

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	37,166	24,721	10,500	1,945
Sex of operator:				
Male	24,582	19,944	3,469	1,169
Spouse of principal operator	979	(X)	958	21
Female	12,584	4,777	7,031	776
Spouse of principal operator	6,169	(X)	5,981	188
Primary occupation:				
Farming	17,094	12,392	3,900	802
Other	20,072	12,329	6,600	1,143
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	26,775	18,152	7,651	972
Not on farm operated	10,391	6,569	2,849	973
Days worked off farm:				
None	13,175	8,933	3,555	687
Any	23,991	15,788	6,945	1,258
1 to 49 days	3,860	2,416	1,223	221
50 to 99 days	2,504	1,587	777	140
100 to 199 days	4,088	2,811	1,045	212
200 days or more	13,559	8,974	3,900	685
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	1,715	897	580	238
3 or 4 years	2,127	1,188	699	240
5 to 9 years	5,619	3,307	1,960	352
10 years or more	27,705	19,329	7,261	1,115
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	1,369	688	460	221
3 or 4 years	1,821	1,006	610	205
5 to 9 years	4,843	2,768	1,743	332
10 years or more	29,133	20,259	7,687	1,187
Age group:				
Under 25 years	663	218	219	226
25 to 34 years	2,069	982	808	279
35 to 44 years	3,423	1,896	1,201	326
45 to 54 years	7,672	4,662	2,577	433
55 to 64 years	10,507	7,070	3,045	392
65 to 74 years	7,921	5,916	1,860	145
75 years and over	4,911	3,977	790	144
Average age	58.3	60.5	55.0	47.3
Number of persons living in household	74,027	61,982	8,755	3,290

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