

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	78,948	52,194	23,283	3,471
Sex of operator:				
Male	54,865	44,785	7,988	2,092
Spouse of principal operator	2,651	(X)	2,612	39
Female	24,083	7,409	15,295	1,379
Spouse of principal operator	14,316	(X)	13,926	390
Primary occupation:				
Farming	35,808	25,285	8,895	1,628
Other	43,140	26,909	14,388	1,843
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	64,522	43,740	18,816	1,966
Not on farm operated	14,426	8,454	4,467	1,505
Days worked off farm:				
None	32,025	21,550	9,014	1,461
Any	46,923	30,644	14,269	2,010
1 to 49 days	6,390	4,147	1,886	357
50 to 99 days	3,293	2,069	1,072	152
100 to 199 days	6,643	4,223	2,144	276
200 days or more	30,597	20,205	9,167	1,225
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	3,137	1,512	1,180	445
3 or 4 years	4,222	2,350	1,503	369
5 to 9 years	10,934	6,318	3,954	662
10 years or more	60,655	42,014	16,646	1,995
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,370	1,047	926	397
3 or 4 years	3,585	1,948	1,296	341
5 to 9 years	9,606	5,456	3,523	627
10 years or more	63,387	43,743	17,538	2,106
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,270	244	471	555
25 to 34 years	5,193	2,736	1,819	638
35 to 44 years	9,993	5,761	3,638	594
45 to 54 years	19,524	12,259	6,533	732
55 to 64 years	22,120	15,153	6,421	546
65 to 74 years	14,067	10,490	3,313	264
75 years and over	6,781	5,551	1,088	142
Average age	55.5	57.6	52.8	43.8
Number of persons living in household	167,949	142,363	19,799	5,787

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