

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	72,905	50,218	19,561	3,126
Sex of operator:				
Male	53,260	43,765	7,664	1,831
Spouse of principal operator	2,483	(X)	2,432	51
Female	19,645	6,453	11,897	1,295
Spouse of principal operator	11,011	(X)	10,694	317
Primary occupation:				
Farming	33,312	24,574	7,397	1,341
Other	39,593	25,644	12,164	1,785
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	55,706	39,098	14,940	1,668
Not on farm operated	17,199	11,120	4,621	1,458
Days worked off farm:				
None	28,273	20,047	7,012	1,214
Any	44,632	30,171	12,549	1,912
1 to 49 days	5,791	3,864	1,646	281
50 to 99 days	3,544	2,364	989	191
100 to 199 days	6,334	4,390	1,733	211
200 days or more	28,963	19,553	8,181	1,229
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	3,214	1,659	1,121	434
3 or 4 years	4,324	2,459	1,520	345
5 to 9 years	11,431	6,909	3,836	686
10 years or more	53,936	39,191	13,084	1,661
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,618	1,298	922	398
3 or 4 years	3,673	2,030	1,338	305
5 to 9 years	10,025	5,935	3,471	619
10 years or more	56,589	40,955	13,830	1,804
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,008	220	383	405
25 to 34 years	4,078	2,101	1,431	546
35 to 44 years	8,419	4,932	2,945	542
45 to 54 years	15,867	10,391	4,923	553
55 to 64 years	21,462	15,124	5,780	558
65 to 74 years	15,145	11,629	3,185	331
75 years and over	6,926	5,821	914	191
Average age	56.9	58.9	53.5	46.2
Number of persons living in household	146,428	122,234	18,953	5,241

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