

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	107,284	75,087	27,198	4,999
Sex of operator:				
Male	83,019	68,196	11,459	3,364
Spouse of principal operator	1,728	(X)	1,666	62
Female	24,265	6,891	15,739	1,635
Spouse of principal operator	14,487	(X)	13,996	491
Primary occupation:				
Farming	51,272	37,835	11,058	2,379
Other	56,012	37,252	16,140	2,620
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	72,350	52,037	18,160	2,153
Not on farm operated	34,934	23,050	9,038	2,846
Days worked off farm:				
None	44,036	31,838	10,259	1,939
Any	63,248	43,249	16,939	3,060
1 to 49 days	10,162	7,028	2,626	508
50 to 99 days	4,543	3,029	1,268	246
100 to 199 days	8,301	5,510	2,410	381
200 days or more	40,242	27,682	10,635	1,925
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	3,901	2,135	1,298	468
3 or 4 years	5,446	3,191	1,744	511
5 to 9 years	13,693	8,270	4,403	1,020
10 years or more	84,244	61,491	19,753	3,000
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,991	1,539	1,043	409
3 or 4 years	4,608	2,697	1,489	422
5 to 9 years	12,059	7,206	3,914	939
10 years or more	87,626	63,645	20,752	3,229
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,449	515	473	461
25 to 34 years	7,802	4,552	2,395	855
35 to 44 years	12,261	7,677	3,840	744
45 to 54 years	24,933	16,888	7,033	1,012
55 to 64 years	30,260	21,753	7,466	1,041
65 to 74 years	19,704	14,732	4,391	581
75 years and over	10,875	8,970	1,600	305
Average age	56.3	57.8	53.6	48.1
Number of persons living in household	232,050	190,989	31,509	9,552

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