

Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
FARMS				
Land in farms				
farms, 2002	2,391	721	358	1,312
1997	2,671	835	355	1,481
acres, 2002	540,080	185,329	71,248	283,503
1997	589,107	197,372	78,085	313,650
Harvested cropland				
farms, 2002	1,548	516	273	759
1997	1,901	664	289	948
acres, 2002	433,105	151,787	57,515	223,803
1997	469,920	158,707	62,152	249,061
TENURE				
Full owners				
farms, 2002	1,597	470	237	890
1997	1,691	498	219	974
acres, 2002	108,717	35,936	18,168	54,613
1997	126,933	45,677	16,512	64,744
Harvested cropland				
farms, 2002	813	282	162	369
1997	979	349	159	471
acres, 2002	51,800	17,214	8,872	25,714
1997	66,737	26,469	6,785	33,483
Part owners				
farms, 2002	618	197	83	338
1997	726	239	85	402
acres, 2002	365,802	125,997	40,522	199,283
1997	398,654	134,254	50,224	214,176
Owned land in farms				
acres, 2002	149,426	45,484	10,907	93,035
1997	165,318	48,388	12,349	104,581
Rented land in farms				
acres, 2002	216,376	80,513	29,615	106,248
1997	233,336	85,866	37,875	109,595
Harvested cropland				
farms, 2002	583	190	76	317
1997	699	228	82	389
acres, 2002	318,070	111,868	36,696	169,506
1997	345,616	117,095	45,310	183,211
Tenants				
farms, 2002	176	54	38	84
1997	254	98	51	105
acres, 2002	65,561	23,396	12,558	29,607
1997	63,520	17,441	11,349	34,730
Harvested cropland				
farms, 2002	152	44	35	73
1997	223	87	48	88
acres, 2002	63,235	22,705	11,947	28,583
1997	57,567	15,143	10,057	32,367
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS				
Total operators	3,685	1,101	575	2,009
Farms by number of operators:				
1 operator	1,351	426	195	730
2 operators	855	238	134	483
3 operators	139	37	16	86
4 operators	32	15	7	10
5 or more operators	14	5	6	3
Total women operators	1,080	288	177	615
Farms by number of women operators:				
1 operator	915	246	137	532
2 operators	78	21	17	40
3 operators	3	-	2	1
4 operators	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS				
Sex of operator:				
Male				
farms, 2002	2,062	649	300	1,113
1997	2,354	769	319	1,266
acres, 2002	516,292	176,916	68,564	270,812
1997	561,580	189,664	76,614	295,302
Female				
farms, 2002	329	72	58	199
1997	317	66	36	215
acres, 2002	23,788	8,413	2,684	12,691
1997	27,527	7,708	1,471	18,348
Primary occupation:				
Farming				
2002	1,659	490	200	969
1997	1,601	490	173	938
Other				
2002	732	231	158	343
1997	1,070	345	182	543
Place of residence ¹ :				
On farm operated				
2002	2,030	596	306	1,128
1997	1,944	603	285	1,056
Not on farm operated				
2002	361	125	52	184
1997	417	123	56	238
Days worked off farm ¹ :				
None				
2002	1,296	379	178	739
1997	1,235	378	172	685
Any				
2002	1,095	342	180	573
1997	1,209	386	175	648
1 to 49 days				
2002	152	44	12	96
1997	130	60	13	57
50 to 99 days				
2002	83	22	15	46
1997	63	22	5	36
100 to 199 days				
2002	170	52	25	93
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more				
2002	690	224	128	338
1997	821	248	133	440

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Item		Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.					
Years on present farm ¹ :					
2 years or less	2002	56	18	7	31
	1997	97	33	18	46
3 or 4 years	2002	102	37	22	43
	1997	169	48	24	97
5 to 9 years	2002	345	116	51	178
	1997	342	117	49	176
10 years or more	2002	1,888	550	278	1,060
	1997	1,518	461	222	835
Average years on present farm	2002	21.8	20.8	22.3	22.2
	1997	20.0	19.5	20.1	20.2
Age group:					
Under 25 years	2002	7	6	-	1
	1997	47	25	1	21
25 to 34 years	2002	77	28	5	44
	1997	168	58	12	98
35 to 44 years	2002	487	136	58	293
	1997	564	182	68	314
45 to 54 years	2002	645	194	92	359
	1997	640	181	90	369
55 to 59 years	2002	309	90	47	172
	1997	344	118	52	174
60 to 64 years	2002	334	94	58	182
	1997	258	79	30	149
65 to 69 years	2002	188	61	23	104
	1997	237	79	34	124
70 years and over	2002	344	112	75	157
	1997	413	113	68	232
Average age	2002	54.8	55.0	57.4	54.0
	1997	53.4	52.5	55.8	53.4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION					
Family or individual	farms, 2002	2,015	625	302	1,088
	1997	2,176	700	278	1,198
	acres, 2002	321,555	(D)	(D)	163,035
	1997	334,454	129,276	48,054	157,124
Partnership	farms, 2002	136	49	16	71
	1997	216	74	25	117
	acres, 2002	75,704	33,697	10,266	31,741
	1997	70,830	29,661	7,558	33,611
Corporation:					
Family-held	farms, 2002	199	37	28	134
	1997	240	55	41	144
	acres, 2002	131,210	36,738	12,424	82,048
	1997	173,684	37,228	19,210	117,246
Other than family held	farms, 2002	13	4	4	5
	1997	14	3	4	7
	acres, 2002	3,887	8	(D)	(D)
	1997	1,553	(D)	(D)	1,008
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	28	6	8	14
	1997	25	3	7	15
	acres, 2002	7,724	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1997	8,586	(D)	(D)	4,661

¹ Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.