

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	32,592	20,005	10,304	2,283
Sex of operator:				
Male	17,938	12,170	4,423	1,345
Spouse of principal operator	1,977	(X)	1,931	46
Female	14,654	7,835	5,881	938
Spouse of principal operator	4,589	(X)	4,475	114
Primary occupation:				
Farming	20,224	13,219	5,740	1,265
Other	12,368	6,786	4,564	1,018
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	26,445	16,512	8,445	1,488
Not on farm operated	6,147	3,493	1,859	795
Days worked off farm:				
None	14,767	9,186	4,659	922
Any	17,825	10,819	5,645	1,361
1 to 49 days	2,636	1,435	941	260
50 to 99 days	2,194	1,191	732	271
100 to 199 days	3,085	1,894	923	268
200 days or more	9,910	6,299	3,049	562
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	1,312	612	489	211
3 or 4 years	1,871	882	689	300
5 to 9 years	4,290	2,350	1,517	423
10 years or more	25,119	16,161	7,609	1,349
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	1,061	460	395	206
3 or 4 years	1,583	775	536	272
5 to 9 years	3,767	1,958	1,426	383
10 years or more	26,181	16,812	7,947	1,422
Age group:				
Under 25 years	720	136	267	317
25 to 34 years	1,450	425	690	335
35 to 44 years	3,130	1,472	1,263	395
45 to 54 years	6,928	3,997	2,374	557
55 to 64 years	9,242	5,917	2,935	390
65 to 74 years	6,838	4,838	1,836	164
75 years and over	4,284	3,220	939	125
Average age	58.2	61.1	55.4	45.6
Number of persons living in household	67,564	56,678	7,744	3,142

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