

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
Operatorsnumber	90,595	59,309	26,677	4,609
Sex of operator:				
Male	63,265	50,849	9,654	2,762
Spouse of principal operator	3,102	(X)	3,045	57
Female	27,330	8,460	17,023	1,847
Spouse of principal operator	15,826	(X)	15,282	544
Primary occupation:				
Farming	43,884	30,638	11,095	2,151
Other	46,711	28,671	15,582	2,458
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	75,851	50,860	22,087	2,904
Not on farm operated	14,744	8,449	4,590	1,705
Days worked off farm:				
None	36,893	24,370	10,914	1,609
Any	53,702	34,939	15,763	3,000
1 to 49 days	7,655	4,873	2,292	490
50 to 99 days	3,956	2,458	1,198	300
100 to 199 days	7,358	4,595	2,272	491
200 days or more	34,733	23,013	10,001	1,719
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	3,608	1,720	1,313	575
3 or 4 years	5,455	2,828	2,043	584
5 to 9 years	13,802	8,038	4,810	954
10 years or more	67,730	46,723	18,511	2,496
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,781	1,229	1,054	498
3 or 4 years	4,684	2,316	1,802	566
5 to 9 years	12,292	6,947	4,420	925
10 years or more	70,838	48,817	19,401	2,620
Age group:				
Under 25 years	2,354	426	1,027	901
25 to 34 years	8,804	4,483	3,372	949
35 to 44 years	12,479	7,546	4,248	685
45 to 54 years	21,719	13,902	7,010	807
55 to 64 years	23,607	16,227	6,674	706
65 to 74 years	14,570	10,872	3,349	349
75 years and over	7,062	5,853	997	212
Average age	53.7	56.1	50.4	42.5
Number of persons living in household	213,121	183,627	22,559	6,935

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