

**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	87,959	58,695	25,214	4,050
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	63,970	52,950	8,409	2,611
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,832	(X)	1,793	39
Female .....	23,989	5,745	16,805	1,439
Spouse of principal operator .....	16,081	(X)	15,590	491
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	36,395	25,630	9,008	1,757
Other .....	51,564	33,065	16,206	2,293
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	69,641	47,869	19,693	2,079
Not on farm operated .....	18,318	10,826	5,521	1,971
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	31,612	20,864	9,290	1,458
Any .....	56,347	37,831	15,924	2,592
1 to 49 days .....	6,852	4,451	2,035	366
50 to 99 days .....	3,268	1,992	1,076	200
100 to 199 days .....	7,515	4,657	2,493	365
200 days or more .....	38,712	26,731	10,320	1,661
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	3,524	1,739	1,298	487
3 or 4 years .....	4,567	2,457	1,625	485
5 to 9 years .....	12,191	7,100	4,281	810
10 years or more .....	67,677	47,399	18,010	2,268
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	2,698	1,265	1,010	423
3 or 4 years .....	3,813	1,977	1,393	443
5 to 9 years .....	10,627	6,099	3,777	751
10 years or more .....	70,821	49,354	19,034	2,433
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	1,649	315	629	705
25 to 34 years .....	7,974	4,449	2,865	660
35 to 44 years .....	13,004	7,818	4,492	694
45 to 54 years .....	21,216	13,761	6,656	799
55 to 64 years .....	23,508	16,433	6,443	632
65 to 74 years .....	13,865	10,407	3,058	400
75 years and over .....	6,743	5,512	1,071	160
Average age .....	53.9	55.8	50.9	43.8
Number of persons living in household .....	203,330	173,195	22,940	7,195

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