

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	120,448	80,245	36,106	4,097
Sex of operator:				
Male	81,775	71,169	8,190	2,416
Spouse of principal operator	2,779	(X)	2,742	37
Female	38,673	9,076	27,916	1,681
Spouse of principal operator	26,661	(X)	26,188	473
Primary occupation:				
Farming	46,391	33,790	11,229	1,372
Other	74,057	46,455	24,877	2,725
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	93,060	61,952	28,780	2,328
Not on farm operated	27,388	18,293	7,326	1,769
Days worked off farm:				
None	40,189	27,846	11,201	1,142
Any	80,259	52,399	24,905	2,955
1 to 49 days	8,342	5,126	2,858	358
50 to 99 days	5,209	3,147	1,753	309
100 to 199 days	11,355	7,156	3,778	421
200 days or more	55,353	36,970	16,516	1,867
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	5,083	2,629	1,846	608
3 or 4 years	8,080	4,617	2,894	569
5 to 9 years	20,939	12,627	7,382	930
10 years or more	86,346	60,372	23,984	1,990
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	3,813	1,824	1,441	548
3 or 4 years	6,367	3,538	2,370	459
5 to 9 years	17,679	10,492	6,284	903
10 years or more	92,589	64,391	26,011	2,187
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,847	436	565	846
25 to 34 years	8,936	4,989	3,341	606
35 to 44 years	15,387	9,009	5,786	592
45 to 54 years	26,905	16,895	9,330	680
55 to 64 years	30,689	20,669	9,334	686
65 to 74 years	23,687	17,484	5,780	423
75 years and over	12,997	10,763	1,970	264
Average age	56.2	58.3	53.1	44.6
Number of persons living in household	230,881	200,958	23,874	6,049

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