

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	19,055	12,256	5,693	1,106
Sex of operator:				
Male	12,918	9,960	2,328	630
Spouse of principal operator	841	(X)	819	22
Female	6,137	2,296	3,365	476
Spouse of principal operator	2,975	(X)	2,861	114
Primary occupation:				
Farming	8,876	5,996	2,371	509
Other	10,179	6,260	3,322	597
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	15,008	9,898	4,481	629
Not on farm operated	4,047	2,358	1,212	477
Days worked off farm:				
None	7,325	4,860	2,086	379
Any	11,730	7,396	3,607	727
1 to 49 days	1,679	1,082	506	91
50 to 99 days	759	426	244	89
100 to 199 days	1,628	971	536	121
200 days or more	7,664	4,917	2,321	426
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	841	371	318	152
3 or 4 years	969	480	376	113
5 to 9 years	2,869	1,606	1,023	240
10 years or more	14,376	9,799	3,976	601
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	672	279	250	143
3 or 4 years	806	378	323	105
5 to 9 years	2,475	1,331	930	214
10 years or more	15,102	10,268	4,190	644
Age group:				
Under 25 years	387	75	132	180
25 to 34 years	1,230	528	510	192
35 to 44 years	1,944	1,037	722	185
45 to 54 years	4,675	2,853	1,595	227
55 to 64 years	5,259	3,475	1,597	187
65 to 74 years	3,661	2,740	835	86
75 years and over	1,899	1,548	302	49
Average age	56.4	59.0	53.1	43.9
Number of persons living in household	40,093	32,940	5,290	1,863

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