

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

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

Item	Montana	Beaverhead	Big Horn	Blaine	Broadwater	Carbon	Carter
FARMS							
Land in farms	27,870	421	584	588	279	703	289
farms, 2002	27,632	409	586	598	250	719	312
acres, 2002	59,612,403	1,279,031	2,811,337	2,261,411	469,782	753,504	1,666,922
1997	58,445,339	1,170,447	2,715,199	2,224,905	455,946	764,729	1,554,031
Harvested cropland	16,543	254	315	362	177	464	113
farms, 2002	19,254	300	385	418	195	515	222
acres, 2002	8,742,111	121,179	170,330	294,492	81,222	81,688	43,331
1997	9,792,216	155,321	230,521	310,611	88,953	109,120	127,490
TENURE							
Full owners	17,013	309	270	316	197	452	127
farms, 2002	15,101	277	248	316	144	422	146
acres, 2002	18,003,093	723,006	890,700	890,391	186,900	278,451	452,923
1997	16,936,926	652,010	842,400	1,022,368	195,940	345,185	451,247
Harvested cropland	8,127	160	99	153	109	264	38
farms, 2002	9,007	205	109	184	105	271	90
acres, 2002	1,830,747	65,010	16,691	91,697	24,985	25,520	9,841
1997	2,270,858	84,684	25,800	92,313	33,091	34,316	38,524
Part owners	8,674	83	242	222	65	195	130
farms, 2002	9,268	100	235	201	80	202	119
acres, 2002	37,157,914	519,863	1,692,597	1,232,473	241,871	434,511	1,083,116
1997	35,958,797	483,104	1,592,479	1,031,755	236,948	363,134	920,584
Owned land in farms	22,957,136	405,974	838,516	776,549	184,433	274,301	677,932
acres, 2002	21,263,100	357,845	714,012	607,683	164,724	231,176	600,814
1997	14,200,778	113,889	854,081	455,924	57,438	160,210	405,184
Rented land in farms	14,695,697	125,259	878,467	424,072	72,224	131,958	319,770
farms, 2002	7,065	72	182	174	54	162	66
acres, 2002	8,059	80	213	177	68	177	107
1997	6,046,127	51,702	128,431	172,303	45,099	48,572	28,092
1997	6,286,675	65,884	145,824	161,171	43,078	60,219	76,451
Harvested cropland	2,183	29	72	50	17	56	32
farms, 2002	3,263	32	103	81	26	95	47
acres, 2002	4,451,396	36,162	228,040	138,547	41,011	40,542	130,883
1997	5,549,616	35,333	280,320	170,782	23,058	56,410	182,200
Harvested cropland	1,351	22	34	35	14	38	9
farms, 2002	2,188	15	63	57	22	67	25
acres, 2002	865,237	4,467	25,208	30,492	11,138	7,596	5,398
1997	1,234,683	4,753	58,897	57,127	12,784	14,585	12,515
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	43,342	738	919	942	472	1,086	511
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	15,690	195	345	322	138	403	121
2 operators	10,106	168	197	211	114	248	130
3 operators	1,391	38	25	35	16	31	25
4 operators	461	12	8	13	7	14	10
5 or more operators	222	8	9	7	4	7	3
Total women operators	13,361	229	248	307	160	332	172
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	11,518	180	201	267	132	298	139
2 operators	712	20	13	17	4	12	15
3 operators	90	3	1	2	4	2	1
4 operators	20	-	1	-	2	1	-
5 or more operators	8	-	2	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	24,203	379	515	495	247	610	259
farms, 2002	24,755	375	519	534	226	661	278
acres, 2002	55,807,532	1,223,924	2,619,057	2,164,509	412,928	667,723	1,566,398
1997	55,655,068	1,145,331	2,599,104	2,163,759	413,119	727,384	1,449,089
Female	3,667	42	69	93	32	93	30
farms, 2002	2,877	34	67	64	24	58	34
acres, 2002	3,804,871	55,107	192,280	96,902	56,854	85,781	100,524
1997	2,790,271	25,116	116,095	61,146	42,827	37,345	104,942
Primary occupation:							
Farming	17,710	259	392	413	185	453	239
2002	16,855	244	368	432	166	427	252
Other	10,160	162	192	175	94	250	50
2002	10,777	165	218	166	84	292	60
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	22,328	352	463	417	242	580	248
2002	20,200	311	408	417	183	568	239
Not on farm operated	5,542	69	121	171	37	123	41
2002	5,352	74	117	130	44	112	53
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	13,824	184	312	313	141	302	166
2002	12,216	169	267	306	101	299	170
Any	14,046	237	272	275	138	401	123
2002	13,578	215	270	241	133	379	121
1 to 49 days	2,086	32	36	42	21	56	47
2002	2,159	27	24	50	26	53	43
1997	1,058	23	20	25	7	14	9
2002	1,011	10	24	13	5	41	8
1997	2,002	28	34	52	15	81	12
2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1997	8,900	154	182	156	95	250	55
2002	7,920	134	176	117	79	219	54
1997							

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

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

Item	Cascade	Chouteau	Custer	Daniels	Dawson	Deer Lodge	Fallon
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms, 2002 1,037	787	425	364	522	109	327
	1997 1,050	819	451	405	538	102	326
	acres, 2002 1,388,530	2,301,376	1,904,133	815,443	1,410,885	134,997	932,211
	1997 1,470,308	2,247,664	1,872,660	807,146	1,383,887	106,994	900,413
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 605	533	224	227	356	58	145
	1997 707	646	294	284	375	69	217
	acres, 2002 267,026	623,170	57,170	312,865	251,553	13,765	66,835
	1997 301,589	757,213	86,282	289,267	244,195	14,268	126,014
TENURE							
Full owners	farms, 2002 722	341	251	167	260	81	169
	1997 677	289	261	124	234	69	170
	acres, 2002 528,580	494,899	444,240	171,799	286,379	84,461	182,498
	1997 602,243	484,177	484,880	101,953	265,661	62,015	181,734
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 357	138	109	59	127	37	48
	1997 418	174	147	57	111	46	88
	acres, 2002 77,445	101,047	14,507	33,700	40,671	(D)	12,195
	1997 88,895	135,168	25,884	23,292	32,651	(D)	38,667
Part owners	farms, 2002 252	339	140	169	209	24	134
	1997 274	374	126	221	222	25	125
	acres, 2002 736,429	1,485,991	1,307,217	601,964	1,002,475	45,416	710,910
	1997 705,865	1,406,520	1,237,672	647,714	1,006,223	38,289	659,752
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 440,711	806,007	881,484	323,107	606,030	29,325	441,423
	1997 407,157	755,165	824,779	314,931	592,885	22,948	425,187
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 295,718	679,984	425,733	278,857	396,445	16,091	269,487
	1997 298,708	651,355	412,893	332,783	413,338	15,341	234,565
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 207	311	100	146	193	19	90
	1997 217	342	114	192	212	19	111
	acres, 2002 154,627	420,986	39,272	251,293	189,229	5,176	52,137
	1997 170,240	463,009	52,208	239,391	182,143	2,713	82,941
Tenants	farms, 2002 63	107	34	28	53	4	24
	1997 99	156	64	60	82	8	31
	acres, 2002 123,521	320,486	152,676	41,680	122,031	5,120	38,803
	1997 162,200	356,967	150,108	57,479	112,003	6,690	58,927
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 41	84	15	22	36	2	7
	1997 72	130	33	35	52	4	18
	acres, 2002 34,954	101,137	3,391	27,872	21,653	(D)	2,503
	1997 42,454	159,036	8,190	26,584	29,401	(D)	4,406
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	number 1,610	1,213	682	503	782	172	497
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	558	457	230	249	321	66	185
2 operators	407	259	157	95	154	31	123
3 operators	55	49	23	16	39	9	12
4 operators	13	20	13	4	4	1	5
5 or more operators	4	2	2	-	4	2	2
Total women operators	number 530	315	212	143	216	44	158
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	472	278	180	127	190	40	134
2 operators	29	14	13	8	13	2	10
3 operators	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
4 operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002 901	699	385	305	465	98	286
	1997 930	764	414	347	504	93	288
	acres, 2002 1,302,701	2,110,949	1,757,533	756,723	1,327,500	130,751	869,747
	1997 1,418,601	2,142,719	1,821,729	759,260	1,316,275	102,528	842,438
Female	farms, 2002 136	88	40	59	57	11	41
	1997 120	55	37	58	34	9	38
	acres, 2002 85,829	190,427	146,600	58,720	83,385	4,246	62,464
	1997 51,707	104,945	50,931	47,886	67,612	4,466	57,975
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002 589	666	296	276	371	58	228
	1997 561	667	263	282	360	48	210
Other	2002 448	121	129	88	151	51	99
	1997 489	152	188	123	178	54	116
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	2002 820	597	364	227	367	84	254
	1997 773	546	345	214	311	80	215
Not on farm operated	2002 217	190	61	137	155	25	73
	1997 195	212	83	160	172	14	88
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	2002 479	487	198	199	289	63	178
	1997 405	501	192	226	256	34	156
Any	2002 558	300	227	165	233	46	149
	1997 587	254	245	132	240	61	150
1 to 49 days	2002 81	77	42	45	38	5	23
	1997 91	73	51	37	40	4	24
50 to 99 days	2002 36	26	12	21	18	8	11
	1997 31	17	16	10	20	3	16
100 to 199 days	2002 72	47	28	18	35	9	20
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 369	150	145	81	142	24	95
	1997 383	103	146	68	138	48	93

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

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

Item	Fergus	Flathead	Gallatin	Garfield	Glacier	Golden Valley	Granite
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms, 2002 830	1,075	1,074	268	472	140	140
	1997 893	1,102	1,003	241	493	125	130
	acres, 2002 2,281,789	234,861	708,728	2,181,755	1,645,201	660,787	282,907
	1997 2,229,507	237,781	782,189	2,077,981	1,623,535	632,799	260,070
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 555	679	644	169	246	66	85
	1997 665	800	694	166	280	86	89
	acres, 2002 362,238	81,462	177,013	135,909	274,890	27,064	27,091
	1997 417,338	85,318	176,282	140,863	282,169	57,063	32,136
TENURE							
Full owners	farms, 2002 436	841	741	111	196	72	94
	1997 436	802	566	106	203	56	79
	acres, 2002 527,027	112,423	221,986	535,804	647,763	172,690	137,028
	1997 505,759	87,482	195,828	573,960	698,381	83,185	120,064
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 232	497	376	55	54	19	48
	1997 286	551	339	64	60	25	48
	acres, 2002 71,510	23,052	42,693	25,796	35,043	6,822	13,249
	1997 97,926	24,212	38,902	44,316	42,864	19,458	14,007
Part owners	farms, 2002 299	181	237	132	227	58	40
	1997 325	226	290	102	209	58	41
	acres, 2002 1,538,487	88,964	376,712	1,527,588	906,345	476,750	123,639
	1997 1,492,705	106,115	476,022	1,356,717	793,449	484,824	128,037
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 986,708	38,772	201,566	1,082,205	415,136	376,914	85,162
	1997 850,382	46,935	290,631	906,803	375,252	331,204	89,407
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 551,779	50,192	175,146	445,383	491,209	99,836	38,477
	1997 642,323	59,180	185,391	449,914	418,197	153,620	38,630
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 264	150	198	106	165	43	31
	1997 292	197	255	88	173	52	36
	acres, 2002 247,988	50,052	100,987	102,688	223,702	19,688	11,121
	1997 270,365	51,967	107,349	84,642	206,324	30,999	14,479
Tenants	farms, 2002 95	53	96	25	49	10	6
	1997 132	74	147	33	81	11	10
	acres, 2002 216,275	33,474	110,030	118,363	91,093	11,347	22,240
	1997 231,043	44,184	110,339	147,304	131,705	64,790	11,969
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 59	32	70	8	27	4	5
	1997 87	52	100	14	47	9	5
	acres, 2002 42,740	8,358	33,333	7,425	16,145	554	2,721
	1997 49,047	9,139	30,031	11,905	32,981	6,606	3,650
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	number 1,287	1,633	1,709	422	769	238	230
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	457	611	568	141	271	66	70
2 operators	322	414	429	106	156	55	59
3 operators	36	33	59	15	30	14	4
4 operators	9	8	9	6	6	5	5
5 or more operators	6	9	9	-	9	-	2
Total women operators	number 383	532	532	124	225	73	80
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	328	471	471	113	170	71	67
2 operators	19	25	23	4	18	1	5
3 operators	2	1	2	1	5	-	1
4 operators	1	2	1	-	1	-	-
5 or more operators	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002 748	904	912	244	412	127	114
	1997 824	939	896	227	434	116	113
	acres, 2002 2,165,856	199,049	680,644	2,033,538	1,576,518	613,539	242,591
	1997 2,071,400	223,591	763,136	1,930,572	1,558,066	619,070	252,001
Female	farms, 2002 82	171	162	24	60	13	26
	1997 69	163	107	14	59	9	17
	acres, 2002 115,933	35,812	28,084	148,217	68,683	47,248	40,316
	1997 158,107	14,190	19,053	147,409	65,469	13,729	8,069
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002 571	548	559	224	324	97	83
	1997 600	437	506	217	299	94	99
Other	2002 259	527	515	44	148	43	57
	1997 293	665	497	24	194	31	31
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	2002 672	939	943	213	369	97	123
	1997 670	903	789	177	325	93	104
Not on farm operated	2002 158	136	131	55	103	43	17
	1997 171	127	152	36	117	19	18
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	2002 456	471	469	179	249	76	66
	1997 461	357	410	147	201	77	60
Any	2002 374	604	605	89	223	64	74
	1997 381	688	553	68	272	38	59
1 to 49 days	2002 71	67	94	21	23	5	9
	1997 66	80	76	30	38	5	21
50 to 99 days	2002 23	33	37	10	20	4	3
	1997 34	44	28	12	27	4	6
100 to 199 days	2002 50	94	84	13	29	6	22
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 230	410	390	45	151	49	40
	1997 215	404	364	14	146	22	21

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

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

Item	Hill	Jefferson	Judith Basin	Lake	Lewis and Clark	Liberty	Lincoln	
FARMS								
Land in farms	farms, 2002	836	372	316	1,185	635	297	310
	1997	791	317	359	1,216	610	303	310
	acres, 2002	1,808,835	387,077	829,846	601,544	841,826	905,171	54,236
	1997	1,702,269	362,583	827,752	617,435	832,589	932,582	53,101
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	503	153	226	790	367	201	178
	1997	585	186	269	880	419	249	221
	acres, 2002	497,794	27,260	179,511	78,680	60,471	292,598	9,188
	1997	554,699	33,609	210,832	101,721	66,950	319,436	12,625
TENURE								
Full owners	farms, 2002	420	287	152	889	482	143	260
	1997	330	215	154	806	475	113	239
	acres, 2002	487,462	223,567	244,623	284,184	229,887	285,227	36,051
	1997	443,615	145,460	192,898	285,202	247,523	204,239	33,277
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	169	102	84	567	260	68	149
	1997	182	112	90	570	313	77	166
	acres, 2002	88,681	(D)	39,121	26,259	16,676	71,004	(D)
	1997	113,466	13,062	35,262	27,735	23,128	88,097	7,908
Part owners	farms, 2002	323	77	127	260	128	121	37
	1997	328	88	154	342	119	130	53
	acres, 2002	1,084,250	141,198	529,130	208,666	597,090	532,293	15,085
	1997	1,048,025	188,517	554,590	223,648	573,337	567,524	13,342
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	626,655	84,799	305,131	91,732	433,360	332,513	7,681
	1997	592,076	120,244	305,201	98,226	396,960	316,145	6,964
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	457,595	56,399	223,999	116,934	163,730	199,780	7,404
	1997	455,949	68,273	249,389	125,422	176,377	251,379	6,378
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	276	49	118	202	98	109	25
	1997	297	66	148	282	98	122	46
	acres, 2002	358,423	11,075	124,997	48,849	42,908	183,984	2,894
	1997	351,570	17,926	155,679	68,796	43,234	169,750	3,467
Tenants	farms, 2002	93	8	37	36	25	33	13
	1997	133	14	51	68	16	60	18
	acres, 2002	237,123	22,312	56,093	108,694	14,849	87,651	3,100
	1997	210,629	28,606	80,264	108,585	11,729	160,819	6,482
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	58	2	24	21	9	24	4
	1997	106	8	31	28	8	50	9
	acres, 2002	50,690	(D)	15,393	3,572	887	37,610	(D)
	1997	89,663	2,621	19,891	5,190	588	61,589	1,250
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators	number	1,215	588	471	1,834	1,012	499	454
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator		514	192	187	634	326	164	182
2 operators		279	155	115	482	264	82	115
3 operators		35	16	7	45	29	35	11
4 operators		4	7	5	22	12	14	1
5 or more operators		4	2	2	2	4	2	1
Total women operators	number	347	227	109	640	361	137	139
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator		308	181	95	562	319	107	124
2 operators		16	17	7	33	21	12	6
3 operators		1	4	-	4	-	2	1
4 operators		1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		1	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male	farms, 2002	722	302	293	1,014	545	268	275
	1997	731	262	325	1,082	529	284	272
	acres, 2002	1,665,484	359,836	804,509	564,533	809,116	855,005	48,750
	1997	1,639,658	340,539	785,504	586,474	770,972	905,035	48,288
Female	farms, 2002	114	70	23	171	90	29	35
	1997	60	55	34	134	81	19	38
	acres, 2002	143,351	27,241	25,337	37,011	32,710	50,166	5,486
	1997	62,611	22,044	42,248	30,961	61,617	27,547	4,813
Primary occupation:								
Farming	2002	559	180	246	650	334	269	150
	1997	540	138	276	604	232	264	117
Other	2002	277	192	70	535	301	28	160
	1997	251	179	83	612	378	39	193
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated	2002	582	326	260	1,059	570	230	278
	1997	489	261	243	995	506	200	247
Not on farm operated	2002	254	46	56	126	65	67	32
	1997	230	38	68	171	57	80	43
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None	2002	406	144	203	494	241	194	140
	1997	397	110	186	468	203	191	94
Any	2002	430	228	113	691	394	103	170
	1997	348	192	134	701	383	81	205
1 to 49 days	2002	63	28	24	71	41	38	10
	1997	63	13	34	72	35	21	30
50 to 99 days	2002	29	17	10	39	28	12	15
	1997	36	14	11	46	30	12	23
100 to 199 days	2002	82	18	22	93	35	10	40
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	256	165	57	488	290	43	105
	1997	194	131	64	452	274	27	123

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

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

Item	McCone	Madison	Meagher	Mineral	Missoula	Musselshell	Park
FARMS							
Land in farms							
farms, 2002	496	513	136	85	641	319	527
1997	466	535	151	89	608	257	483
acres, 2002	1,346,271	1,028,781	857,215	16,277	258,315	1,033,572	847,067
1997	1,325,778	1,096,286	923,090	19,707	269,357	916,317	735,544
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	321	300	88	43	312	137	286
1997	362	345	100	56	359	150	326
acres, 2002	258,909	86,278	69,649	2,746	22,290	43,332	79,079
1997	279,310	103,491	76,140	4,274	28,045	75,167	79,966
TENURE							
Full owners							
farms, 2002	280	347	63	68	495	187	356
1997	228	359	84	64	471	144	302
acres, 2002	419,140	292,545	175,110	10,576	(D)	301,212	327,284
1997	340,047	460,235	247,219	10,488	117,600	282,185	244,698
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	142	178	29	32	222	53	173
1997	152	215	47	38	262	69	186
acres, 2002	75,288	29,471	12,903	(D)	8,404	11,129	28,318
1997	80,936	44,710	(D)	(D)	12,451	17,012	25,909
Part owners							
farms, 2002	177	138	59	11	120	113	129
1997	177	128	53	17	115	94	134
acres, 2002	858,207	632,440	650,290	5,560	84,420	682,235	459,282
1997	869,935	480,783	661,317	7,345	65,812	579,629	435,916
Owned land in farms							
acres, 2002	556,395	465,179	375,939	3,937	47,429	478,506	333,833
1997	536,969	312,616	428,628	3,809	29,697	379,886	305,518
Rented land in farms							
acres, 2002	301,812	167,261	274,351	1,623	36,991	203,729	125,449
1997	332,966	168,167	232,689	3,536	36,115	199,743	130,398
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	153	109	52	10	83	73	93
1997	164	98	48	16	83	71	105
acres, 2002	168,994	51,392	52,462	1,306	12,905	20,915	44,281
1997	172,036	49,016	51,213	2,234	13,836	57,131	40,633
Tenants							
farms, 2002	39	28	14	6	26	19	42
1997	61	48	14	8	22	19	47
acres, 2002	68,924	103,796	31,815	141	(D)	50,125	60,501
1997	115,796	155,268	14,554	1,874	85,945	54,503	54,930
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	26	13	7	1	7	11	20
1997	46	32	5	2	14	11	35
acres, 2002	14,627	5,415	4,284	(D)	981	11,288	6,480
1997	26,338	9,765	(D)	(D)	1,758	1,024	13,424
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	749	799	225	136	1,002	528	846
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	294	291	72	43	366	153	274
2 operators	164	180	49	33	233	136	203
3 operators	28	30	11	9	26	22	38
4 operators	7	7	2	-	11	5	9
5 or more operators	3	5	2	-	5	3	3
Total women operators	210	241	68	40	370	179	284
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	190	211	50	36	305	173	236
2 operators	7	13	6	2	27	3	24
3 operators	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
4 operators	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male							
farms, 2002	437	454	115	76	519	270	446
1997	415	477	136	79	520	229	424
acres, 2002	1,243,214	947,759	806,588	15,702	247,431	956,557	760,727
1997	1,239,111	1,049,205	864,507	(D)	257,189	880,110	688,125
Female							
farms, 2002	59	59	21	9	122	49	81
1997	51	58	15	10	88	28	59
acres, 2002	103,057	81,022	50,627	575	10,884	77,015	86,340
1997	86,667	47,081	58,583	(D)	12,168	36,207	47,419
Primary occupation:							
Farming							
2002	345	298	104	35	286	220	284
1997	348	352	110	44	203	151	280
Other							
2002	151	215	32	50	355	99	243
1997	118	183	41	45	405	106	203
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated							
2002	352	442	113	76	576	251	465
1997	288	420	112	74	524	196	363
Not on farm operated							
2002	144	71	23	9	65	68	62
1997	146	87	25	9	54	47	82
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None							
2002	263	279	87	27	205	151	265
1997	233	271	82	25	184	110	197
Any							
2002	233	234	49	58	436	168	262
1997	198	229	61	59	396	128	244
1 to 49 days							
2002	32	34	3	5	34	24	35
1997	43	42	14	10	22	20	32
50 to 99 days							
2002	21	20	4	2	37	28	18
1997	18	24	7	8	24	7	26
100 to 199 days							
2002	47	30	3	4	77	25	42
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more							
2002	133	150	39	47	288	91	167
1997	100	120	30	34	285	77	139

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

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

Item	Petroleum	Phillips	Pondera	Powder River	Powell	Prairie	Ravalli
FARMS							
Land in farms							
farms, 2002	89	525	520	301	274	162	1,441
1997	89	534	536	307	261	162	1,318
acres, 2002	538,028	1,896,941	900,107	1,521,618	618,687	619,684	245,133
1997	528,700	1,931,969	912,659	1,524,243	633,641	596,205	198,386
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	46	304	381	162	162	114	845
1997	63	379	440	240	186	119	852
acres, 2002	27,272	194,034	307,976	54,746	57,656	47,394	48,933
1997	33,897	271,244	348,742	101,513	61,387	65,464	48,756
TENURE							
Full owners							
farms, 2002	39	318	253	141	190	75	1,142
1997	33	284	214	122	146	83	952
acres, 2002	(D)	588,963	229,530	411,955	160,307	193,792	132,472
1997	95,396	463,336	229,751	271,951	181,785	196,309	97,245
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	10	141	141	57	95	44	625
1997	21	160	150	88	96	52	572
acres, 2002	(D)	48,042	52,711	14,962	15,107	13,168	23,014
1997	5,325	74,164	69,206	25,333	21,209	32,000	20,662
Part owners							
farms, 2002	45	175	211	135	62	75	243
1997	40	193	231	128	84	68	293
acres, 2002	386,459	1,193,347	564,869	1,040,745	425,994	414,960	98,167
1997	383,735	1,279,894	555,149	1,076,760	417,745	390,254	84,356
Owned land in farms							
acres, 2002	257,567	727,572	327,246	712,732	318,415	269,240	52,815
1997	249,700	688,793	284,830	744,680	293,836	227,608	40,805
Rented land in farms							
acres, 2002	128,892	465,775	237,623	328,013	107,579	145,720	45,352
1997	134,035	591,101	270,319	332,080	123,909	162,646	43,551
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	34	157	190	91	53	62	191
1997	38	176	209	119	74	61	235
acres, 2002	19,778	135,518	215,059	36,305	37,240	33,159	23,452
1997	26,849	172,675	218,927	68,675	33,639	32,060	23,222
Tenants							
farms, 2002	5	32	56	25	22	12	56
1997	16	57	91	57	31	11	73
acres, 2002	(D)	114,631	105,708	68,918	32,386	10,932	14,494
1997	49,569	188,739	127,759	175,532	34,111	9,642	16,785
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	2	17	50	14	14	8	29
1997	4	43	81	33	16	6	45
acres, 2002	(D)	10,474	40,206	3,479	5,309	1,067	2,467
1997	1,723	24,405	60,609	7,505	6,539	1,404	4,872
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	155	819	818	515	453	271	2,207
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	47	313	292	131	129	83	768
2 operators	27	164	187	140	120	57	613
3 operators	8	34	31	17	17	15	43
4 operators	6	8	6	12	7	6	8
5 or more operators	1	6	4	1	1	1	9
Total women operators	49	220	213	173	149	90	823
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	34	188	187	150	141	78	736
2 operators	6	11	10	10	4	6	37
3 operators	1	2	-	1	-	-	3
4 operators	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
5 or more operators	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male							
farms, 2002	79	463	481	270	237	143	1,166
1997	86	485	504	289	237	148	1,107
acres, 2002	473,027	1,768,389	868,206	1,469,966	599,829	602,045	210,028
1997	(D)	1,850,118	865,359	1,475,857	601,581	580,827	183,146
Female							
farms, 2002	10	62	39	31	37	19	275
1997	3	49	32	18	24	14	211
acres, 2002	65,001	128,552	31,901	51,652	18,858	17,639	35,105
1997	(D)	81,851	47,300	48,386	32,060	15,378	15,240
Primary occupation:							
Farming							
2002	65	376	394	235	177	134	745
1997	63	393	414	240	143	132	606
Other							
2002	24	149	126	66	97	28	696
1997	26	141	122	67	118	30	712
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated							
2002	68	370	420	255	240	132	1,339
1997	58	360	367	231	210	115	1,150
Not on farm operated							
2002	21	155	100	46	34	30	102
1997	27	131	111	49	28	38	93
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None							
2002	57	292	292	163	143	96	671
1997	47	272	253	157	106	94	480
Any							
2002	32	233	228	138	131	66	770
1997	38	218	241	120	141	58	751
1 to 49 days							
2002	12	31	51	34	17	21	81
1997	8	41	57	41	16	15	80
50 to 99 days							
2002	1	19	26	9	10	9	47
1997	3	17	27	10	8	4	49
100 to 199 days							
2002	4	32	25	20	20	4	130
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more							
2002	15	151	126	75	84	32	512
1997	23	117	107	50	89	31	458

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

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

Item	Richland	Roosevelt	Rosebud	Sanders	Sheridan	Silver Bow	Stillwater
FARMS							
Land in farms							
farms, 2002	587	683	412	464	626	155	552
1997	611	694	397	489	645	145	534
acres, 2002	1,201,436	1,441,479	2,540,898	345,775	1,046,892	73,792	890,326
1997	1,197,842	1,468,884	2,636,032	407,654	1,040,802	103,374	890,378
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	361	399	209	289	384	50	315
1997	455	501	236	357	471	67	372
acres, 2002	254,123	432,826	99,278	31,942	432,773	6,308	88,731
1997	280,835	415,548	125,272	38,322	365,926	7,947	120,746
TENURE							
Full owners							
farms, 2002	323	335	213	320	324	124	333
1997	260	291	184	331	262	107	291
acres, 2002	334,205	453,403	700,512	81,754	247,014	41,015	245,978
1997	221,772	494,598	913,482	116,292	222,861	65,191	201,115
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	135	109	88	181	110	36	158
1997	141	152	95	224	134	49	178
acres, 2002	51,285	55,080	27,198	11,502	53,213	(D)	22,856
1997	40,182	63,688	39,388	18,062	56,760	(D)	30,839
Part owners							
farms, 2002	205	295	149	117	244	22	172
1997	244	303	150	124	292	31	174
acres, 2002	770,141	919,427	1,710,490	192,066	720,954	27,752	559,762
1997	827,628	874,982	1,571,023	188,527	709,514	37,169	595,397
Owned land in farms							
acres, 2002	449,875	448,205	1,121,054	67,284	367,586	19,475	369,788
1997	454,791	416,788	995,160	95,881	374,232	27,257	397,848
Rented land in farms							
acres, 2002	320,266	471,222	589,436	124,782	353,368	8,277	189,974
1997	372,837	458,194	575,863	92,646	335,282	9,912	197,549
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	184	251	101	96	231	12	129
1997	230	283	110	111	270	16	153
acres, 2002	181,873	346,593	65,233	19,021	342,446	2,505	55,487
1997	202,718	316,192	72,854	18,253	269,014	2,140	79,238
Tenants							
farms, 2002	59	53	50	27	58	9	47
1997	107	100	63	34	91	7	69
acres, 2002	97,090	68,649	129,896	71,955	78,924	5,025	84,586
1997	148,442	99,304	151,527	102,835	108,427	1,014	93,866
Harvested cropland							
farms, 2002	42	39	20	12	43	2	28
1997	84	66	31	22	67	2	41
acres, 2002	20,965	31,153	6,847	1,419	37,114	(D)	10,388
1997	37,935	35,668	13,030	2,007	40,152	(D)	10,669
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	878	972	664	717	866	232	863
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	381	446	214	253	448	97	288
2 operators	149	200	163	187	137	49	228
3 operators	40	25	22	13	24	4	28
4 operators	8	9	10	8	13	3	5
5 or more operators	9	3	3	3	4	2	3
Total women operators	212	280	200	250	204	65	271
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	165	237	170	219	173	54	248
2 operators	13	20	15	14	14	4	5
3 operators	7	1	-	1	1	1	3
4 operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male							
farms, 2002	531	578	359	394	541	135	488
1997	566	623	354	419	592	128	491
acres, 2002	1,134,111	1,346,094	2,357,147	327,361	982,423	65,215	845,251
1997	1,166,620	1,406,379	2,409,066	374,616	989,281	102,064	854,533
Female							
farms, 2002	56	105	53	70	85	20	64
1997	45	71	43	70	53	17	43
acres, 2002	67,325	95,385	183,751	18,414	64,469	8,577	45,075
1997	31,222	62,505	226,966	33,038	51,521	1,310	35,845
Primary occupation:							
Farming							
2002	396	455	277	238	466	83	339
1997	428	448	271	241	480	54	322
Other							
2002	191	228	135	226	160	72	213
1997	183	246	126	248	165	91	212
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated							
2002	428	447	327	432	347	139	464
1997	416	418	278	414	417	126	401
Not on farm operated							
2002	159	236	85	32	279	16	88
1997	128	217	84	56	202	15	94
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None							
2002	301	383	204	190	397	68	277
1997	289	318	179	176	350	58	219
Any							
2002	286	300	208	274	229	87	275
1997	272	329	186	288	264	82	278
1 to 49 days							
2002	40	45	37	34	46	7	28
1997	50	73	26	27	54	3	41
50 to 99 days							
2002	20	11	13	30	20	8	27
1997	20	21	9	22	33	6	15
100 to 199 days							
2002	46	53	29	43	21	16	33
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more							
2002	180	191	129	167	142	56	187
1997	133	186	121	161	125	55	177

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

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

Item	Sweet Grass	Teton	Toole	Treasure	Valley	Wheatland	Wibaux	Yellowstone	
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	357	700	405	115	743	163	215	1,279
	1997	340	625	424	119	722	158	192	1,283
	acres, 2002	867,058	1,230,550	1,087,797	606,846	2,051,667	841,643	535,786	1,568,637
	1997	837,768	1,129,786	1,098,048	593,985	1,787,319	829,044	469,348	1,496,691
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	199	468	248	68	477	87	135	658
	1997	214	466	291	80	534	110	141	766
	acres, 2002	53,010	321,043	324,233	27,024	419,859	81,224	87,633	166,015
	1997	62,233	362,301	320,153	29,802	380,325	105,188	72,797	195,540
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	233	365	188	50	396	85	111	873
	1997	197	292	145	49	331	74	77	767
	acres, 2002	327,279	250,684	249,602	60,205	603,117	249,234	117,956	808,169
	1997	279,087	178,023	165,696	117,027	405,730	193,755	94,596	520,770
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	104	179	69	18	173	32	50	376
	1997	109	167	64	29	187	46	46	390
	acres, 2002	21,289	46,204	52,591	2,761	80,208	14,055	10,136	41,577
	1997	25,510	58,917	45,657	7,038	72,743	25,652	10,697	62,282
Part owners	farms, 2002	102	271	160	46	285	65	85	312
	1997	104	268	210	33	299	68	82	362
	acres, 2002	499,206	858,539	690,102	496,806	1,354,963	571,196	392,858	655,647
	1997	514,823	852,580	758,704	417,224	1,264,370	570,754	338,439	812,142
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	359,973	510,586	399,794	319,661	759,803	454,537	241,677	386,907
	1997	384,626	473,066	414,429	217,863	651,135	423,293	183,680	479,940
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	139,233	347,953	290,308	177,145	595,160	116,659	151,181	268,740
	1997	130,197	379,514	344,275	199,361	613,235	147,461	154,759	332,202
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	78	244	137	37	262	51	67	224
	1997	85	244	174	29	275	57	74	270
	acres, 2002	28,132	240,572	217,257	19,583	309,220	66,414	69,530	113,220
	1997	32,632	260,859	232,283	16,513	263,956	76,230	52,325	107,503
Tenants	farms, 2002	22	64	57	19	62	13	19	94
	1997	39	65	69	37	92	16	33	154
	acres, 2002	40,573	121,327	148,093	49,835	93,587	21,213	24,972	104,821
	1997	43,858	99,183	173,648	59,734	117,219	64,535	36,313	163,779
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	17	45	42	13	42	4	18	58
	1997	20	55	53	22	72	7	21	106
	acres, 2002	3,589	34,267	54,385	4,680	30,431	755	7,967	11,218
	1997	4,091	42,525	42,213	6,251	43,626	3,306	9,775	25,755
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	572	1,069	609	194	1,083	269	314	2,029
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		196	416	242	58	491	87	132	712
2 operators		133	243	136	43	206	58	77	464
3 operators		13	26	18	7	26	2	2	61
4 operators		11	11	6	6	11	4	2	23
5 or more operators		4	4	3	1	9	3	2	19
Total women operators	number	172	304	150	54	295	89	93	638
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		135	243	135	43	252	73	80	551
2 operators		11	16	6	1	12	8	3	27
3 operators		1	-	1	3	4	-	1	11
4 operators		3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
5 or more operators		-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	319	634	369	107	640	140	192	1,096
	1997	306	579	382	112	651	137	170	1,142
	acres, 2002	805,271	1,164,197	1,048,115	518,092	1,936,838	767,464	513,078	1,497,996
	1997	778,920	1,087,652	1,052,612	590,217	1,718,656	770,020	445,271	1,452,467
Female	farms, 2002	38	66	36	8	103	23	23	183
	1997	34	46	42	7	71	21	22	141
	acres, 2002	61,787	66,353	39,682	88,754	114,829	74,179	22,708	70,641
	1997	58,848	42,134	45,436	3,768	68,663	59,024	24,077	44,224
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	205	509	284	90	542	110	156	643
	1997	222	443	302	81	503	117	121	640
Other	2002	152	191	121	25	201	53	59	636
	1997	118	182	122	38	219	41	71	643
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	289	531	264	91	514	105	139	1,036
	1997	270	456	270	73	433	99	125	924
Not on farm operated	2002	68	169	141	24	229	58	76	243
	1997	37	126	118	35	197	41	57	237
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	149	336	221	54	422	87	126	519
	1997	158	313	223	65	310	79	88	436
Any	2002	208	364	184	61	321	76	89	760
	1997	162	266	171	46	311	69	89	752
1 to 49 days	2002	26	81	51	9	69	15	18	56
	1997	31	73	42	6	60	19	13	73
50 to 99 days	2002	33	32	13	7	27	3	1	52
	1997	9	9	18	3	24	2	5	42
100 to 199 days	2002	19	50	10	13	40	11	19	87
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	130	201	110	32	185	47	51	565
	1997	80	141	89	25	167	33	57	501

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

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

Item		Montana	Beaverhead	Big Horn	Blaine	Broadwater	Carbon	Carter	
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	1,105	12	17	14	11	32	9	
	1997	1,441	27	43	30	24	41	8	
3 or 4 years	2002	1,771	34	31	26	24	37	22	
	1997	1,834	23	50	34	22	45	12	
5 to 9 years	2002	4,562	74	99	89	68	121	23	
	1997	4,175	54	85	71	51	136	32	
10 years or more	2002	20,432	301	437	459	176	513	235	
	1997	15,777	244	281	363	111	389	196	
Average years on present farm	2002	21.2	20.0	21.8	23.3	19.4	20.1	24.8	
	1997	19.8	18.6	18.2	21.6	16.1	18.7	22.9	
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	170	2	3	5	2	7	2	
	1997	281	3	10	7	2	3	1	
25 to 34 years	2002	1,221	28	31	28	9	34	16	
	1997	1,618	25	46	37	23	57	28	
35 to 44 years	2002	4,560	70	117	99	54	130	45	
	1997	5,994	87	122	140	57	145	60	
45 to 54 years	2002	8,218	113	152	170	83	214	81	
	1997	7,332	119	143	148	76	213	69	
55 to 59 years	2002	3,629	60	71	83	42	99	27	
	1997	3,084	47	75	76	28	65	33	
60 to 64 years	2002	3,026	49	77	53	26	73	39	
	1997	2,572	39	53	53	19	72	40	
65 to 69 years	2002	2,290	33	43	48	16	34	27	
	1997	2,394	28	50	55	14	53	29	
70 years and over	2002	4,756	66	90	102	47	112	52	
	1997	4,357	61	87	82	31	111	52	
Average age	2002	55.4	54.7	54.2	55.1	55.4	54.4	56.1	
	1997	53.7	53.4	53.1	53.1	51.5	53.3	54.4	
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	22,448	278	472	430	237	621	203	
		1997	21,674	257	449	442	206	603	234
	acres, 2002	31,388,078	328,687	1,139,844	998,823	279,307	470,129	943,386	
		1997	28,913,175	302,382	1,325,005	1,024,078	271,733	493,019	930,150
Partnership	farms, 2002	2,192	45	53	52	28	34	40	
		1997	2,250	48	69	50	20	65	35
	acres, 2002	9,197,773	188,224	537,215	332,371	54,565	139,080	268,897	
		1997	7,758,974	128,927	318,879	211,062	58,176	107,464	221,192
Corporation: Family-held	farms, 2002	2,607	74	43	78	14	37	38	
		1997	3,185	90	40	83	21	46	36
	acres, 2002	13,935,753	632,160	489,845	450,243	135,910	140,298	407,840	
		1997	16,297,549	652,181	365,902	455,971	119,336	(D)	369,265
Other than family held	farms, 2002	123	9	4	12	-	-	-	
		1997	132	4	6	3	1	-	
	acres, 2002	712,176	63,891	(D)	36,331	(D)	-	-	
		1997	569,049	(D)	31,637	(D)	(D)	-	
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	500	15	12	16	-	11	8	
		1997	391	10	22	20	5	7	
	acres, 2002	4,378,623	66,069	(D)	443,643	-	3,997	46,799	
		1997	4,906,592	(D)	673,776	(D)	(D)	33,424	

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

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

Item		Cascade	Chouteau	Custer	Daniels	Dawson	Deer Lodge	Fallon
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002	29	30	18	18	6	2	15
	1997	44	23	47	10	36	6	24
3 or 4 years	2002	68	39	31	16	31	8	15
	1997	75	34	32	18	28	4	23
5 to 9 years	2002	194	79	86	49	75	25	64
	1997	168	90	103	33	74	14	37
10 years or more	2002	746	639	290	281	410	74	233
	1997	582	543	210	255	310	54	176
Average years on present farm	2002	20.2	23.9	18.7	26.6	23.4	20.7	23.3
	1997	18.7	22.5	16.1	26.5	21.9	19.5	21.2
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002	4	3	6	7	6	-	5
	1997	15	3	17	5	3	3	5
25 to 34 years	2002	41	41	22	18	22	5	23
	1997	41	63	37	18	37	5	29
35 to 44 years	2002	162	138	73	42	93	16	52
	1997	202	205	105	72	128	11	61
45 to 54 years	2002	292	239	147	86	164	29	83
	1997	290	221	120	71	126	30	88
55 to 59 years	2002	152	84	44	37	59	14	50
	1997	118	66	51	49	53	21	31
60 to 64 years	2002	123	71	43	41	45	15	28
	1997	115	81	33	47	52	7	31
65 to 69 years	2002	98	82	29	38	50	8	31
	1997	107	51	39	54	42	6	17
70 years and over	2002	165	129	61	95	83	22	55
	1997	162	129	49	89	97	19	64
Average age	2002	55.8	54.9	53.7	58.2	54.7	56.3	54.7
	1997	54.6	52.8	50.8	57.2	53.9	55.2	53.1
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002	885	497	348	299	394	90	268
	1997	834	476	378	322	390	84	259
	acres, 2002	751,036	1,093,578	1,041,836	572,908	802,136	63,952	669,366
	1997	780,667	1,021,704	979,935	562,983	714,535	49,114	548,730
Partnership	farms, 2002	67	100	27	26	26	7	25
	1997	107	89	25	38	32	7	31
	acres, 2002	217,488	453,756	218,642	91,384	140,296	29,499	76,152
	1997	229,986	320,419	349,353	79,320	139,633	12,011	115,260
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002	66	178	40	35	88	9	27
	1997	99	242	43	38	107	7	33
	acres, 2002	408,596	717,181	537,851	139,501	381,478	33,223	178,470
	1997	431,218	879,149	479,765	152,838	438,739	(D)	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002	4	3	3	-	3	-	1
	1997	4	4	1	1	4	-	4
	acres, 2002	(D)	13,413	(D)	-	2,246	-	(D)
	1997	(D)	16,295	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	15	9	7	4	11	3	6
	1997	6	8	4	6	5	4	3
	acres, 2002	(D)	23,448	(D)	11,650	84,729	8,323	(D)
	1997	(D)	10,097	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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

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

Item	Fergus	Flathead	Gallatin	Garfield	Glacier	Golden Valley	Granite
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	2002 36	46	61	13	13	3	2
	1997 46	54	59	13	15	5	6
3 or 4 years	2002 45	87	88	16	18	18	13
	1997 55	83	69	12	38	7	15
5 to 9 years	2002 129	168	205	36	61	21	29
	1997 138	205	171	27	70	14	19
10 years or more	2002 620	774	720	203	380	98	96
	1997 544	589	578	135	275	80	71
Average years on present farm	2002 21.3	19.7	18.3	23.3	23.2	23.8	19.9
	1997 20.9	18.2	18.1	23.4	18.6	24.7	20.5
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002 2	1	11	5	6	-	-
	1997 14	5	10	1	14	7	-
25 to 34 years	2002 29	19	59	27	29	6	4
	1997 56	30	46	19	34	2	7
35 to 44 years	2002 141	145	166	39	74	18	14
	1997 166	206	238	47	132	25	25
45 to 54 years	2002 264	355	378	82	127	40	36
	1997 253	348	280	53	124	28	34
55 to 59 years	2002 100	165	118	23	56	20	32
	1997 114	158	140	23	48	11	17
60 to 64 years	2002 93	152	145	28	66	14	19
	1997 74	101	77	25	53	9	9
65 to 69 years	2002 62	86	63	22	36	10	12
	1997 81	97	67	25	29	21	13
70 years and over	2002 139	152	134	42	78	32	23
	1997 135	157	145	48	59	22	25
Average age	2002 55.2	55.9	53.5	53.9	55.3	56.7	57.5
	1997 53.7	54.6	53.0	55.4	50.8	54.5	55.4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	farms, 2002 695	978	912	190	388	108	111
	1997 758	981	833	166	401	91	97
acres, 2002	1,476,360	187,883	494,769	(D)	(D)	326,690	(D)
	1997 1,388,647	188,546	449,063	945,789	713,057	283,976	122,382
Partnership	farms, 2002 80	47	88	29	27	13	10
	1997 81	53	80	22	25	13	17
acres, 2002	382,116	18,967	110,180	317,764	172,988	133,294	31,736
	1997 396,281	17,503	88,816	149,137	135,147	52,032	54,765
Corporation:							
Family-held	farms, 2002 38	36	60	43	39	14	16
	1997 42	47	77	52	50	20	16
acres, 2002	219,011	15,467	89,182	645,266	184,182	190,782	65,227
	1997 209,317	18,920	215,460	(D)	218,557	(D)	82,923
Other than family held	farms, 2002 4	1	2	-	5	-	1
	1997 3	3	2	-	1	-	-
acres, 2002	66,035	(D)	(D)	-	42,985	-	(D)
	1997 (D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 13	13	12	6	13	5	2
	1997 9	18	11	1	16	1	-
acres, 2002	138,267	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10,021	(D)
	1997 (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-

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

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

Item	Hill	Jefferson	Judith Basin	Lake	Lewis and Clark	Liberty	Lincoln		
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	33	13	2	39	32	4	9	
	1997	40	22	6	64	47	4	11	
3 or 4 years	2002	38	31	16	103	43	10	16	
	1997	51	22	18	116	41	9	20	
5 to 9 years	2002	121	67	42	249	111	21	64	
	1997	97	64	47	236	131	37	43	
10 years or more	2002	644	261	256	794	449	262	221	
	1997	461	174	214	656	304	200	182	
Average years on present farm	2002	21.2	18.4	23.9	18.5	18.2	25.3	20.1	
	1997	20.4	17.3	22.0	17.1	16.2	22.5	19.5	
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	16	4	-	3	-	3	4	
	1997	11	-	7	5	4	1	1	
25 to 34 years	2002	38	9	17	55	10	7	14	
	1997	49	24	24	71	17	16	4	
35 to 44 years	2002	168	68	61	177	102	55	26	
	1997	222	62	90	247	137	84	62	
45 to 54 years	2002	285	92	102	322	214	80	88	
	1997	214	99	82	303	171	67	91	
55 to 59 years	2002	83	77	34	157	94	23	57	
	1997	67	35	46	159	65	36	38	
60 to 64 years	2002	81	38	29	148	71	37	47	
	1997	58	21	22	110	73	25	32	
65 to 69 years	2002	54	38	22	107	48	25	28	
	1997	63	20	36	130	63	31	32	
70 years and over	2002	111	46	51	216	96	67	46	
	1997	107	56	52	191	80	43	50	
Average age	2002	53.1	55.1	54.4	56.0	55.5	56.6	56.3	
	1997	51.8	53.8	53.0	54.5	54.2	53.3	55.7	
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	550	311	241	1,068	560	156	279	
		1997	473	268	281	1,076	544	135	274
	acres, 2002	756,781	174,833	528,088	232,836	445,467	(D)	43,606	
		1997	627,025	194,858	527,994	262,160	383,535	251,109	42,558
Partnership	farms, 2002	83	31	36	53	36	39	15	
		1997	83	28	30	63	28	34	22
	acres, 2002	290,721	98,708	129,591	63,552	83,047	179,227	5,159	
		1997	244,528	55,581	122,305	(D)	43,886	209,402	(D)
Corporation: Family-held	farms, 2002	186	22	33	44	32	95	10	
		1997	218	15	39	50	32	125	10
	acres, 2002	668,222	75,590	162,419	39,255	247,199	393,745	(D)	
		1997	647,425	96,277	156,739	33,105	391,684	443,046	5,090
Other than family held	farms, 2002	6	1	1	3	2	3	1	
		1997	5	3	2	2	1	4	
	acres, 2002	30,169	(D)	(D)	700	(D)	30,205	(D)	
		1997	31,567	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	11	7	5	17	5	4	5	
		1997	12	3	7	25	5	1	
	acres, 2002	62,942	(D)	(D)	265,201	(D)	(D)	1,592	
		1997	151,724	(D)	(D)	271,983	(D)	(D)	

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

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

Item	McCone	Madison	Meagher	Mineral	Missoula	Musselshell	Park
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	2002 25	26	1	7	22	14	25
	1997 15	46	11	3	13	21	27
3 or 4 years	2002 21	30	7	16	46	47	46
	1997 24	54	7	7	29	19	38
5 to 9 years	2002 58	106	22	11	109	47	92
	1997 48	98	21	13	118	52	89
10 years or more	2002 392	351	106	51	464	211	364
	1997 303	260	88	56	374	138	265
Average years on present farm	2002 24.0	19.3	22.2	17.2	19.0	17.5	19.1
	1997 23.3	17.7	19.7	19.9	18.8	17.3	18.0
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002 2	-	-	-	6	2	-
	1997 10	5	2	-	3	1	4
25 to 34 years	2002 25	20	3	2	9	12	18
	1997 30	26	5	6	18	17	16
35 to 44 years	2002 105	79	22	14	102	34	98
	1997 109	94	38	13	111	43	97
45 to 54 years	2002 132	133	41	33	186	79	140
	1997 107	127	33	33	180	89	123
55 to 59 years	2002 39	57	22	15	93	70	78
	1997 55	69	20	10	75	37	66
60 to 64 years	2002 49	78	13	4	73	45	62
	1997 43	58	14	6	63	21	53
65 to 69 years	2002 46	55	13	5	53	23	38
	1997 45	49	18	11	59	12	40
70 years and over	2002 98	91	22	12	119	54	93
	1997 67	107	21	10	99	37	84
Average age	2002 55.1	57.0	55.5	55.0	56.5	57.1	55.7
	1997 52.6	55.8	53.9	53.6	55.4	53.3	55.1
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	farms, 2002 366	412	93	80	585	269	420
	1997 322	402	108	78	538	207	368
acres, 2002	775,423	414,257	375,641	12,977	(D)	(D)	386,897
	1997 721,514	378,106	454,380	12,860	102,354	449,147	290,131
Partnership	farms, 2002 34	37	17	-	35	25	54
	1997 22	48	12	7	40	18	47
acres, 2002	144,067	181,730	155,229	-	46,599	165,375	271,140
	1997 71,619	184,856	131,878	(D)	47,171	115,752	198,034
Corporation:							
Family-held	farms, 2002 87	52	20	5	13	21	40
	1997 111	66	26	4	24	29	58
acres, 2002	412,850	320,939	246,654	3,300	10,661	276,333	139,482
	1997 522,105	343,550	269,708	(D)	18,282	309,561	209,131
Other than family held	farms, 2002 1	1	1	-	1	-	4
	1997 4	8	2	-	2	1	4
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	31,090
	1997 (D)	37,056	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	23,439
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 8	11	5	-	7	4	9
	1997 7	11	3	-	4	2	6
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	18,458
	1997 (D)	152,718	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	14,809

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

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

Item	Petroleum	Phillips	Pondera	Powder River	Powell	Prairie	Ravalli
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	3	18	19	11	10	11	78
1997	5	29	31	22	14	8	72
3 or 4 years	1	29	9	25	26	3	144
1997	4	36	26	19	20	10	110
5 to 9 years	11	63	87	55	37	26	302
1997	8	57	65	32	48	14	250
10 years or more	74	415	405	210	201	122	917
1997	62	323	322	178	135	104	720
Average years on present farm	23.2	23.7	23.3	23.5	21.7	25.2	16.7
1997	23.3	21.3	19.5	23.8	16.5	22.7	16.8
Age group:							
Under 25 years	-	1	6	-	6	5	2
1997	-	2	8	3	-	7	2
25 to 34 years	3	25	25	10	5	9	44
1997	6	37	44	20	11	5	49
35 to 44 years	21	128	95	49	40	25	181
1997	19	143	147	46	68	42	237
45 to 54 years	16	126	148	98	82	49	446
1997	23	114	152	85	76	49	381
55 to 59 years	9	48	86	36	32	26	218
1997	14	41	47	30	24	13	181
60 to 64 years	14	53	36	26	29	11	176
1997	8	60	53	36	33	11	120
65 to 69 years	7	46	52	21	35	8	114
1997	10	41	29	27	25	11	128
70 years and over	19	98	72	61	45	29	260
1997	9	96	56	60	24	24	220
Average age	56.0	55.0	54.2	55.7	56.4	54.0	56.6
1997	53.0	53.3	50.7	55.4	52.8	52.1	55.4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	57	413	340	230	216	112	1,299
1997	61	404	341	230	203	110	1,194
acres, 2002	(D)	987,752	(D)	801,312	266,643	328,639	154,541
1997	221,863	843,403	380,728	711,441	261,721	312,877	140,687
Partnership	16	46	49	30	36	15	59
1997	15	41	40	29	34	20	68
acres, 2002	167,443	191,229	128,932	197,261	149,198	84,151	26,052
1997	119,501	148,621	118,924	262,154	133,209	46,067	25,013
Corporation:							
Family-held	10	50	123	38	12	32	52
1997	11	73	149	43	13	29	44
acres, 2002	108,352	452,243	316,629	502,362	97,859	202,837	51,120
1997	(D)	645,427	329,990	535,428	188,213	(D)	29,357
Other than family held	4	2	5	-	4	-	6
1997	-	5	4	3	4	-	4
acres, 2002	5,960	(D)	13,485	-	(D)	-	3,967
1997	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,500	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	2	14	3	3	6	3	25
1997	2	11	2	2	7	3	8
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	20,683	(D)	4,057	9,453
1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	45,998	(D)	(D)

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

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

Item	Richland	Roosevelt	Rosebud	Sanders	Sheridan	Silver Bow	Stillwater
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	2002 25	10	19	22	18	8	24
	1997 35	22	18	29	26	-	35
3 or 4 years	2002 16	23	24	23	26	6	40
	1997 33	36	19	32	30	6	44
5 to 9 years	2002 78	91	74	76	80	28	102
	1997 93	51	72	87	52	24	99
10 years or more	2002 468	559	295	343	502	113	386
	1997 332	445	195	296	456	91	281
Average years on present farm	2002 24.3	26.4	20.5	20.3	26.3	20.6	19.3
	1997 20.9	23.3	19.5	19.3	26.7	21.7	19.4
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002 2	2	-	1	1	-	3
	1997 15	7	6	2	5	-	-
25 to 34 years	2002 38	20	19	17	33	12	13
	1997 46	40	22	28	42	2	36
35 to 44 years	2002 114	83	68	57	66	14	107
	1997 157	141	75	99	125	29	108
45 to 54 years	2002 170	220	135	139	170	52	155
	1997 148	174	95	143	137	42	142
55 to 59 years	2002 52	75	40	84	61	20	64
	1997 64	70	49	61	49	18	55
60 to 64 years	2002 57	74	44	54	58	14	61
	1997 40	59	37	46	60	20	51
65 to 69 years	2002 37	58	46	43	53	19	53
	1997 43	64	31	42	81	14	45
70 years and over	2002 117	151	60	69	184	24	96
	1997 98	139	82	68	146	20	97
Average age	2002 55.0	57.6	54.9	56.1	58.7	55.1	55.7
	1997 52.0	54.7	54.9	53.8	56.1	55.3	54.8
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	farms, 2002 458	554	330	422	482	131	446
	1997 462	540	298	437	490	125	423
	acres, 2002 780,691	941,481	(D)	208,762	703,803	42,352	511,679
	1997 747,789	844,474	1,134,007	268,303	664,209	52,357	468,884
Partnership	farms, 2002 48	55	44	17	38	15	50
	1997 54	67	41	19	48	14	43
	acres, 2002 159,005	138,951	526,371	12,927	76,944	13,015	147,671
	1997 128,808	127,115	508,449	(D)	88,745	19,485	115,477
Corporation:							
Family-held	farms, 2002 64	37	33	17	83	4	48
	1997 84	60	50	24	97	6	58
	acres, 2002 224,224	149,746	459,842	20,999	251,336	(D)	224,571
	1997 272,751	(D)	746,216	29,801	269,187	31,532	300,553
Other than family held	farms, 2002 4	2	1	-	-	2	1
	1997 4	-	2	3	-	-	4
	acres, 2002 (D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)
	1997 (D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	800
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 13	35	4	8	23	3	7
	1997 7	27	6	6	10	-	6
	acres, 2002 (D)	(D)	(D)	103,087	14,809	30	(D)
	1997 (D)	(D)	(D)	91,883	18,661	-	4,664

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

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

Item	Sweet Grass	Teton	Toole	Treasure	Valley	Wheatland	Wibaux	Yellowstone
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002 16	37	10	8	32	4	2	81
	1997 11	45	16	5	27	11	10	79
3 or 4 years	2002 30	27	22	7	28	21	20	84
	1997 31	30	20	6	47	10	17	114
5 to 9 years	2002 57	117	59	15	100	23	34	232
	1997 69	86	42	17	58	15	21	229
10 years or more	2002 254	519	314	85	583	115	159	882
	1997 171	396	285	72	424	82	110	636
Average years on present farm	2002 19.4	21.2	23.2	18.5	26.1	20.8	22.9	18.8
	1997 17.8	20.3	23.2	17.8	22.2	20.7	22.4	17.3
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002 -	7	-	2	9	-	2	4
	1997 6	7	2	-	14	1	-	12
25 to 34 years	2002 13	47	11	-	52	14	4	77
	1997 18	46	36	12	55	12	21	67
35 to 44 years	2002 56	158	78	33	102	31	35	220
	1997 64	174	101	30	139	35	38	334
45 to 54 years	2002 113	206	119	33	166	49	65	399
	1997 97	168	84	29	182	52	43	363
55 to 59 years	2002 50	83	33	20	100	31	23	203
	1997 41	42	40	9	58	11	22	143
60 to 64 years	2002 38	39	37	7	66	6	24	127
	1997 37	60	38	6	68	9	25	106
65 to 69 years	2002 30	55	29	5	72	7	27	90
	1997 27	45	35	17	65	10	14	103
70 years and over	2002 57	105	98	15	176	25	35	159
	1997 50	83	88	16	141	28	29	155
Average age	2002 55.2	53.0	56.5	51.8	57.1	53.3	55.9	53.9
	1997 54.1	51.5	54.4	53.1	54.0	52.9	53.4	52.3
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002 285	538	264	78	590	137	185	1,087
	1997 269	478	250	76	590	125	157	1,076
	acres, 2002 486,370	608,048	484,368	270,435	1,192,212	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1997 497,781	542,751	452,092	185,459	888,811	355,575	298,567	846,170
Partnership	farms, 2002 33	66	39	18	90	14	17	78
	1997 35	53	55	15	56	10	12	92
	acres, 2002 205,264	196,848	209,840	65,422	358,005	138,611	65,854	210,020
	1997 192,535	122,506	183,052	(D)	235,190	107,625	52,581	277,420
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002 27	78	94	16	46	10	11	89
	1997 27	85	113	23	63	19	19	99
	acres, 2002 125,797	382,710	378,557	170,800	241,419	189,961	84,934	221,102
	1997 130,945	439,577	455,294	196,349	315,443	261,624	(D)	279,928
Other than family held	farms, 2002 4	1	3	-	-	2	-	5
	1997 4	5	3	1	-	2	-	6
	acres, 2002 (D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	720
	1997 (D)	2,252	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 8	17	5	3	17	-	2	20
	1997 5	4	3	4	13	2	4	10
	acres, 2002 (D)	(D)	(D)	100,189	260,031	-	(D)	(D)
	1997 (D)	22,700	(D)	149,871	347,875	(D)	(D)	(D)

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