

**Table 49. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2007**

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

| Characteristics                             | All operators <sup>1</sup> | Principal operator | Second operator | Third operator |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Operators ..... number                      | 83,938                     | 56,014             | 24,284          | 3,640          |
| Sex of operator:                            |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Male .....                                  | 58,002                     | 47,739             | 8,202           | 2,061          |
| Female .....                                | 25,936                     | 8,275              | 16,082          | 1,579          |
| Primary occupation:                         |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Farming .....                               | 35,685                     | 24,795             | 9,055           | 1,835          |
| Other .....                                 | 48,253                     | 31,219             | 15,229          | 1,805          |
| Place of residence:                         |                            |                    |                 |                |
| On farm operated .....                      | 69,304                     | 47,084             | 19,989          | 2,231          |
| Not on farm operated .....                  | 14,634                     | 8,930              | 4,295           | 1,409          |
| Days worked off farm:                       |                            |                    |                 |                |
| None .....                                  | 30,051                     | 20,533             | 8,087           | 1,431          |
| Any .....                                   | 53,887                     | 35,481             | 16,197          | 2,209          |
| 1 to 49 days .....                          | 9,220                      | 6,085              | 2,718           | 417            |
| 50 to 99 days .....                         | 4,039                      | 2,507              | 1,304           | 228            |
| 100 to 199 days .....                       | 7,034                      | 4,476              | 2,239           | 319            |
| 200 days or more .....                      | 33,594                     | 22,413             | 9,936           | 1,245          |
| Years on present farm:                      |                            |                    |                 |                |
| 2 years or less .....                       | 3,507                      | 1,691              | 1,307           | 509            |
| 3 or 4 years .....                          | 5,219                      | 3,022              | 1,806           | 391            |
| 5 to 9 years .....                          | 13,888                     | 8,258              | 4,862           | 768            |
| 10 years or more .....                      | 61,324                     | 43,043             | 16,309          | 1,972          |
| Age group:                                  |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Under 25 years .....                        | 1,546                      | 244                | 620             | 682            |
| 25 to 34 years .....                        | 5,307                      | 2,687              | 1,975           | 645            |
| 35 to 44 years .....                        | 12,792                     | 7,334              | 4,777           | 681            |
| 45 to 54 years .....                        | 23,962                     | 15,509             | 7,726           | 727            |
| 55 to 64 years .....                        | 21,222                     | 15,019             | 5,747           | 456            |
| 65 to 74 years .....                        | 12,934                     | 10,034             | 2,609           | 291            |
| 75 years and over .....                     | 6,175                      | 5,187              | 830             | 158            |
| Average age .....                           | 54.1                       | 56.3               | 50.7            | 42.6           |
| Number of persons living in household ..... | 181,061                    | 156,125            | 19,127          | 5,809          |

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.