

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	North Dakota	Adams	Barnes	Benson	Billings	Bottineau	Bowman	
FARMS								
Land in farms	farms, 2002	30,619	394	838	567	238	879	360
	1997	32,348	381	815	634	251	859	371
	acres, 2002	39,294,879	604,839	856,976	732,870	810,924	948,475	759,082
	1997	39,678,169	625,225	882,210	762,398	792,854	975,706	698,619
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	20,789	214	550	397	185	600	216
	1997	25,813	291	701	525	192	715	273
	acres, 2002	19,908,697	138,699	618,978	409,690	85,251	653,746	178,608
	1997	20,674,991	231,536	668,766	481,204	75,990	639,059	195,653
TENURE								
Full owners	farms, 2002	14,499	207	415	249	124	395	179
	1997	12,002	151	282	229	127	290	173
	acres, 2002	8,058,659	127,368	164,919	150,117	128,080	155,548	141,909
	1997	6,668,230	117,599	109,795	132,030	(D)	135,861	117,168
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	5,943	74	140	102	84	141	69
	1997	6,821	86	187	147	80	173	87
	acres, 2002	2,499,532	26,452	71,967	39,718	24,921	64,600	29,903
	1997	2,370,896	28,429	62,385	71,993	17,070	68,607	29,649
Part owners	farms, 2002	13,070	157	333	256	99	388	157
	1997	15,373	187	400	306	95	429	167
	acres, 2002	27,582,773	428,267	595,000	532,309	243,705	716,912	594,028
	1997	28,268,494	462,854	635,667	560,542	230,252	727,897	530,780
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	11,803,679	218,642	243,001	220,698	141,888	270,649	317,231
	1997	12,789,010	254,579	250,295	250,659	115,505	288,255	313,333
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	15,779,094	209,625	351,999	311,611	101,817	446,263	276,797
	1997	15,479,484	208,275	385,372	309,883	114,747	439,642	217,447
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	12,290	126	326	245	88	377	134
	1997	14,716	170	394	288	87	420	160
	acres, 2002	15,458,616	102,588	467,094	333,959	56,665	528,337	143,605
	1997	15,707,036	181,861	492,354	356,676	47,813	489,740	155,063
Tenants	farms, 2002	3,050	30	90	62	15	96	24
	1997	4,973	43	133	99	29	140	31
	acres, 2002	3,653,447	49,204	97,057	50,444	439,139	76,015	23,145
	1997	4,741,445	44,772	136,748	69,826	(D)	111,948	50,671
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	2,556	14	84	50	13	82	13
	1997	4,276	35	120	90	25	122	26
	acres, 2002	1,950,549	9,659	79,917	36,013	3,665	60,809	5,100
	1997	2,597,059	21,246	114,027	52,535	11,107	80,712	10,941
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators	number	41,629	514	1,129	726	361	1,124	538
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator		21,475	291	593	423	148	673	221
2 operators		7,817	90	220	131	73	179	117
3 operators		978	10	11	11	8	18	13
4 operators		236	2	8	2	7	6	6
5 or more operators		113	1	6	-	2	3	3
Total women operators	number	8,725	113	255	132	95	198	128
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator		8,069	109	224	123	79	190	123
2 operators		237	2	11	3	8	4	1
3 operators		47	-	3	1	-	-	1
4 operators		9	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		1	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male	farms, 2002	28,125	360	755	528	213	801	322
	1997	30,863	367	776	605	233	833	335
	acres, 2002	38,077,761	585,394	841,558	720,943	799,019	926,152	718,292
	1997	38,615,254	611,732	867,901	751,526	786,686	963,303	674,271
Female	farms, 2002	2,494	34	83	39	25	78	38
	1997	1,485	14	39	29	18	26	36
	acres, 2002	1,217,118	19,445	15,418	11,927	11,905	22,323	40,790
	1997	1,062,915	13,493	14,309	10,872	6,168	12,403	24,348
Primary occupation:								
Farming	2002	21,644	271	561	449	173	578	246
	1997	23,391	254	603	476	179	588	249
Other	2002	8,975	123	277	118	65	301	114
	1997	8,957	127	212	158	72	271	122
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated	2002	21,123	271	589	411	188	521	238
	1997	21,012	235	591	434	159	539	217
Not on farm operated	2002	9,496	123	249	156	50	358	122
	1997	7,885	98	171	132	56	233	117
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None	2002	17,030	231	493	336	136	460	207
	1997	15,676	168	421	310	112	425	173
Any	2002	13,589	163	345	231	102	419	153
	1997	14,023	171	342	275	116	379	172
1 to 49 days	2002	2,486	32	72	61	13	72	22
	1997	2,854	21	84	63	19	62	38
50 to 99 days	2002	1,180	10	28	15	8	39	18
	1997	1,392	19	30	28	8	36	17
100 to 199 days	2002	2,055	24	51	48	28	46	28
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	7,868	97	194	107	53	262	85
	1997	6,935	92	166	120	63	199	80

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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	Burke	Burleigh	Cass	Cavalier	Dickey	Divide	Dunn
FARMS							
Land in farms	455	946	961	607	533	532	582
1997	506	937	1,008	702	554	566	634
acres, 2002	600,141	865,524	1,126,851	818,829	599,450	760,699	1,105,912
1997	621,554	892,847	1,141,121	881,588	588,122	748,577	1,316,143
Harvested cropland	316	565	721	480	383	408	463
1997	404	657	870	647	432	461	501
acres, 2002	324,288	273,507	1,025,090	676,432	357,656	413,291	306,431
1997	300,033	302,387	1,015,983	724,436	349,061	320,377	280,502
TENURE							
Full owners	222	596	378	210	238	215	250
1997	171	503	284	154	223	182	235
acres, 2002	159,425	302,538	148,401	89,836	106,080	129,533	240,941
1997	104,831	282,228	94,457	87,810	104,930	113,899	182,119
Harvested cropland	99	267	160	87	100	98	155
1997	92	272	172	118	116	103	155
acres, 2002	65,713	75,380	107,790	42,565	37,146	53,001	60,353
1997	28,725	65,498	67,828	58,281	43,165	34,673	54,887
Part owners	189	278	451	314	237	263	288
1997	241	341	513	410	268	289	301
acres, 2002	399,051	496,163	842,344	653,469	460,335	581,076	815,348
1997	425,948	529,426	834,073	684,496	445,919	556,074	1,011,978
Owned land in farms	152,094	255,943	237,502	233,796	236,799	258,380	375,320
1997	170,893	277,454	251,399	263,172	216,865	252,160	642,546
Rented land in farms	246,957	240,220	604,842	419,673	223,536	322,696	440,028
1997	255,055	251,972	582,674	421,324	229,054	303,914	369,432
Harvested cropland	182	241	440	310	233	261	269
1997	227	313	504	403	258	278	282
acres, 2002	229,585	177,632	789,778	570,352	298,648	330,357	229,336
1997	226,231	203,478	755,916	573,911	280,454	252,021	202,576
Tenants	44	72	132	83	58	54	44
1997	94	93	211	138	63	85	98
acres, 2002	41,665	66,823	136,106	75,524	33,035	50,090	49,623
1997	90,775	81,193	212,591	109,282	37,273	78,604	122,046
Harvested cropland	35	57	121	83	50	49	39
1997	85	72	194	126	58	80	64
acres, 2002	28,990	20,495	127,522	63,515	21,862	29,933	16,742
1997	45,077	33,411	192,239	92,244	25,442	33,683	23,039
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	580	1,345	1,290	819	740	744	829
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	354	609	689	420	371	370	368
2 operators	81	295	234	166	133	131	190
3 operators	18	32	23	19	18	20	16
4 operators	-	8	12	1	6	8	7
5 or more operators	2	2	3	1	5	3	1
Total women operators	134	360	206	126	143	137	203
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	120	325	196	119	133	131	187
2 operators	4	8	5	2	2	3	4
3 operators	2	5	-	1	2	-	-
4 operators	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	396	865	908	578	507	497	545
1997	493	868	968	694	532	537	601
acres, 2002	569,318	840,043	1,116,080	810,873	587,995	744,011	1,088,057
1997	613,078	855,805	1,130,245	879,867	579,548	726,492	1,286,762
Female	59	81	53	29	26	35	37
1997	13	69	40	8	22	29	33
acres, 2002	30,823	25,481	10,771	7,956	11,455	16,688	17,855
1997	8,476	37,042	10,876	1,721	8,574	22,085	29,381
Primary occupation:							
Farming	326	493	707	493	393	411	440
1997	355	490	813	586	425	433	457
Other	129	453	254	114	140	121	142
1997	151	447	195	116	129	133	177
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	265	686	715	368	381	322	469
1997	296	613	699	447	354	339	436
Not on farm operated	190	260	246	239	152	210	113
1997	169	238	201	214	121	184	128
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	263	420	572	370	332	327	307
1997	260	357	490	322	305	326	305
Any	192	526	389	237	201	205	275
1997	208	513	426	309	188	207	282
1 to 49 days	34	52	89	73	41	44	53
1997	37	42	121	90	32	57	70
50 to 99 days	16	39	42	26	20	21	17
1997	21	33	42	41	25	14	20
100 to 199 days	32	71	53	43	28	26	43
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	110	364	205	95	112	114	162
1997	103	363	174	102	101	88	146

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

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Item	Eddy	Emmons	Foster	Golden Valley	Grand Forks	Grant	Griggs	Hettinger	
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	325	699	309	231	863	548	423	489
	1997	310	777	297	258	847	615	381	461
	acres, 2002	348,786	838,075	382,932	580,461	755,592	1,056,729	379,022	680,557
	1997	353,458	816,359	373,498	580,571	793,119	948,415	395,382	713,892
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	187	446	199	156	504	353	218	268
	1997	243	606	242	187	608	466	290	355
	acres, 2002	161,828	244,178	230,378	133,200	570,215	231,054	204,304	379,053
	1997	189,834	377,609	248,208	146,735	633,159	292,702	244,082	394,095
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	177	342	134	95	453	250	264	259
	1997	120	321	108	98	320	281	154	166
	acres, 2002	85,240	208,015	66,354	83,048	120,279	238,937	111,207	139,621
	1997	80,163	210,060	81,221	81,123	81,012	223,055	61,953	106,155
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	51	156	40	39	107	111	70	60
	1997	65	192	62	52	110	164	78	74
	acres, 2002	14,495	51,141	21,478	14,084	34,484	32,256	15,470	41,102
	1997	32,309	75,102	46,755	18,383	30,009	54,001	22,505	36,839
Part owners	farms, 2002	129	303	136	106	299	253	128	191
	1997	147	324	146	121	382	261	184	239
	acres, 2002	235,991	592,290	281,133	452,706	512,454	730,070	244,390	508,209
	1997	240,493	515,461	250,505	412,100	600,593	656,419	303,533	547,991
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	114,684	285,175	105,041	205,453	144,460	376,712	83,474	206,031
	1997	119,554	276,360	94,601	231,074	163,715	353,446	115,527	248,567
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	121,307	307,115	176,092	247,253	367,994	353,358	160,916	302,178
	1997	120,939	239,101	155,904	181,026	436,878	302,973	188,006	299,424
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	120	258	129	98	292	211	123	178
	1997	145	313	142	110	361	248	178	227
	acres, 2002	128,980	182,306	185,521	104,717	428,640	176,680	175,633	315,766
	1997	134,782	256,094	174,483	114,038	507,231	217,276	202,357	318,809
Tenants	farms, 2002	19	54	39	30	111	45	31	39
	1997	43	132	43	39	145	73	43	56
	acres, 2002	27,555	37,770	35,445	44,707	122,859	87,722	23,425	32,727
	1997	32,802	90,838	41,772	87,348	111,514	68,941	29,896	59,746
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	16	32	30	19	105	31	25	30
	1997	33	101	38	25	137	54	34	54
	acres, 2002	18,353	10,731	23,379	14,399	107,091	22,118	13,201	22,185
	1997	22,743	46,413	26,970	14,314	95,919	21,425	19,220	38,447
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	436	925	392	327	1,120	805	563	652
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		233	511	232	148	648	335	312	354
2 operators		77	158	71	74	184	186	90	117
3 operators		11	23	6	5	26	20	16	11
4 operators		4	6	-	4	4	2	2	5
5 or more operators		-	1	-	-	1	5	3	2
Total women operators	number	110	189	86	84	233	192	124	141
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		102	182	84	78	221	183	100	131
2 operators		4	2	1	3	6	-	6	5
3 operators		-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	284	645	273	212	761	509	375	439
	1997	300	745	286	238	805	594	367	449
	acres, 2002	333,141	823,034	370,050	572,418	734,702	1,012,760	362,536	663,182
	1997	(D)	785,805	369,115	572,122	785,808	929,571	390,173	710,246
Female	farms, 2002	41	54	36	19	102	39	48	50
	1997	10	32	11	20	42	21	14	12
	acres, 2002	15,645	15,041	12,882	8,043	20,890	43,969	16,486	17,375
	1997	(D)	30,554	4,383	8,449	7,311	18,844	5,209	3,646
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	208	508	236	170	592	415	256	309
	1997	235	541	241	191	574	465	260	353
Other	2002	117	191	73	61	271	133	167	180
	1997	75	236	56	67	273	150	121	108
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	207	468	235	147	533	417	271	308
	1997	195	470	175	160	553	401	257	255
Not on farm operated	2002	118	231	74	84	330	131	152	181
	1997	64	224	64	75	242	148	87	116
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	198	366	179	111	513	312	225	328
	1997	159	392	149	118	403	188	168	244
Any	2002	127	333	130	120	350	236	198	161
	1997	125	336	115	123	398	230	189	159
1 to 49 days	2002	20	50	34	17	48	53	44	36
	1997	23	60	34	25	87	55	44	40
50 to 99 days	2002	8	26	10	16	41	18	20	9
	1997	19	30	13	14	34	21	13	12
100 to 199 days	2002	18	60	19	20	57	36	21	22
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	81	197	67	67	204	129	113	94
	1997	55	158	41	61	200	101	95	78

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Item	Kidder	LaMoure	Logan	McHenry	McIntosh	McKenzie	McLean	Mercer
FARMS								
Land in farms								
farms, 2002	584	621	445	901	526	632	918	456
1997	531	646	415	953	531	705	1,043	497
acres, 2002	794,465	676,966	577,823	1,125,831	568,544	1,192,999	1,094,748	536,339
1997	711,733	679,021	526,311	1,062,935	507,991	1,159,775	1,168,410	545,052
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	373	409	269	602	326	497	665	342
1997	404	523	324	726	386	552	846	401
acres, 2002	239,415	465,418	191,164	500,125	236,499	326,759	680,696	170,852
1997	249,078	458,314	209,363	486,139	251,666	299,700	670,902	186,251
TENURE								
Full owners								
farms, 2002	303	318	224	450	282	301	414	190
1997	220	235	161	385	230	305	357	187
acres, 2002	221,358	178,249	117,047	259,706	124,358	323,793	237,317	78,635
1997	165,729	125,739	111,287	235,835	110,370	251,458	150,730	80,838
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	114	120	76	190	107	193	195	101
1997	124	128	87	226	116	183	201	123
acres, 2002	47,362	83,868	24,117	71,839	31,970	72,447	107,912	19,456
1997	42,820	58,866	31,396	85,197	38,115	61,872	50,164	34,314
Part owners								
farms, 2002	238	254	189	370	200	280	429	227
1997	235	307	212	431	248	331	540	245
acres, 2002	531,216	456,854	434,369	783,002	398,810	806,712	793,139	427,797
1997	479,391	472,480	378,373	747,477	365,622	828,776	904,096	418,889
Owned land in farms								
acres, 2002	289,105	181,241	239,355	405,403	179,521	360,567	333,052	206,376
1997	278,539	198,097	206,647	363,974	179,374	383,680	404,922	190,570
Rented land in farms								
acres, 2002	242,111	275,613	195,014	377,599	219,289	446,145	460,087	221,421
1997	200,852	274,383	171,726	383,503	186,248	445,096	499,174	228,319
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	226	244	172	347	187	259	408	211
1997	221	304	204	393	230	309	522	231
acres, 2002	172,669	345,997	154,469	376,710	176,583	229,803	526,825	143,259
1997	178,279	343,399	161,357	357,597	195,485	216,444	556,873	137,574
Tenants								
farms, 2002	43	49	32	81	44	51	75	39
1997	76	104	42	137	53	69	146	65
acres, 2002	41,891	41,863	26,407	83,123	45,376	62,494	64,292	29,907
1997	66,613	80,802	36,651	79,623	31,999	79,541	113,584	45,325
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	33	45	21	65	32	45	62	30
1997	59	91	33	107	40	60	123	47
acres, 2002	19,384	35,553	12,578	51,576	27,946	24,509	45,959	8,137
1997	27,979	56,049	16,610	43,345	18,066	21,384	63,865	14,363
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators	785	829	611	1,196	705	912	1,228	649
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	414	449	301	647	371	393	651	299
2 operators	142	149	131	226	142	207	233	134
3 operators	25	15	8	20	9	25	27	15
4 operators	3	3	2	4	2	5	6	5
5 or more operators	-	5	3	4	2	2	1	3
Total women operators	160	165	161	261	163	200	267	161
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	146	152	151	250	152	186	246	151
2 operators	4	1	5	4	4	7	9	5
3 operators	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
4 operators	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male								
farms, 2002	545	572	388	822	477	598	839	418
1997	491	633	393	888	499	668	993	472
acres, 2002	757,502	661,331	545,800	1,090,741	554,250	1,111,999	1,059,483	513,537
1997	683,216	668,495	512,567	1,028,707	496,730	1,057,693	1,141,488	537,348
Female								
farms, 2002	39	49	57	79	49	34	79	38
1997	40	13	22	65	32	37	50	25
acres, 2002	36,963	15,635	32,023	35,090	14,294	81,000	35,265	22,802
1997	28,517	10,526	13,744	34,228	11,261	102,082	26,922	7,704
Primary occupation:								
Farming								
2002	418	424	333	632	340	476	634	292
1997	371	495	325	650	359	499	736	297
Other								
2002	166	197	112	269	186	156	284	164
1997	160	151	90	303	172	206	307	200
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated								
2002	424	421	289	626	312	526	666	336
1997	346	423	263	626	301	496	681	322
Not on farm operated								
2002	160	200	156	275	214	106	252	120
1997	118	131	89	219	158	157	262	109
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None								
2002	324	369	256	492	313	325	463	214
1997	253	331	217	446	262	332	532	192
Any								
2002	260	252	189	409	213	307	455	242
1997	223	239	168	441	217	319	435	254
1 to 49 days								
2002	53	56	51	64	28	71	94	24
1997	49	64	35	63	38	57	84	25
50 to 99 days								
2002	29	20	19	41	13	18	45	7
1997	21	17	18	46	14	30	48	6
100 to 199 days								
2002	59	41	21	68	22	58	62	42
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more								
2002	119	135	98	236	150	160	254	169
1997	100	114	78	229	121	160	217	173

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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	Morton	Mountrail	Nelson	Oliver	Pembina	Pierce	Ramsey	Ransom
FARMS								
Land in farms	farms, 2002 855	682	598	307	524	487	554	528
	1997 954	807	506	341	653	513	562	527
	acres, 2002 1,276,269	1,068,002	531,591	403,619	613,795	530,623	636,109	500,512
	1997 1,216,490	1,019,110	541,245	392,117	639,860	567,274	667,304	523,010
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 601	531	268	250	402	324	332	306
	1997 730	665	373	269	549	417	425	415
	acres, 2002 380,553	495,547	281,728	139,317	496,369	296,988	441,322	267,178
	1997 388,177	466,189	335,948	136,811	514,320	344,608	451,140	303,548
TENURE								
Full owners	farms, 2002 420	281	396	109	211	241	297	301
	1997 455	288	223	129	167	184	229	223
	acres, 2002 312,484	182,977	132,715	44,652	84,453	129,261	107,692	120,937
	1997 273,796	168,725	103,773	(D)	50,955	107,473	109,287	154,488
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 236	155	81	63	99	89	84	99
	1997 287	182	107	74	87	102	112	126
	acres, 2002 81,273	64,594	16,232	10,385	43,517	44,635	31,401	44,321
	1997 72,450	52,768	38,051	19,056	19,485	35,719	48,666	44,373
Part owners	farms, 2002 354	340	167	171	234	215	204	178
	1997 366	420	211	195	329	244	251	225
	acres, 2002 873,169	825,497	358,618	329,517	464,390	371,341	477,531	269,771
	1997 830,088	770,927	377,635	295,329	486,844	397,184	482,364	311,896
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 422,802	378,816	135,575	170,981	145,247	200,223	170,923	116,685
	1997 385,261	368,426	144,641	129,254	170,059	199,717	189,200	136,143
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 450,367	446,681	223,043	158,536	319,143	171,118	306,608	153,086
	1997 444,827	402,501	232,994	166,075	316,785	197,467	293,164	175,753
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 310	322	156	167	231	206	197	165
	1997 337	397	205	166	315	237	237	217
	acres, 2002 273,252	400,763	238,308	121,630	394,787	229,009	366,081	192,251
	1997 279,687	375,824	254,035	110,695	405,971	260,554	344,217	213,384
Tenants	farms, 2002 81	61	35	27	79	31	53	49
	1997 133	99	72	37	157	85	82	79
	acres, 2002 90,616	59,528	40,258	29,450	64,952	30,021	50,886	109,804
	1997 112,606	79,458	59,837	(D)	102,061	62,617	75,653	56,626
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 55	54	31	20	72	29	51	42
	1997 106	86	61	29	147	77	76	72
	acres, 2002 26,028	30,190	27,188	7,302	58,065	23,344	43,840	30,606
	1997 36,040	37,597	43,862	7,060	88,864	48,335	58,257	45,791
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators	number 1,261	941	734	481	730	644	726	706
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	518	468	486	161	381	346	412	395
2 operators	278	179	98	121	101	130	115	108
3 operators	49	27	9	23	25	8	25	17
4 operators	10	6	2	1	13	1	1	2
5 or more operators	-	2	3	1	4	2	1	6
Total women operators	number 296	184	137	119	89	138	132	146
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	286	170	133	107	80	128	116	138
2 operators	5	7	2	6	3	2	8	1
3 operators	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2
4 operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male	farms, 2002 823	639	516	290	499	442	500	466
	1997 895	774	494	325	640	485	545	509
	acres, 2002 1,265,013	1,041,176	510,817	389,424	606,791	516,887	618,754	483,859
	1997 1,175,866	1,001,476	536,791	378,329	636,072	549,237	656,824	516,489
Female	farms, 2002 32	43	82	17	25	45	54	62
	1997 59	33	12	16	13	28	17	18
	acres, 2002 11,256	26,826	20,774	14,195	7,004	13,736	17,355	16,653
	1997 40,624	17,634	4,454	13,788	3,788	18,037	10,480	6,521
Primary occupation:								
Farming	2002 596	519	379	211	398	343	399	339
	1997 651	577	360	233	526	386	400	363
Other	2002 259	163	219	96	126	144	155	189
	1997 303	230	146	108	127	127	162	164
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated	2002 720	509	313	252	306	336	345	375
	1997 644	557	287	244	358	312	351	279
Not on farm operated	2002 135	173	285	55	218	151	209	153
	1997 196	192	158	59	244	128	142	98
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None	2002 452	364	334	145	299	274	329	312
	1997 428	396	238	150	361	246	282	235
Any	2002 403	318	264	162	225	213	225	216
	1997 434	351	222	162	257	226	214	254
1 to 49 days	2002 46	57	41	18	45	37	35	36
	1997 66	74	46	23	68	54	56	48
50 to 99 days	2002 36	42	19	3	17	23	16	11
	1997 33	38	25	14	30	20	26	23
100 to 199 days	2002 65	49	36	33	44	21	27	20
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 256	170	168	108	119	132	147	149
	1997 244	175	98	91	112	86	95	142

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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	Renville	Richland	Rolette	Sargent	Sheridan	Sioux	Slope	Stark
FARMS								
Land in farms	farms, 2002 353	813	523	469	393	179	259	774
	1997 409	962	547	485	392	196	274	853
	acres, 2002 527,181	891,133	507,658	505,021	468,745	702,493	762,519	777,118
	1997 524,461	863,104	503,789	499,498	492,116	695,611	751,672	806,979
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 295	673	336	339	247	96	169	541
	1997 364	830	439	398	330	155	221	640
	acres, 2002 408,358	771,351	244,538	349,310	221,687	42,257	161,545	353,315
	1997 376,873	732,206	274,580	347,553	246,314	95,845	164,755	355,251
TENURE								
Full owners	farms, 2002 106	288	252	196	207	56	122	437
	1997 96	273	210	149	159	72	114	410
	acres, 2002 75,252	122,829	147,338	101,887	132,351	164,960	136,281	254,078
	1997 47,718	78,744	91,695	70,137	109,853	87,609	137,601	199,720
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 56	173	105	74	73	16	54	244
	1997 62	156	125	77	103	45	71	247
	acres, 2002 41,301	84,302	33,613	53,889	35,834	8,721	23,920	90,136
	1997 30,546	40,612	30,650	34,402	44,197	23,492	25,724	80,133
Part owners	farms, 2002 196	427	202	215	161	113	114	273
	1997 235	521	257	299	185	92	117	339
	acres, 2002 411,145	656,721	306,833	360,733	308,184	492,151	442,079	487,343
	1997 425,404	674,461	351,142	374,419	346,200	556,295	407,317	546,449
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 136,551	220,889	132,264	145,379	143,644	189,837	240,421	231,458
	1997 159,565	242,635	157,118	162,285	165,143	346,780	240,050	289,972
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 274,594	435,832	174,569	215,354	164,540	302,314	201,658	255,885
	1997 265,839	431,826	194,024	212,134	181,057	209,515	167,267	256,477
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 194	410	188	210	153	72	98	255
	1997 228	517	247	244	183	90	111	322
	acres, 2002 334,554	581,674	180,617	264,307	164,520	30,404	126,904	245,987
	1997 305,405	589,659	206,713	268,897	178,583	63,444	118,749	249,484
Tenants	farms, 2002 51	98	69	58	25	10	23	64
	1997 78	168	80	87	48	32	43	104
	acres, 2002 40,784	111,583	53,487	42,401	28,210	45,382	184,159	35,697
	1997 51,339	109,899	60,952	54,942	36,063	51,707	206,754	60,810
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 45	90	43	55	21	8	17	42
	1997 74	157	67	77	44	20	39	71
	acres, 2002 32,503	105,375	30,308	31,114	21,333	3,132	10,721	17,192
	1997 40,922	101,935	37,217	44,254	23,534	8,909	20,282	25,634
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators	number 460	1,143	711	652	535	248	370	1,103
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	266	540	379	321	277	117	173	496
2 operators	72	230	115	122	103	56	70	245
3 operators	10	31	24	18	8	5	11	24
4 operators	5	10	1	7	3	1	2	7
5 or more operators	-	2	4	1	2	-	3	2
Total women operators	number 74	189	130	119	119	64	94	277
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	66	174	109	115	103	62	85	253
2 operators	4	4	9	2	5	1	3	8
3 operators	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	1
4 operators	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male	farms, 2002 338	781	483	441	360	169	230	719
	1997 400	938	511	473	377	185	252	798
	acres, 2002 516,458	886,909	492,802	498,669	453,872	696,549	(D)	757,673
	1997 513,007	857,077	486,351	494,088	479,181	684,963	(D)	783,309
Female	farms, 2002 15	32	40	28	33	10	29	55
	1997 9	24	36	12	15	11	22	55
	acres, 2002 10,723	4,224	14,856	6,352	14,873	5,944	(D)	19,445
	1997 11,454	6,027	17,438	5,410	12,935	10,648	(D)	23,670
Primary occupation:								
Farming	2002 275	652	339	354	269	151	203	531
	1997 325	762	371	371	294	162	223	553
Other	2002 78	161	184	115	124	28	56	243
	1997 84	200	176	114	98	34	51	300
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated	2002 236	669	372	349	266	155	184	577
	1997 251	725	392	339	232	140	182	597
Not on farm operated	2002 117	144	151	120	127	24	75	197
	1997 101	149	103	95	95	32	71	155
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None	2002 195	504	261	276	224	112	147	348
	1997 181	522	247	237	218	111	133	273
Any	2002 158	309	262	193	169	67	112	426
	1997 172	362	269	202	142	67	108	423
1 to 49 days	2002 23	84	43	43	33	15	22	53
	1997 33	91	41	47	25	20	29	45
50 to 99 days	2002 21	27	22	13	28	1	8	35
	1997 23	37	29	15	17	10	12	48
100 to 199 days	2002 32	63	38	20	23	13	15	66
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 82	135	159	117	85	38	67	272
	1997 78	163	145	106	65	24	52	256

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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	Steele	Stutsman	Towner	Trail	Walsh	Ward	Wells	Williams	
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	318	988	418	427	905	966	579	858
	1997	305	1,040	451	504	805	1,262	624	891
	acres, 2002	401,035	1,215,190	548,774	529,647	759,381	1,108,988	668,049	1,180,986
	1997	424,121	1,265,550	580,779	515,273	725,826	1,244,472	748,044	1,207,578
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	220	607	302	363	517	765	380	613
	1997	268	772	375	460	634	1,049	510	697
	acres, 2002	321,073	666,183	369,262	476,959	519,837	760,572	455,656	560,987
	1997	363,785	708,187	412,243	477,592	538,541	746,886	521,715	449,100
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	124	526	181	95	492	386	274	367
	1997	65	429	135	86	259	485	204	306
	acres, 2002	31,760	325,916	80,200	20,408	174,562	159,523	125,623	252,661
	1997	20,603	230,417	60,690	23,622	91,138	212,961	113,486	170,459
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	32	184	69	40	126	214	96	175
	1997	32	213	76	50	116	318	111	169
	acres, 2002	11,729	88,092	21,711	13,057	51,925	78,969	42,113	100,872
	1997	12,422	76,242	27,209	17,905	33,671	113,113	54,267	45,906
Part owners	farms, 2002	145	365	174	247	315	473	250	395
	1997	178	449	217	285	394	575	299	460
	acres, 2002	315,419	767,977	404,451	424,565	507,364	851,140	484,033	845,652
	1997	329,051	864,249	421,647	392,863	542,472	887,328	530,169	908,656
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	102,989	291,834	146,440	113,363	169,163	360,238	168,733	391,631
	1997	117,145	375,153	146,452	116,544	176,456	387,625	213,084	414,540
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	212,430	476,143	258,011	311,202	338,201	490,902	315,300	454,021
	1997	211,906	489,096	275,195	276,319	366,016	499,703	317,085	494,116
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	142	351	173	246	300	449	235	365
	1997	176	423	208	283	381	552	287	430
	acres, 2002	264,516	498,067	299,532	385,433	398,472	601,989	361,702	421,363
	1997	285,219	523,424	312,953	366,085	426,578	536,847	383,948	356,509
Tenants	farms, 2002	49	97	63	85	98	107	55	96
	1997	62	162	99	133	152	202	121	125
	acres, 2002	53,856	121,297	64,123	84,674	77,455	98,325	58,393	82,673
	1997	74,467	170,884	98,442	98,788	92,216	144,183	104,389	128,463
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	46	72	60	77	91	102	73	73
	1997	60	136	91	127	137	179	112	98
	acres, 2002	44,828	80,024	48,019	78,469	69,440	79,614	51,841	38,752
	1997	66,144	108,521	72,081	93,602	78,292	96,926	83,500	46,685
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	415	1,320	582	577	1,213	1,329	741	1,133
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		237	716	277	301	676	656	434	614
2 operators		67	229	121	103	173	269	132	219
3 operators		12	29	18	22	40	33	11	20
4 operators		2	11	1	1	10	4	1	4
5 or more operators		-	3	1	-	6	4	1	1
Total women operators	number	69	308	136	87	257	289	131	214
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		65	272	132	74	225	271	123	208
2 operators		2	12	2	5	10	6	4	3
3 operators		-	4	-	1	4	2	-	-
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	296	875	379	409	777	909	542	810
	1997	295	984	432	486	774	1,191	594	843
	acres, 2002	(D)	1,161,757	532,813	524,359	721,929	1,082,206	654,913	1,163,480
	1997	412,942	1,229,604	560,943	505,523	713,875	1,209,621	725,311	1,178,211
Female	farms, 2002	22	113	39	18	128	57	37	48
	1997	10	56	19	18	31	71	30	48
	acres, 2002	(D)	53,433	15,961	5,288	37,452	26,782	13,136	17,506
	1997	11,179	35,946	19,836	9,750	11,951	34,851	22,733	29,367
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	247	677	309	349	602	703	408	607
	1997	254	739	350	415	617	850	473	636
Other	2002	71	311	109	78	303	263	171	251
	1997	51	301	101	89	188	412	151	255
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	224	659	265	311	508	684	374	524
	1997	209	683	274	372	515	785	391	510
Not on farm operated	2002	94	329	153	116	397	282	205	334
	1997	65	222	129	110	218	358	133	307
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	203	535	245	245	515	500	341	428
	1997	154	503	217	239	399	560	314	426
Any	2002	115	453	173	182	390	466	238	430
	1997	127	430	202	228	350	606	244	412
1 to 49 days	2002	37	78	36	53	68	58	49	75
	1997	42	83	56	63	96	96	62	71
50 to 99 days	2002	19	39	14	24	42	42	15	24
	1997	19	51	31	27	49	44	33	48
100 to 199 days	2002	15	74	24	25	52	74	22	57
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	44	262	99	80	228	292	152	274
	1997	43	213	81	81	142	345	110	210

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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	North Dakota	Adams	Barnes	Benson	Billings	Bottineau	Bowman
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	2002 725	8	21	8	2	23	5
	1997 1,256	10	22	28	7	20	2
3 or 4 years	2002 1,298	18	34	19	16	50	11
	1997 1,383	15	45	24	10	38	15
5 to 9 years	2002 3,758	65	96	77	17	93	53
	1997 3,110	35	92	56	26	81	38
10 years or more	2002 24,838	303	687	463	203	713	291
	1997 20,420	236	552	411	142	564	242
Average years on present farm	2002 25.3	25.5	25.9	26.3	24.2	25.3	25.4
	1997 23.2	24.6	22.5	23.9	23.2	23.3	25.1
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002 299	-	17	5	-	11	4
	1997 695	5	22	18	-	14	3
25 to 34 years	2002 2,077	28	71	39	14	53	15
	1997 3,177	35	90	66	29	59	33
35 to 44 years	2002 5,657	62	145	92	41	138	61
	1997 7,782	69	209	138	53	202	72
45 to 54 years	2002 8,307	90	198	162	77	248	97
	1997 7,699	97	212	145	54	212	99
55 to 59 years	2002 3,499	53	117	73	31	91	48
	1997 3,028	35	80	66	21	82	36
60 to 64 years	2002 2,935	37	77	68	24	98	26
	1997 2,990	39	58	51	24	80	20
65 to 69 years	2002 2,569	37	64	39	15	70	27
	1997 2,734	39	55	54	19	81	46
70 years and over	2002 5,276	87	149	89	36	170	82
	1997 4,243	62	89	96	51	129	62
Average age	2002 54.4	56.2	54.3	54.1	54.2	55.6	56.5
	1997 51.4	53.6	49.7	51.9	54.1	52.8	54.3
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	farms, 2002 27,578	364	744	531	216	807	324
	1997 28,323	349	725	555	218	764	325
	acres, 2002 31,901,516	542,069	648,355	663,123	(D)	821,844	677,659
	1997 31,777,418	541,626	696,246	663,495	340,532	815,696	577,268
Partnership	farms, 2002 2,289	17	75	27	20	57	28
	1997 3,218	23	73	71	26	83	39
	acres, 2002 5,213,615	35,533	191,258	41,403	74,909	108,868	71,223
	1997 5,313,700	65,236	154,108	78,025	55,328	137,690	114,911
Corporation:							
Family-held	farms, 2002 418	5	9	5	-	7	2
	1997 530	2	13	3	-	8	-
	acres, 2002 1,069,867	20,661	15,879	(D)	-	16,013	(D)
	1997 1,108,075	(D)	28,829	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Other than family held	farms, 2002 28	-	-	2	-	-	1
	1997 30	-	1	-	-	2	-
	acres, 2002 21,739	-	-	(D)	-	-	(D)
	1997 27,302	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 306	8	10	2	2	8	5
	1997 247	7	3	5	4	2	7
	acres, 2002 1,088,142	6,576	1,484	(D)	(D)	1,750	(D)
	1997 1,451,674	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,440

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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	Burke	Burleigh	Cass	Cavalier	Dickey	Divide	Dunn
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	2002 6	24	23	10	11	9	15
	1997 23	42	40	18	16	29	29
3 or 4 years	2002 15	67	35	21	15	31	18
	1997 27	50	54	16	19	25	26
5 to 9 years	2002 36	180	101	59	61	47	70
	1997 44	123	112	51	52	30	68
10 years or more	2002 398	675	802	517	446	445	479
	1997 332	544	655	507	335	405	381
Average years on present farm	2002 28.1	21.6	24.7	27.7	27.5	28.0	24.3
	1997 24.8	19.9	21.6	24.8	25.4	25.8	22.6
Age group:							
Under 25 years	2002 4	5	11	6	7	4	5
	1997 9	9	16	21	20	11	17
25 to 34 years	2002 27	63	77	48	43	15	30
	1997 37	76	117	73	52	46	61
35 to 44 years	2002 63	177	210	115	93	105	139
	1997 100	207	299	166	106	117	163
45 to 54 years	2002 99	268	306	141	129	122	184
	1997 126	214	258	190	134	137	146
55 to 59 years	2002 57	112	117	80	59	66	51
	1997 49	124	85	64	49	54	57
60 to 64 years	2002 50	99	74	60	49	56	34
	1997 37	107	116	72	44	46	74
65 to 69 years	2002 43	94	63	66	46	46	66
	1997 63	95	57	63	54	43	51
70 years and over	2002 112	128	103	91	107	118	73
	1997 85	105	60	53	95	112	65
Average age	2002 57.4	54.1	51.4	54.1	55.0	57.1	52.8
	1997 53.8	52.4	48.4	49.7	52.7	53.8	50.6
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	farms, 2002 418	858	828	536	480	483	536
	1997 458	854	825	606	482	487	577
acres, 2002	515,775	747,175	829,084	(D)	(D)	666,475	(D)
1997	552,720	751,398	850,493	673,853	466,050	632,119	883,227
Partnership	farms, 2002 23	66	84	67	42	36	39
	1997 30	57	136	92	56	49	43
acres, 2002	44,708	84,967	222,638	176,863	102,543	73,202	127,276
1997	38,784	95,067	215,628	201,568	91,125	76,375	87,483
Corporation:							
Family-held	farms, 2002 12	12	29	1	7	9	1
	1997 15	16	33	1	12	19	4
acres, 2002	(D)	28,866	68,777	(D)	19,501	19,596	(D)
1997	(D)	40,881	(D)	(D)	(D)	32,597	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002 -	2	1	-	1	-	-
	1997 -	-	1	-	-	3	1
acres, 2002	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	-
1997	-	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 2	8	19	3	3	4	6
	1997 3	10	13	3	4	8	9
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,426	(D)
1997	(D)	5,501	(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	Eddy	Emmons	Foster	Golden Valley	Grand Forks	Grant	Griggs	Hettinger
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002 16	23	9	8	43	11	12	7
	1997 2	40	6	15	36	24	12	17
3 or 4 years	2002 20	24	18	19	37	26	21	19
	1997 13	33	14	9	41	22	9	24
5 to 9 years	2002 34	96	31	20	109	66	38	83
	1997 25	69	23	25	79	66	30	24
10 years or more	2002 255	556	251	184	674	445	352	380
	1997 203	470	180	160	555	382	263	252
Average years on present farm	2002 24.0	24.1	26.1	24.2	24.4	26.1	26.2	26.0
	1997 22.8	22.9	23.9	24.5	22.7	23.7	23.7	23.7
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002 4	2	11	4	20	1	1	6
	1997 4	13	8	11	30	9	8	14
25 to 34 years	2002 9	52	21	19	77	49	19	33
	1997 28	89	24	30	60	76	37	47
35 to 44 years	2002 69	171	56	29	124	109	57	80
	1997 84	186	90	38	210	111	90	101
45 to 54 years	2002 84	175	68	60	258	137	103	140
	1997 76	165	67	45	213	146	115	98
55 to 59 years	2002 39	79	40	21	87	51	66	45
	1997 31	60	15	29	81	70	30	52
60 to 64 years	2002 36	60	20	33	68	60	37	48
	1997 30	88	25	23	67	54	29	39
65 to 69 years	2002 28	66	34	18	65	44	30	43
	1997 24	60	32	22	74	55	22	54
70 years and over	2002 56	94	59	47	164	97	110	94
	1997 33	116	36	60	112	94	50	56
Average age	2002 54.9	52.9	54.7	55.8	54.0	54.0	58.4	55.2
	1997 50.8	51.3	50.6	54.3	51.5	52.4	50.9	51.3
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002 307	658	281	201	752	497	372	431
	1997 265	697	257	228	711	538	332	389
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	325,104	473,496	547,675	929,567	291,401	570,923
1997	290,288	689,455	313,371	495,069	590,966	782,776	305,733	595,869
Partnership	farms, 2002 14	37	25	18	72	41	37	43
	1997 38	70	35	21	106	67	42	69
acres, 2002	18,207	65,183	49,390	26,558	158,749	109,375	74,763	100,476
1997	59,920	103,821	55,441	33,771	153,867	150,637	83,820	115,443
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002 2	2	2	8	19	5	1	2
	1997 3	7	3	5	23	6	2	-
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	33,621	39,126	16,631	(D)	(D)
1997	1,890	(D)	(D)	23,726	(D)	11,106	(D)	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002 -	-	-	-	4	-	3	2
	1997 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
acres, 2002	-	-	-	-	1,863	-	(D)	(D)
1997	-	-	-	(D)	-	-	-	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 2	2	1	4	16	5	10	11
	1997 4	3	2	3	7	4	5	3
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	46,786	8,179	1,156	(D)	3,704
1997	1,360	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	3,896	(D)	2,580

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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		Kidder	LaMoure	Logan	McHenry	McIntosh	McKenzie	McLean	Mercer
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	8	29	16	21	15	12	20	17
	1997	20	16	15	34	24	15	40	22
3 or 4 years	2002	23	21	20	38	27	31	40	13
	1997	17	24	12	49	21	33	46	27
5 to 9 years	2002	69	68	48	107	65	76	121	72
	1997	46	50	33	81	64	74	73	68
10 years or more	2002	484	503	361	735	419	513	737	354
	1997	331	403	249	599	288	454	694	280
Average years on present farm	2002	28.2	25.2	27.5	25.1	26.5	25.1	24.8	23.1
	1997	24.6	23.6	26.2	23.1	23.8	23.7	23.5	20.6
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	4	7	4	8	4	2	11	-
	1997	5	13	9	21	4	4	38	10
25 to 34 years	2002	28	45	25	61	50	23	76	31
	1997	52	66	55	95	60	39	104	42
35 to 44 years	2002	111	109	66	145	97	119	161	126
	1997	122	157	87	188	127	197	221	150
45 to 54 years	2002	154	174	104	251	104	178	275	120
	1997	121	160	81	253	91	158	258	108
55 to 59 years	2002	58	59	38	117	55	81	114	41
	1997	48	54	38	84	49	73	96	49
60 to 64 years	2002	52	60	42	82	48	72	70	39
	1997	44	51	51	86	60	62	84	41
65 to 69 years	2002	30	37	62	77	51	58	72	32
	1997	62	74	49	87	57	50	100	37
70 years and over	2002	147	130	104	160	117	99	139	67
	1997	77	71	45	139	83	122	142	60
Average age	2002	55.8	54.6	56.9	55.0	55.5	55.1	53.2	52.1
	1997	52.4	51.0	51.3	52.3	52.6	53.5	51.5	50.4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	537	566	413	848	480	564	830	426
	1997	484	584	388	870	486	600	933	455
	acres, 2002	(D)	536,623	(D)	998,081	488,844	(D)	955,653	450,481
	1997	638,113	582,067	481,970	924,133	465,262	889,772	1,034,622	478,445
Partnership	farms, 2002	42	38	29	43	38	52	64	27
	1997	43	51	25	70	42	83	89	35
	acres, 2002	92,696	107,719	67,801	96,384	63,659	156,146	105,917	85,333
	1997	63,716	84,202	(D)	106,203	37,449	181,607	96,036	47,828
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	1	9	2	6	1	12	10	-
	1997	2	6	1	6	1	15	13	4
	acres, 2002	(D)	28,041	(D)	30,266	(D)	13,013	26,396	-
	1997	(D)	11,840	(D)	(D)	(D)	17,938	(D)	11,682
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-
	1997	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	1
	acres, 2002	-	-	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
	1997	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	4	8	1	4	2	4	13	3
	1997	2	2	1	7	1	6	8	2
	acres, 2002	(D)	4,583	(D)	1,100	(D)	(D)	(D)	525
	1997	(D)	(D)	(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		Morton	Mountrail	Nelson	Oliver	Pembina	Pierce	Ramsey	Ransom
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	22	3	11	5	13	6	16	11
	1997	45	37	23	10	42	34	16	16
3 or 4 years	2002	37	32	18	20	15	37	13	16
	1997	63	31	12	19	22	18	21	23
5 to 9 years	2002	86	97	75	48	73	60	63	62
	1997	108	78	42	30	69	44	49	66
10 years or more	2002	710	550	494	234	423	384	462	439
	1997	546	532	318	222	415	306	355	312
Average years on present farm	2002	23.8	26.1	27.9	24.1	24.3	25.3	25.8	27.3
	1997	21.3	23.5	25.8	23.7	21.7	22.8	24.1	22.1
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	7	5	7	6	11	1	8	5
	1997	23	11	13	1	13	13	9	17
25 to 34 years	2002	50	48	27	15	41	49	20	35
	1997	104	71	31	23	60	68	45	61
35 to 44 years	2002	219	95	66	63	99	89	92	78
	1997	252	201	110	70	194	126	137	128
45 to 54 years	2002	261	183	137	91	155	113	139	118
	1997	203	194	109	97	148	117	112	123
55 to 59 years	2002	83	116	65	33	42	56	55	61
	1997	83	61	60	34	55	42	59	48
60 to 64 years	2002	68	65	70	37	53	46	82	72
	1997	82	82	43	32	50	45	54	57
65 to 69 years	2002	70	47	60	19	29	44	43	58
	1997	81	56	46	29	51	39	68	31
70 years and over	2002	97	123	166	40	94	89	115	101
	1997	126	131	94	55	82	63	78	62
Average age	2002	51.7	55.3	59.0	53.3	53.5	54.4	56.6	56.2
	1997	50.9	52.6	53.6	53.7	50.3	50.1	53.1	50.0
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	781	624	558	267	434	435	488	476
	1997	852	704	444	300	486	457	502	455
	acres, 2002	1,110,030	918,912	452,317	(D)	(D)	450,330	(D)	(D)
	1997	1,057,440	873,916	437,462	291,786	391,363	486,909	561,281	354,828
Partnership	farms, 2002	64	50	30	37	59	41	59	38
	1997	78	80	57	39	136	41	56	56
	acres, 2002	149,378	113,398	64,783	82,982	190,378	69,638	117,854	82,690
	1997	132,280	104,384	90,715	(D)	195,058	55,926	94,469	84,194
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	7	6	4	2	29	3	1	9
	1997	18	17	5	2	30	5	4	10
	acres, 2002	13,111	(D)	12,911	(D)	54,501	(D)	(D)	14,662
	1997	21,418	34,105	13,068	(D)	(D)	15,811	11,554	11,508
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1997	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	acres, 2002	-	-	-	-	-	(D)	-	(D)
	1997	-	-	-	-	-	(D)	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	3	2	6	1	2	7	6	4
	1997	6	6	-	-	1	9	-	4
	acres, 2002	3,750	(D)	1,580	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1997	5,352	6,705	-	-	(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		Renville	Richland	Rolette	Sargent	Sheridan	Sioux	Slope	Stark
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	2	14	15	13	4	1	1	24
	1997	19	33	14	20	18	2	11	31
3 or 4 years	2002	15	18	26	19	16	5	4	44
	1997	18	20	17	14	21	10	17	40
5 to 9 years	2002	51	86	64	46	42	16	40	121
	1997	35	102	54	49	31	21	29	95
10 years or more	2002	285	695	418	391	331	157	214	585
	1997	251	654	360	309	226	126	173	523
Average years on present farm	2002	25.3	25.9	23.2	26.4	27.4	26.3	26.0	22.8
	1997	23.2	23.5	23.3	23.6	25.5	25.7	22.1	21.5
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	3	7	2	9	3	1	1	10
	1997	10	19	4	18	7	1	10	8
25 to 34 years	2002	41	57	34	45	19	12	12	46
	1997	36	102	48	63	28	18	34	95
35 to 44 years	2002	86	197	97	91	56	29	36	160
	1997	108	288	115	118	76	48	59	215
45 to 54 years	2002	90	271	140	107	100	54	87	221
	1997	93	243	162	113	81	35	60	203
55 to 59 years	2002	29	81	75	54	54	17	28	79
	1997	30	80	60	44	53	25	17	87
60 to 64 years	2002	26	58	57	50	36	24	18	81
	1997	53	93	37	39	42	22	27	86
65 to 69 years	2002	34	55	32	45	49	17	31	72
	1997	35	61	44	21	39	17	20	62
70 years and over	2002	44	87	86	68	76	25	46	105
	1997	44	76	77	69	66	30	47	97
Average age	2002	51.6	51.3	54.4	53.2	56.8	54.2	56.0	53.3
	1997	51.0	48.9	52.4	49.4	54.4	53.4	51.4	50.9
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	325	673	465	421	365	162	220	722
	1997	375	810	482	422	345	177	244	758
	acres, 2002	462,178	(D)	(D)	404,829	(D)	497,169	(D)	(D)
	1997	470,264	650,969	412,557	418,359	422,519	391,491	464,112	698,254
Partnership	farms, 2002	12	106	45	37	25	6	29	44
	1997	22	114	55	44	41	11	22	81
	acres, 2002	34,498	235,738	71,563	84,386	43,948	51,430	161,662	85,924
	1997	(D)	136,860	74,194	62,840	61,168	67,263	99,083	103,538
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	12	33	4	9	1	4	3	1
	1997	12	33	4	7	4	6	1	2
	acres, 2002	26,940	79,561	11,379	(D)	(D)	14,500	3,000	(D)
	1997	(D)	68,473	(D)	11,865	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	1997	-	2	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	1
	acres, 2002	-	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	-
	1997	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	4	1	8	1	2	7	7	7
	1997	-	3	5	12	2	2	7	11
	acres, 2002	3,565	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	139,394	(D)	(D)
	1997	-	(D)	(D)	6,434	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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

Item		Steele	Stutsman	Towner	Trail	Walsh	Ward	Wells	Williams
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	8	19	9	10	28	12	20	26
	1997	16	41	17	27	40	58	18	44
3 or 4 years	2002	8	54	22	11	25	33	27	36
	1997	15	40	15	22	28	71	28	40
5 to 9 years	2002	36	113	64	49	123	115	55	115
	1997	30	107	36	55	53	142	52	95
10 years or more	2002	266	802	323	357	729	806	477	681
	1997	199	645	301	316	544	785	375	558
Average years on present farm	2002	25.5	25.9	24.7	24.2	24.9	23.8	26.0	24.2
	1997	21.7	23.8	21.9	21.1	24.0	22.0	22.8	23.0
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	1	6	4	9	9	7	2	7
	1997	13	24	7	15	21	27	22	23
25 to 34 years	2002	25	51	33	40	58	73	49	56
	1997	26	100	52	72	67	133	80	82
35 to 44 years	2002	58	187	77	101	158	202	103	145
	1997	89	267	134	134	206	309	139	199
45 to 54 years	2002	86	290	121	116	205	291	157	268
	1997	84	246	124	146	186	289	133	219
55 to 59 years	2002	51	95	65	58	105	110	50	91
	1997	32	86	27	45	77	134	57	71
60 to 64 years	2002	23	70	32	39	89	105	61	94
	1997	23	97	41	48	82	106	78	69
65 to 69 years	2002	26	84	30	29	88	68	60	56
	1997	17	86	20	15	82	103	51	81
70 years and over	2002	48	205	56	35	193	110	97	141
	1997	21	134	46	29	84	161	64	147
Average age	2002	53.6	55.4	52.9	50.4	55.9	52.4	54.6	54.2
	1997	47.8	51.0	49.1	47.1	51.1	50.9	50.3	52.6
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	284	890	372	361	777	889	526	775
	1997	259	927	390	412	649	1,118	531	782
	acres, 2002	(D)	1,019,288	456,506	(D)	511,450	968,037	568,590	1,029,624
	1997	311,517	1,021,572	463,884	392,871	493,784	1,086,408	585,187	1,034,051
Partnership	farms, 2002	27	74	30	34	90	56	33	62
	1997	38	89	41	55	116	120	67	95
	acres, 2002	71,232	157,158	73,756	72,933	172,900	99,163	59,805	132,671
	1997	91,842	200,000	84,431	63,611	157,508	140,431	111,009	149,395
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	5	11	6	26	24	15	15	7
	1997	6	21	15	34	33	10	21	4
	acres, 2002	21,488	34,016	15,348	60,374	71,889	37,173	36,744	9,787
	1997	(D)	41,938	29,034	55,850	71,802	9,151	48,070	9,562
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
	1997	-	2	-	1	2	2	1	-
	acres, 2002	-	-	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	-
	1997	-	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	2	13	10	5	14	6	4	14
	1997	2	1	5	2	5	12	4	10
	acres, 2002	(D)	4,728	3,164	1,333	3,142	4,615	(D)	8,904
	1997	(D)	(D)	3,430	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	14,570

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