

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	122,387	77,857	37,660	6,870
Sex of operator:				
Male	82,315	63,873	14,114	4,328
Spouse of principal operator	4,600	(X)	4,517	83
Female	40,072	13,984	23,546	2,542
Spouse of principal operator	20,925	(X)	20,401	524
Primary occupation:				
Farming	62,397	42,469	16,183	3,745
Other	59,990	35,388	21,477	3,125
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	84,532	54,775	26,592	3,165
Not on farm operated	37,855	23,082	11,068	3,705
Days worked off farm:				
None	48,013	31,311	14,109	2,593
Any	74,374	46,546	23,551	4,277
1 to 49 days	12,000	7,304	3,926	770
50 to 99 days	6,856	4,230	2,126	500
100 to 199 days	11,811	7,065	4,028	718
200 days or more	43,707	27,947	13,471	2,289
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	5,960	3,151	2,059	750
3 or 4 years	8,617	4,634	3,159	824
5 to 9 years	21,773	12,863	7,335	1,575
10 years or more	86,037	57,209	25,107	3,721
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	4,379	2,182	1,571	626
3 or 4 years	7,024	3,648	2,718	658
5 to 9 years	18,585	10,663	6,526	1,396
10 years or more	92,399	61,364	26,845	4,190
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,292	253	438	601
25 to 34 years	6,329	2,968	2,329	1,032
35 to 44 years	12,100	6,255	4,646	1,199
45 to 54 years	26,896	15,946	9,521	1,429
55 to 64 years	36,342	23,382	11,512	1,448
65 to 74 years	25,653	18,154	6,755	744
75 years and over	13,775	10,899	2,459	417
Average age	57.9	60.1	55.3	48.0
Number of persons living in household	252,892	201,412	38,078	13,402

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