

**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	40,975	28,093	11,273	1,609
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	29,141	24,636	3,488	1,017
Spouse of principal operator .....	974	(X)	949	25
Female .....	11,834	3,457	7,785	592
Spouse of principal operator .....	7,130	(X)	6,981	149
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	16,578	12,136	3,903	539
Other .....	24,397	15,957	7,370	1,070
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	29,089	20,115	8,212	762
Not on farm operated .....	11,886	7,978	3,061	847
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	14,928	10,482	3,884	562
Any .....	26,047	17,611	7,389	1,047
1 to 49 days .....	2,999	1,923	932	144
50 to 99 days .....	1,951	1,237	609	105
100 to 199 days .....	4,371	3,004	1,176	191
200 days or more .....	16,726	11,447	4,672	607
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	1,827	968	682	177
3 or 4 years .....	2,923	1,799	928	196
5 to 9 years .....	6,931	4,327	2,213	391
10 years or more .....	29,294	20,999	7,450	845
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	1,463	764	556	143
3 or 4 years .....	2,461	1,448	829	184
5 to 9 years .....	6,180	3,816	2,020	344
10 years or more .....	30,871	22,065	7,868	938
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	551	147	204	200
25 to 34 years .....	2,580	1,338	1,002	240
35 to 44 years .....	4,988	3,019	1,681	288
45 to 54 years .....	9,210	5,874	3,010	326
55 to 64 years .....	11,745	8,222	3,252	271
65 to 74 years .....	7,790	5,990	1,637	163
75 years and over .....	4,111	3,503	487	121
Average age .....	56.5	58.5	52.8	47.0
Number of persons living in household .....	83,078	69,665	10,470	2,943

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