

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	13,168	8,173	4,391	604
Sex of operator:				
Male	7,770	5,792	1,626	352
Spouse of principal operator	989	(X)	968	21
Female	5,398	2,381	2,765	252
Spouse of principal operator	2,467	(X)	2,412	55
Primary occupation:				
Farming	5,803	3,964	1,565	274
Other	7,365	4,209	2,826	330
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	11,024	6,941	3,742	341
Not on farm operated	2,144	1,232	649	263
Days worked off farm:				
None	4,657	3,060	1,374	223
Any	8,511	5,113	3,017	381
1 to 49 days	1,137	750	340	47
50 to 99 days	718	398	284	36
100 to 199 days	1,473	897	496	80
200 days or more	5,183	3,068	1,897	218
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	736	373	271	92
3 or 4 years	1,170	620	479	71
5 to 9 years	2,550	1,432	950	168
10 years or more	8,712	5,748	2,691	273
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	602	286	229	87
3 or 4 years	1,040	541	440	59
5 to 9 years	2,195	1,204	838	153
10 years or more	9,331	6,142	2,884	305
Age group:				
Under 25 years	201	62	55	84
25 to 34 years	1,005	488	369	148
35 to 44 years	1,562	834	645	83
45 to 54 years	3,255	1,938	1,218	99
55 to 64 years	3,879	2,484	1,292	103
65 to 74 years	2,346	1,652	644	50
75 years and over	920	715	168	37
Average age	55.1	57.0	53.0	44.4
Number of persons living in household	25,466	21,495	3,057	914

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