

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	10,655	7,000	3,164	491
Sex of operator:				
Male	6,847	5,426	1,116	305
Spouse of principal operator	466	(X)	458	8
Female	3,808	1,574	2,048	186
Spouse of principal operator	1,802	(X)	1,769	33
Primary occupation:				
Farming	5,323	3,642	1,433	248
Other	5,332	3,358	1,731	243
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	7,046	4,649	2,155	242
Not on farm operated	3,609	2,351	1,009	249
Days worked off farm:				
None	3,408	2,223	1,047	138
Any	7,247	4,777	2,117	353
1 to 49 days	1,249	690	481	78
50 to 99 days	878	562	268	48
100 to 199 days	1,354	927	355	72
200 days or more	3,766	2,598	1,013	155
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	585	290	218	77
3 or 4 years	757	418	271	68
5 to 9 years	2,186	1,338	710	138
10 years or more	7,127	4,954	1,965	208
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	447	204	179	64
3 or 4 years	563	294	216	53
5 to 9 years	1,949	1,169	651	129
10 years or more	7,696	5,333	2,118	245
Age group:				
Under 25 years	72	8	30	34
25 to 34 years	487	184	172	131
35 to 44 years	855	486	293	76
45 to 54 years	2,223	1,390	741	92
55 to 64 years	3,712	2,534	1,091	87
65 to 74 years	2,096	1,505	543	48
75 years and over	1,210	893	294	23
Average age	58.7	60.4	56.9	46.0
Number of persons living in household	21,184	18,115	2,276	793

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