

**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	7,195	4,391	2,454	350
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	4,143	3,033	916	194
Spouse of principal operator .....	616	(X)	595	21
Female .....	3,052	1,358	1,538	156
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,326	(X)	1,292	34
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	3,057	2,107	783	167
Other .....	4,138	2,284	1,671	183
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	6,308	3,917	2,176	215
Not on farm operated .....	887	474	278	135
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	2,408	1,572	717	119
Any .....	4,787	2,819	1,737	231
1 to 49 days .....	606	354	215	37
50 to 99 days .....	462	306	137	19
100 to 199 days .....	811	495	293	23
200 days or more .....	2,908	1,664	1,092	152
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	431	211	167	53
3 or 4 years .....	556	276	221	59
5 to 9 years .....	1,156	664	430	62
10 years or more .....	5,052	3,240	1,636	176
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	290	133	120	37
3 or 4 years .....	515	242	206	67
5 to 9 years .....	1,009	557	385	67
10 years or more .....	5,381	3,459	1,743	179
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	146	15	74	57
25 to 34 years .....	434	186	168	80
35 to 44 years .....	760	449	265	46
45 to 54 years .....	1,871	1,108	687	76
55 to 64 years .....	2,110	1,295	756	59
65 to 74 years .....	1,349	938	397	14
75 years and over .....	525	400	107	18
Average age .....	55.7	57.8	53.9	42.4
Number of persons living in household .....	13,454	11,537	1,490	427

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