	122 307	79 060
Farms with—								
1 to 24	farms.. 1 653	838	11	84	231	162	152	198
	number.. 396	257	7	15	49	56	60	70
25 to 49	farms.. 381	277	2	28	52	78	62	55
	number.. 368	302	5	23	63	77	69	65
50 to 99	farms.. 493	410	3	30	106	112	87	72
	number.. 395	363	6	31	109	102	77	38
100 to 199	farms.. 2 243	1 651	25	133	365	420	353	355
	number.. 102 240	84 344	1 385	5 745	22 698	27 904	16 544	10 068
200 to 499	farms.. 3 451	2 304	32	200	576	560	475	461
	number.. 636 099	542 776	7 946	37 729	157 316	165 030	105 763	68 992
500 or more	farms.. 3 591	2 409	35	191	588	580	519	496
	number.. 1 523 490	1 265 297	22 623	84 410	396 703	407 354	224 303	129 904
	\$1,000.. 151 164	126 930	2 227	8 204	38 603	39 391	24 669	13 836
Feeder pigs	farms.. 766	543	8	56	130	151	97	101
	number.. 414 835	340 896	3 146	25 209	119 606	138 899	32 077	21 959
	\$1,000.. 17 090	13 583	93	1 183	4 604	5 463	1 383	857
Litters of pigs farrowed between—								
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 2 359	1 714	27	137	379	435	369	367
	number.. 160 294	138 457	1 946	9 600	41 588	47 129	24 623	13 571
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 2 152	1 592	26	128	348	401	345	344
	number.. 81 067	70 034	996	4 630	20 872	24 131	12 267	7 138
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 2 054	1 519	23	119	349	415	318	295
	number.. 79 227	68 423	950	4 970	20 716	22 998	12 356	6 433
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 2 100	971	13	61	216	249	186	246
	number.. 76 113	42 445	215	1 445	11 057	11 366	8 365	9 997
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 857	856	11	56	180	216	168	225
	number.. 45 908	24 776	135	875	5 978	7 039	5 375	5 374
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 1 781	808	10	50	168	209	154	217
	number.. 59 000	31 508	128	809	7 435	8 085	6 651	8 400
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 1 696	775	10	45	164	201	151	204
	number.. 59 686	32 312	128	913	7 398	8 775	7 181	7 917
	pounds of wool.. 449 974	241 342	1 029	7 372	52 566	68 275	55 133	56 967
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 8 822	4 007	48	394	1 041	1 004	722	798
	number.. 52 448	26 233	261	2 139	5 923	7 061	5 549	5 300
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 1 657	718	5	88	175	187	124	139
	number.. 6 682	2 571	19	236	534	698	584	500
Goats inventory	farms.. 1 217	542	6	62	161	154	71	88
	number.. 20 071	13 551	(D)	1 436	6 152	3 098	1 634	(D)
Goats sold	farms.. 293	121	4	13	32	37	9	26
	number.. 7 339	2 980	(D)	645	531	1 049	(D)	497
POULTRY								
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 2 534	1 334	22	159	381	278	188	306
	number.. 4 117 078	3 569 615	(D)	134 807	575 251	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 399	farms.. 2 458	1 274	21	153	364	266	176	294
	number.. 39	27	—	3	5	6	7	6
400 to 3,199	farms.. 7	7	—	—	1	—	—	1
	number.. 9	8	—	—	1	—	—	1
3,200 to 9,999	farms.. 6	6	1	—	2	—	—	—
	number.. 8	7	—	—	3	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999	farms.. 8	7	—	—	1	—	—	—
	number.. 7	5	—	—	1	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999	farms.. 2 457	1 290	21	153	361	276	183	296
	number.. 3 692 115	3 151 112	(D)	133 831	465 562	(D)	661 877	1 211 020
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 449	231	2	35	59	45	23	67
	number.. 424 963	418 503	(D)	976	109 689	(D)	(D)	(D)
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 309	184	4	17	56	40	26	41
	number.. 2 530 496	1 679 636	(D)	86 327	424 257	242 393	(D)	569 554
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 587	279	4	37	100	61	43	34
	number.. 27 607 761	25 757 754	(D)	3 584 577	12 002 450	4 890 945	3 166 814	(D)
Farms with—								
1 to 1,999	farms.. 507	208	3	28	73	46	33	25
	number.. 22	18	1	1	5	3	3	5
2,000 to 59,999	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	number.. 58	53	—	8	22	12	7	4
100,000 or more	farms.. 190	73	1	10	13	21	15	13
	number.. (D)	(D)	(D)	130	(D)	(D)	76	46
Turkeys sold	farms.. 188	91	—	7	25	35	12	12
	number.. (D)	(D)	—	(D)	446 299	(D)	152 891	102 570

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Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
LIVESTOCK—Con.							
Cattle and calves sold	farms.. 9 840	106	1 043	2 897	3 016	1 934	844
	number.. 223 209	2 257	21 138	65 361	60 880	52 469	21 104
	\$1,000.. 109 370	1 118	9 735	29 806	30 812	27 255	10 645
Calves	farms.. 3 901	47	456	1 191	1 134	715	358
	number.. 87 652	397	9 008	30 291	18 117	20 012	9 827
	\$1,000.. 25 156	89	2 330	8 479	4 021	6 611	3 625
Cattle	farms.. 8 300	85	855	2 430	2 576	1 668	686
	number.. 135 557	1 860	12 130	35 070	42 763	32 457	11 277
	\$1,000.. 84 215	1 028	7 405	21 327	26 791	20 644	7 019
Fattened on grain and concentrates	farms.. 2 822	27	318	845	884	549	199
	number.. 45 971	230	3 286	11 615	14 126	12 307	4 407
	\$1,000.. 33 769	166	2 305	8 396	10 520	9 248	3 134
Hogs and pigs inventory	farms.. 1 239	21	163	470	353	165	67
	number.. 111 219	4 591	10 653	24 526	24 383	15 466	31 600
Farms with—							
1 to 24	815	12	106	343	212	99	43
25 to 49	139	1	22	41	48	22	5
50 to 99	104	—	16	26	36	22	4
100 to 199	66	3	6	27	18	6	6
200 to 499	83	4	8	27	34	9	1
500 or more	32	1	5	6	5	7	8
Used or to be used for breeding	farms.. 592	11	87	186	174	97	37
	number.. 17 896	125	1 527	3 480	2 942	1 849	7 973
Other	farms.. 1 147	19	139	451	327	150	61
	number.. 93 323	4 466	9 126	21 046	21 441	13 617	23 627
Hogs and pigs sold	farms.. 1 182	21	155	426	356	153	71
	number.. 258 193	17 265	15 136	54 823	45 199	34 501	91 269
	\$1,000.. 24 234	413	1 635	5 896	4 185	3 409	8 697
Feeder pigs	farms.. 223	5	23	73	79	29	14
	number.. 73 939	274	2 174	8 590	14 177	7 374	41 350
	\$1,000.. 3 507	(D)	95	353	494	259	(D)
Litters of pigs farrowed between—							
Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30	farms.. 645	11	89	204	191	106	44
	number.. 21 837	147	1 391	4 874	4 332	2 618	8 475
Dec. 1 and May 31	farms.. 560	9	79	177	166	91	38
	number.. 11 033	64	764	2 433	2 186	1 317	4 269
June 1 and Nov. 30	farms.. 535	11	75	168	158	86	37
	number.. 10 804	83	627	2 441	2 146	1 301	4 206
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory	farms.. 1 129	6	107	356	387	212	61
	number.. 33 668	88	3 264	9 283	11 435	7 171	2 427
Ewes 1 year old or older	farms.. 1 001	5	98	302	343	199	54
	number.. 21 132	47	2 095	5 327	7 306	4 827	1 530
Sheep and lambs sold	farms.. 973	8	83	286	347	195	54
	number.. 27 492	77	1 943	6 639	10 182	7 165	1 486
Sheep and lambs shorn	farms.. 921	7	90	266	315	190	53
	number.. 27 374	98	2 531	7 326	9 580	6 002	1 837
	pounds of wool.. 208 632	720	18 310	54 807	75 177	46 192	13 426
Horses and ponies inventory	farms.. 4 815	28	427	1 478	1 695	849	338
	number.. 26 215	136	2 115	7 204	9 267	5 127	2 366
Horses and ponies sold	farms.. 939	6	90	283	360	148	52
	number.. 4 111	13	223	871	2 244	515	245
Goats inventory	farms.. 675	4	80	242	212	107	30
	number.. 6 520	9	758	2 611	2 207	569	366
Goats sold	farms.. 172	2	21	55	62	22	10
	number.. 4 359	(D)	124	710	755	(D)	105
POULTRY							
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	farms.. 1 200	4	126	433	373	178	86
	number.. 547 463	(D)	19 714	85 641	(D)	7 184	3 689
Farms with—							
1 to 399	1 184	4	122	424	371	177	86
400 to 3,199	12	—	3	8	—	1	—
3,200 to 9,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10,000 to 19,999	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
20,000 to 49,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
50,000 to 99,999	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
100,000 or more	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
Layers 20 weeks old and older	farms.. 1 167	4	118	423	366	172	84
	number.. 541 003	(D)	19 181	83 134	(D)	5 572	2 844
Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old	farms.. 218	3	24	78	61	34	18
	number.. 6 460	33	533	2 507	930	1 612	845
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text)	farms.. 125	—	16	47	45	12	5
	number.. 850 860	—	22 727	(D)	(D)	1 678	348
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms.. 308	1	30	134	101	28	14
	number.. 1 850 007	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	4 639	5 214
Farms with—							
1 to 1,999	299	1	28	131	98	27	14
2,000 to 59,999	4	—	—	2	1	1	—
60,000 to 99,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100,000 or more	5	—	2	1	2	—	—
Turkey hens kept for breeding	farms.. 117	—	10	37	37	24	9
	number.. (D)	—	(D)	91	130	122	38
Turkeys sold	farms.. 97	—	17	36	37	5	2
	number.. 1 098 484	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED								
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 34 315	26 263	296	2 235	6 683	6 384	5 456	5 209
	acres.. 2 877 971	2 527 610	26 885	195 399	669 054	688 455	558 271	389 546
	bushels.. 362 498 739	321 368 687	3 282 280	25 179 740	86 043 155	87 559 624	70 775 097	48 528 791
Irrigated	farms.. 462	405	5	15	113	114	85	73
	acres.. 79 789	71 591	628	1 966	22 259	19 551	14 992	12 195
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	10 490	6 191	69	522	1 238	1 248	1 244	1 870
25 to 99 acres	15 880	12 906	143	1 162	3 537	3 176	2 608	2 280
100 to 249 acres	5 776	5 152	69	410	1 408	1 367	1 128	770
250 to 499 acres	1 433	1 318	8	96	302	376	333	203
500 acres or more	736	696	7	45	198	217	143	86
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 22 498	19 951	215	1 950	5 753	5 307	3 985	2 741
	acres.. 717 549	670 682	7 042	63 488	190 731	184 542	142 468	82 411
	tons, green.. 10 444 465	9 836 553	102 572	967 988	2 821 309	2 731 879	2 078 936	1 133 869
Irrigated	farms.. 111	99	1	7	28	30	19	14
	acres.. 3 863	3 711	(D)	(D)	737	967	917	649
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	12 404	10 356	114	1 032	2 961	2 581	2 011	1 657
25 to 99 acres	9 009	8 549	91	819	2 508	2 450	1 741	940
100 to 249 acres	955	922	9	87	255	241	203	127
250 to 499 acres	104	100	—	11	24	29	22	14
500 acres or more	26	24	1	1	5	6	8	3
Wheat for grain	farms.. 4 578	3 550	33	239	846	882	725	825
	acres.. 150 469	126 460	885	7 228	29 430	37 105	28 608	23 204
	bushels.. 8 083 650	6 872 641	46 008	397 870	1 626 038	2 034 006	1 551 192	1 217 527
Irrigated	farms.. 13	10	—	—	3	2	1	4
	acres.. 944	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	190
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	2 709	1 998	20	143	490	446	376	523
25 to 99 acres	1 634	1 336	12	87	305	362	295	275
100 to 249 acres	197	181	1	8	44	61	44	23
250 to 499 acres	29	26	—	1	4	10	8	3
500 acres or more	9	9	—	—	3	3	2	1
Oats for grain	farms.. 14 925	12 095	93	797	2 768	2 910	2 649	2 878
	acres.. 314 722	274 753	1 895	16 586	66 596	68 470	63 201	58 005
	bushels.. 18 623 580	16 440 917	115 019	983 246	4 028 746	3 997 026	3 841 729	3 475 151
Irrigated	farms.. 45	40	—	2	7	14	5	12
	acres.. 1 589	1 264	—	(D)	143	371	(D)	583
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	10 565	8 114	68	573	1 741	1 905	1 744	2 083
25 to 99 acres	4 221	3 850	25	216	998	967	874	770
100 to 249 acres	120	113	—	8	24	35	22	24
250 to 499 acres	15	14	—	—	4	3	6	1
500 acres or more	4	4	—	—	1	—	3	—
Tobacco	farms.. 839	460	5	26	124	80	101	124
	acres.. 2 553	1 855	13	174	636	297	429	307
	pounds.. 5 355 466	3 937 302	29 375	354 317	1 289 677	641 547	972 655	649 731
Irrigated	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 0.9 acres	185	74	—	2	12	11	18	31
1.0 to 1.9 acres	276	131	3	6	28	30	31	33
2.0 to 2.9 acres	149	85	—	2	19	14	21	29
3.0 to 4.9 acres	116	80	1	8	30	9	14	18
5.0 to 9.9 acres	67	49	1	2	19	10	6	11
10.0 to 24.9 acres	38	33	—	4	14	4	9	2
25.0 acres or more	8	8	—	2	2	2	2	—
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 12 028	8 874	125	737	2 180	2 097	1 864	1 871
	acres.. 990 531	830 438	9 631	63 732	212 906	227 672	184 619	131 878
	bushels.. 42 681 842	36 098 066	433 487	2 816 085	9 335 391	9 843 870	8 056 129	5 613 104
Irrigated	farms.. 188	159	1	7	51	45	34	21
	acres.. 21 474	18 190	(D)	(D)	6 713	4 355	4 700	2 025
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	3 824	2 565	42	221	648	520	525	609
25 to 99 acres	5 668	4 125	57	356	978	946	845	943
100 to 249 acres	1 696	1 402	23	100	334	402	316	227
250 to 499 acres	572	530	1	39	149	156	123	62
500 acres or more	268	252	2	21	71	73	55	30
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 418	350	2	28	94	90	71	65
	acres.. 85 304	80 974	(D)	(D)	21 875	24 086	20 115	12 966
	cwt.. 30 242 152	28 743 166	(D)	(D)	8 022 642	8 531 261	7 084 810	4 474 840
Irrigated	farms.. 215	199	1	14	54	58	45	27
	acres.. 78 136	74 180	(D)	(D)	19 891	22 145	19 068	11 688
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	168	124	—	13	34	21	23	33
5.0 to 24.9 acres	34	26	—	2	7	8	3	6
25.0 to 99.9 acres	59	49	2	3	15	15	11	3
100.0 to 249.9 acres	56	54	—	9	14	14	6	11
250.0 acres or more	101	97	—	1	24	32	28	12

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Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED							
Corn for grain or seed	farms.. 8 052	80	751	2 167	2 553	1 751	750
	acres.. 350 361	3 328	32 239	88 395	113 471	83 288	29 640
	bushels.. 41 130 052	374 068	3 854 963	10 395 075	13 208 695	9 862 645	3 434 606
Irrigated	farms.. 57	1	4	18	17	15	2
	acres.. 8 198	(D)	(D)	1 974	4 132	1 438	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	4 299	35	381	1 149	1 361	926	447
25 to 99 acres	2 974	39	299	826	924	648	238
100 to 249 acres	624	6	57	161	220	131	49
250 to 499 acres	115	—	12	25	33	34	11
500 acres or more	40	—	2	6	15	12	5
Corn for silage or green chop	farms.. 2 547	21	281	756	780	514	195
	acres.. 46 867	290	5 059	12 201	14 257	11 102	3 958
	tons, green.. 607 912	3 825	64 301	161 095	178 793	150 170	49 728
Irrigated	farms.. 12	—	—	6	3	2	1
	acres.. 152	—	—	103	19	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	2 048	16	221	624	632	405	150
25 to 99 acres	460	5	55	124	137	98	41
100 to 249 acres	33	—	4	8	10	7	4
250 to 499 acres	4	—	1	—	—	3	—
500 acres or more	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Wheat for grain	farms.. 1 028	9	73	253	301	268	124
	acres.. 24 009	248	1 345	5 569	7 457	6 868	2 522
	bushels.. 1 211 009	11 619	71 558	285 479	373 176	347 620	121 557
Irrigated	farms.. 3	—	—	—	1	1	1
	acres.. (D)	—	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	711	6	55	177	208	170	95
25 to 99 acres	298	3	18	72	84	93	28
100 to 249 acres	16	—	—	4	8	3	1
250 to 499 acres	3	—	—	—	1	2	—
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oats for grain	farms.. 2 830	17	231	729	938	660	255
	acres.. 39 969	221	2 777	10 605	13 210	9 614	3 542
	bushels.. 2 182 663	10 712	155 556	559 831	721 672	540 627	194 265
Irrigated	farms.. 5	—	—	1	1	3	—
	acres.. 325	—	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	2 451	16	205	627	810	572	221
25 to 99 acres	371	1	26	101	124	86	33
100 to 249 acres	7	—	—	1	4	1	1
250 to 499 acres	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
500 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tobacco	farms.. 379	8	45	110	102	75	39
	acres.. 698	12	99	238	155	145	49
	pounds.. 1 418 164	29 156	191 283	450 326	337 325	317 742	92 332
Irrigated	farms.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	acres.. —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 0.9 acres	111	3	9	33	30	22	14
1.0 to 1.9 acres	145	4	13	33	47	31	17
2.0 to 2.9 acres	64	—	14	18	16	12	4
3.0 to 4.9 acres	36	1	6	14	7	5	3
5.0 to 9.9 acres	18	—	3	10	1	3	1
10.0 to 24.9 acres	5	—	—	2	1	2	—
25.0 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soybeans for beans	farms.. 3 154	30	309	867	973	668	307
	acres.. 160 093	1 290	14 948	43 278	49 412	37 278	13 887
	bushels.. 6 583 776	47 819	629 113	1 770 245	2 079 636	1 492 682	564 281
Irrigated	farms.. 29	1	4	9	6	8	1
	acres.. 3 284	(D)	(D)	1 072	1 239	366	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	1 259	13	109	342	360	279	156
25 to 99 acres	1 543	15	165	431	504	304	124
100 to 249 acres	294	2	31	81	92	68	20
250 to 499 acres	42	—	4	10	12	13	3
500 acres or more	16	—	—	3	5	4	4
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	farms.. 68	1	7	25	13	14	8
	acres.. 4 330	(D)	(D)	1 543	129	1 111	1 458
	cwt.. 1 498 986	(D)	(D)	538 846	(D)	420 005	(D)
Irrigated	farms.. 16	—	1	8	1	3	3
	acres.. 3 956	—	(D)	1 432	(D)	(D)	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres	44	1	5	16	9	9	4
5.0 to 24.9 acres	8	—	—	4	3	1	—
25.0 to 99.9 acres	10	—	2	3	—	3	2
100.0 to 249.9 acres	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
250.0 acres or more	4	—	—	1	—	1	2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total farming and other occupations	Farming						
		Total	Age of operator (years)					
			Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—								
Con.								
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms..	44 115	30 868	293	2 493	7 485	7 352	6 271	6 974
acres..	3 554 932	3 091 995	27 336	255 292	867 566	826 780	633 667	481 354
tons, dry..	8 606 243	7 591 387	63 498	618 085	2 143 007	2 042 145	1 545 218	1 179 434
Irrigated farms..	325	271	2	20	79	73	54	43
acres..	20 291	17 486	(D)	(D)	4 922	4 229	3 212	2 782
Farms by acres harvested:								
1 to 24 acres	11 262	4 321	41	322	571	642	843	1 902
25 to 99 acres	19 688	14 181	140	1 143	3 124	3 240	2 949	3 585
100 to 249 acres	11 236	10 506	100	882	3 252	2 943	2 078	1 251
250 to 499 acres	1 687	1 633	11	125	485	459	349	204
500 acres or more	242	227	1	21	53	68	52	32
Alfalfa hay farms..	35 608	25 521	230	1 955	6 221	6 144	5 257	5 714
acres..	1 784 096	1 498 250	12 213	111 961	400 537	391 850	307 981	273 708
tons, dry..	5 169 767	4 445 206	36 344	333 337	1 206 590	1 187 245	909 872	771 818
Irrigated farms..	193	154	2	6	41	41	35	29
acres..	8 457	6 868	(D)	(D)	2 046	1 478	1 495	1 369
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . farms..	3 288	2 265	21	162	545	532	464	541
acres..	270 130	233 350	1 199	12 303	66 597	62 597	51 985	38 669
Irrigated farms..	450	363	—	24	113	97	75	54
acres..	106 592	99 951	—	3 053	29 568	27 871	25 112	14 347
Farms by acres harvested:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	728	363	5	11	98	81	71	97
5.0 to 24.9 acres	669	429	2	34	108	86	89	110
25.0 to 99.9 acres	1 343	988	12	78	222	225	186	265
100.0 to 249.9 acres	350	303	1	31	65	86	74	46
250.0 acres or more	198	182	1	8	52	54	44	23
Snap beans harvested for sale farms..	879	665	3	61	166	180	132	123
acres..	65 059	57 871	223	3 962	15 466	16 347	13 846	8 029
Irrigated farms..	177	155	—	11	41	42	36	25
acres..	30 033	28 607	—	1 184	8 294	7 719	7 703	3 708
Green peas, excluding green cowpeas, harvested for sale farms..	1 175	939	7	76	236	232	193	195
acres..	55 778	49 204	210	3 256	14 413	12 614	11 314	7 397
Irrigated farms..	132	118	—	9	31	34	29	15
acres..	12 844	11 787	—	455	3 381	3 098	3 596	1 258
Sweet corn harvested for sale farms..	1 789	1 210	9	69	266	286	253	327
acres..	116 896	98 436	649	4 123	27 993	23 902	22 385	19 384
Irrigated farms..	271	225	—	14	63	69	49	30
acres..	53 581	50 097	—	1 269	15 533	12 251	13 072	7 972
Land in orchards farms..	853	356	—	17	69	61	84	125
acres..	10 851	7 899	—	447	1 614	1 075	2 333	2 431
Irrigated farms..	84	43	—	1	12	10	10	10
acres..	1 085	866	—	(D)	(D)	180	229	298
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:								
0.1 to 4.9 acres	498	170	—	11	34	28	38	59
5.0 to 24.9 acres	255	107	—	3	18	21	24	41
25.0 to 99.9 acres	82	63	—	2	15	10	15	21
100.0 to 249.9 acres	13	11	—	—	1	2	5	3
250.0 acres or more	5	5	—	1	1	—	2	1
Apples farms..	761	319	—	16	65	52	78	108
Bearing and nonbearing acres..	7 753	5 558	—	416	795	731	1 700	1 917
pounds..	41 085 186	34 900 448	—	2 479 200	4 110 474	4 926 516	11 377 319	12 006 939
Berries harvested for sale farms..	622	424	2	23	106	102	98	93
acres..	15 100	13 845	(D)	(D)	2 954	6 072	2 813	1 507
Irrigated farms..	398	282	1	16	76	74	74	41
acres..	(D)	(D)	(D)	492	2 927	6 044	2 760	1 442

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Other occupations						
	Total	Age of operator (years)					
		Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—							
Con.							
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . .							
farms . . .	13 247	83	1 094	3 529	4 261	2 839	1 441
acres . . .	462 937	2 372	38 172	123 819	150 193	102 896	45 485
tons, dry . . .	1 014 856	5 687	78 396	260 578	343 797	227 565	98 833
Irrigated farms . . .	54	—	5	11	15	17	6
acres . . .	2 805	—	146	556	384	1 460	259
Farms by acres harvested:							
1 to 24 acres	6 941	54	580	1 782	2 242	1 459	824
25 to 99 acres	5 507	26	448	1 532	1 749	1 207	545
100 to 249 acres	730	3	59	199	249	154	66
250 to 499 acres	54	—	6	15	16	12	5
500 acres or more	15	—	1	1	5	7	1
Alfalfa hay farms . . .	10 087	65	802	2 706	3 335	2 175	1 004
acres . . .	285 846	1 466	21 281	77 554	95 788	62 787	26 970
tons, dry . . .	724 561	3 894	51 508	188 550	252 494	161 076	67 039
Irrigated farms . . .	39	—	3	6	12	14	4
acres . . .	1 589	—	(D)	(D)	267	1 011	147
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms . . .	1 023	9	71	304	328	207	104
acres . . .	36 781	261	1 682	10 236	9 214	10 333	5 055
Irrigated farms . . .	87	—	3	37	28	12	7
acres . . .	6 641	—	(D)	1 598	683	2 482	(D)
Farms by acres harvested:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres	365	2	29	121	134	52	27
5.0 to 24.9 acres	240	1	14	62	79	58	26
25.0 to 99.9 acres	355	6	27	94	103	78	47
100.0 to 249.9 acres	47	—	—	22	9	14	2
250.0 acres or more	16	—	1	5	3	5	2
Snap beans harvested for sale farms . . .	214	1	14	65	63	54	17
acres . . .	7 187	(D)	(D)	1 603	1 896	2 698	573
Irrigated farms . . .	22	—	1	11	6	4	—
acres . . .	1 427	—	(D)	255	276	(D)	—
Green peas, excluding green cowpeas, harvested for sale farms . . .	236	2	12	68	78	54	22
acres . . .	6 575	(D)	(D)	1 810	1 604	1 765	1 121
Irrigated farms . . .	14	—	—	4	5	4	1
acres . . .	1 057	—	—	(D)	(D)	413	(D)
Sweet corn harvested for sale farms . . .	579	8	35	173	174	123	66
acres . . .	18 460	190	900	5 285	4 676	4 496	2 914
Irrigated farms . . .	46	—	1	16	15	8	6
acres . . .	3 484	—	(D)	1 055	313	887	(D)
Land in orchards farms . . .	497	—	18	99	176	125	79
acres . . .	2 952	—	95	575	1 053	864	364
Irrigated farms . . .	41	—	3	16	9	9	4
acres . . .	219	—	2	82	18	107	10
Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:							
0.1 to 4.9 acres	328	—	11	65	117	80	55
5.0 to 24.9 acres	148	—	6	31	51	38	22
25.0 to 99.9 acres	19	—	1	3	8	5	2
100.0 to 249.9 acres	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
250.0 acres or more	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apples farms . . .	442	—	18	89	150	118	67
Bearing and nonbearing acres . . .	2 195	—	76	456	696	718	249
pounds . . .	6 184 738	—	247 139	1 683 055	1 925 089	1 634 876	694 579
Berries harvested for sale farms . . .	198	—	13	46	69	47	23
acres . . .	1 255	—	73	200	331	444	207
Irrigated farms . . .	116	—	8	29	44	27	8
acres . . .	1 111	—	69	159	313	391	179

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.