

**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	58,020	35,439	19,930	2,651
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	35,248	28,426	5,372	1,450
Spouse of principal operator .....	2,666	(X)	2,601	65
Female .....	22,772	7,013	14,558	1,201
Spouse of principal operator .....	13,680	(X)	13,387	293
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	26,217	17,684	7,304	1,229
Other .....	31,803	17,755	12,626	1,422
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	50,608	31,405	17,468	1,735
Not on farm operated .....	7,412	4,034	2,462	916
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	22,479	14,180	7,286	1,013
Any .....	35,541	21,259	12,644	1,638
1 to 49 days .....	5,666	3,414	1,983	269
50 to 99 days .....	3,098	1,769	1,164	165
100 to 199 days .....	5,745	3,309	2,180	256
200 days or more .....	21,032	12,767	7,317	948
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	2,387	1,059	947	381
3 or 4 years .....	3,259	1,661	1,255	343
5 to 9 years .....	10,061	5,619	3,863	579
10 years or more .....	42,313	27,100	13,865	1,348
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	1,727	689	714	324
3 or 4 years .....	2,731	1,320	1,073	338
5 to 9 years .....	8,353	4,497	3,338	518
10 years or more .....	45,209	28,933	14,805	1,471
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	742	92	231	419
25 to 34 years .....	2,942	1,327	1,163	452
35 to 44 years .....	6,028	3,029	2,536	463
45 to 54 years .....	12,322	7,066	4,807	449
55 to 64 years .....	18,410	11,348	6,602	460
65 to 74 years .....	12,182	8,364	3,568	250
75 years and over .....	5,394	4,213	1,023	158
Average age .....	57.4	59.6	55.2	45.1
Number of persons living in household .....	107,318	89,689	13,395	4,234

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