

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 | 44,377 | 30,961 | 11,467 | 1,949 |
| Sex of operator: | | | | |
| Male | 33,045 | 27,728 | 4,042 | 1,275 |
| Spouse of principal operator | 546 | (X) | 535 | 11 |
| Female | 11,332 | 3,233 | 7,425 | 674 |
| Spouse of principal operator | 7,046 | (X) | 6,818 | 228 |
| Primary occupation: | | | | |
| Farming | 23,761 | 17,509 | 5,308 | 944 |
| Other | 20,616 | 13,452 | 6,159 | 1,005 |
| Place of residence: | | | | |
| On farm operated | 28,709 | 19,918 | 7,825 | 966 |
| Not on farm operated | 15,668 | 11,043 | 3,642 | 983 |
| Days worked off farm: | | | | |
| None | 19,660 | 14,496 | 4,345 | 819 |
| Any | 24,717 | 16,465 | 7,122 | 1,130 |
| 1 to 49 days | 3,885 | 2,548 | 1,096 | 241 |
| 50 to 99 days | 1,903 | 1,233 | 570 | 100 |
| 100 to 199 days | 3,736 | 2,418 | 1,160 | 158 |
| 200 days or more | 15,193 | 10,266 | 4,296 | 631 |
| Years on present farm: | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 1,555 | 850 | 492 | 213 |
| 3 or 4 years | 1,936 | 1,197 | 601 | 138 |
| 5 to 9 years | 5,430 | 3,241 | 1,749 | 440 |
| 10 years or more | 35,456 | 25,673 | 8,625 | 1,158 |
| Years operating any farm (see text): | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 1,154 | 605 | 393 | 156 |
| 3 or 4 years | 1,601 | 959 | 507 | 135 |
| 5 to 9 years | 4,873 | 2,868 | 1,589 | 416 |
| 10 years or more | 36,749 | 26,529 | 8,978 | 1,242 |
| Age group: | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 746 | 330 | 227 | 189 |
| 25 to 34 years | 4,010 | 2,432 | 1,243 | 335 |
| 35 to 44 years | 5,648 | 3,572 | 1,779 | 297 |
| 45 to 54 years | 10,120 | 6,603 | 3,123 | 394 |
| 55 to 64 years | 12,132 | 8,626 | 3,098 | 408 |
| 65 to 74 years | 7,069 | 5,438 | 1,422 | 209 |
| 75 years and over | 4,652 | 3,960 | 575 | 117 |
| Average age | 55.3 | 57.0 | 51.9 | 47.6 |
| Number of persons living in household | 92,443 | 77,738 | 11,141 | 3,564 |

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