

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

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

Characteristics	All operators <sup>1</sup>	Principal operator	Second operator	Third operator
Operators .....number	73,155	47,740	21,982	3,433
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	47,022	37,745	7,294	1,983
Spouse of principal operator .....	3,027	(X)	2,990	37
Female .....	26,133	9,995	14,688	1,450
Spouse of principal operator .....	13,014	(X)	12,731	283
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	33,094	22,902	8,640	1,552
Other .....	40,061	24,838	13,342	1,881
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	53,257	35,109	16,363	1,785
Not on farm operated .....	19,898	12,631	5,619	1,648
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	28,296	19,233	7,931	1,132
Any .....	44,859	28,507	14,051	2,301
1 to 49 days .....	6,945	4,445	2,053	447
50 to 99 days .....	4,154	2,509	1,383	262
100 to 199 days .....	6,424	4,218	1,896	310
200 days or more .....	27,336	17,335	8,719	1,282
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	3,234	1,559	1,217	458
3 or 4 years .....	4,913	2,842	1,672	399
5 to 9 years .....	14,354	8,685	4,854	815
10 years or more .....	50,654	34,654	14,239	1,761
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	2,521	1,155	968	398
3 or 4 years .....	3,967	2,199	1,416	352
5 to 9 years .....	12,516	7,442	4,312	762
10 years or more .....	54,151	36,944	15,286	1,921
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	940	135	353	452
25 to 34 years .....	3,313	1,529	1,330	454
35 to 44 years .....	7,642	4,094	2,911	637
45 to 54 years .....	17,472	10,793	5,850	829
55 to 64 years .....	20,547	13,658	6,312	577
65 to 74 years .....	15,463	11,196	3,936	331
75 years and over .....	7,778	6,335	1,290	153
Average age .....	57.7	59.8	54.8	46.2
Number of persons living in household .....	142,284	117,777	19,241	5,266

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