

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
Operatorsnumber	9,589	5,977	3,061	551
Sex of operator:				
Male	5,855	4,472	1,124	259
Spouse of principal operator	588	(X)	565	23
Female	3,734	1,505	1,937	292
Spouse of principal operator	1,597	(X)	1,572	25
Primary occupation:				
Farming	4,142	2,766	1,129	247
Other	5,447	3,211	1,932	304
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	7,592	4,863	2,414	315
Not on farm operated	1,997	1,114	647	236
Days worked off farm:				
None	3,186	2,101	864	221
Any	6,403	3,876	2,197	330
1 to 49 days	815	478	281	56
50 to 99 days	537	304	210	23
100 to 199 days	951	558	345	48
200 days or more	4,100	2,536	1,361	203
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	551	267	219	65
3 or 4 years	608	319	243	46
5 to 9 years	1,678	920	576	182
10 years or more	6,752	4,471	2,023	258
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	447	204	185	58
3 or 4 years	467	240	191	36
5 to 9 years	1,512	808	535	169
10 years or more	7,163	4,725	2,150	288
Age group:				
Under 25 years	220	55	84	81
25 to 34 years	565	226	218	121
35 to 44 years	851	431	357	63
45 to 54 years	2,409	1,470	818	121
55 to 64 years	2,960	1,903	974	83
65 to 74 years	1,768	1,225	480	63
75 years and over	816	667	130	19
Average age	56.3	58.7	53.7	44.5
Number of persons living in household	19,063	15,837	2,448	778

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