

Table 55. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2012

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

Characteristics	All operators ¹	Principal operator	Second operator	Third operator
Operators number	63,269	43,223	17,511	2,535
Sex of operator:				
Male	44,895	37,809	5,478	1,608
Spouse of principal operator	1,692	(X)	1,638	54
Female	18,374	5,414	12,033	927
Spouse of principal operator	11,331	(X)	11,098	233
Primary occupation:				
Farming	25,901	19,114	5,941	846
Other	37,368	24,109	11,570	1,689
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	48,313	33,570	13,477	1,266
Not on farm operated	14,956	9,653	4,034	1,269
Days worked off farm:				
None	24,012	16,775	6,448	789
Any	39,257	26,448	11,063	1,746
1 to 49 days	4,559	3,033	1,276	250
50 to 99 days	2,491	1,523	835	133
100 to 199 days	6,274	4,200	1,805	269
200 days or more	25,933	17,692	7,147	1,094
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	2,710	1,425	968	317
3 or 4 years	3,932	2,205	1,395	332
5 to 9 years	10,283	6,195	3,479	609
10 years or more	46,344	33,398	11,669	1,277
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,118	1,056	789	273
3 or 4 years	3,304	1,790	1,207	307
5 to 9 years	9,301	5,473	3,256	572
10 years or more	48,546	34,904	12,259	1,383
Age group:				
Under 25 years	960	231	397	332
25 to 34 years	3,619	1,814	1,299	506
35 to 44 years	7,225	4,289	2,526	410
45 to 54 years	13,551	8,683	4,414	454
55 to 64 years	17,790	12,379	4,995	416
65 to 74 years	13,520	10,265	2,999	256
75 years and over	6,604	5,562	881	161
Average age	57.2	59.3	53.7	45.6
Number of persons living in household	123,271	104,571	14,446	4,254

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.