

**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	129,644	88,637	35,435	5,572
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	97,477	81,529	12,200	3,748
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,920	(X)	1,863	57
Female .....	32,167	7,108	23,235	1,824
Spouse of principal operator .....	22,350	(X)	21,593	757
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	64,725	47,949	14,061	2,715
Other .....	64,919	40,688	21,374	2,857
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	91,329	63,911	25,001	2,417
Not on farm operated .....	38,315	24,726	10,434	3,155
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	52,458	37,692	12,535	2,231
Any .....	77,186	50,945	22,900	3,341
1 to 49 days .....	11,216	7,535	3,075	606
50 to 99 days .....	5,192	3,331	1,575	286
100 to 199 days .....	10,228	6,469	3,365	394
200 days or more .....	50,550	33,610	14,885	2,055
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	4,292	2,285	1,459	548
3 or 4 years .....	6,329	3,616	2,143	570
5 to 9 years .....	16,440	10,048	5,358	1,034
10 years or more .....	102,583	72,688	26,475	3,420
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	3,295	1,671	1,152	472
3 or 4 years .....	5,081	2,807	1,771	503
5 to 9 years .....	14,092	8,373	4,793	926
10 years or more .....	107,176	75,786	27,719	3,671
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	1,719	595	591	533
25 to 34 years .....	9,967	5,647	3,383	937
35 to 44 years .....	15,795	9,824	5,097	874
45 to 54 years .....	31,657	20,765	9,736	1,156
55 to 64 years .....	36,359	25,701	9,602	1,056
65 to 74 years .....	21,885	16,171	5,058	656
75 years and over .....	12,262	9,934	1,968	360
Average age .....	55.6	57.1	53.0	48.1
Number of persons living in household .....	276,530	231,472	34,744	10,314

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