

Table 4. Principal Operator Characteristics by Primary Occupation: 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	Total	Primary occupation	
		Agriculture	Nonagriculture
Principal operators	13,159	5,463	7,696
Principal operators by -			
Years operating present farm:			
Less than 2 years	773	223	550
2 to 4 years	1,339	613	726
5 to 9 years	2,437	767	1,670
10 years or more	8,610	3,860	4,750
Place of residence:			
On farm operated	8,287	3,470	4,817
Off farm operated	4,872	1,993	2,879
Retirement status:			
Retired	5,681	1,758	3,923
Not retired	7,478	3,705	3,773
Age group:			
Under 25 years	20	18	2
25 to 34 years	487	233	254
35 to 44 years	1,369	426	943
45 to 54 years	2,936	1,416	1,520
55 to 64 years	3,612	1,390	2,222
65 years and over	4,735	1,980	2,755
Average age	59	59.4	58.7
Gender:			
Male	12,066	5,047	7,019
Female	1,093	416	677
Hispanic origin:			
Of Hispanic or Latino origin	12,940	5,362	7,578
Not of Hispanic or Latino origin	219	101	118
Race:			
Black or African American	1,023	550	473
White	12,051	4,879	7,172
Other	62	22	40
More than one race reported	23	12	11
Highest grade or year of school completed:			
None	272	73	199
Elementary school	2,537	1,372	1,165
Secondary school	2,923	1,411	1,512
High school diploma or GED	2,643	1,061	1,582
Some college	1,959	830	1,129
College - Bachelor's degree	1,997	528	1,469
Master's or PhD	828	188	640
Days worked off farm:			
None	8,332	4,265	4,067
Any	4,827	1,198	3,629
1 to 49 days	461	276	185
50 to 99 days	473	282	191
100 to 199 days	910	198	712
200 days or more	2,983	442	2,541
Hired manager status:			
Hired manager	1,974	1,302	672
Not a hired manager	11,185	4,161	7,024
Percent of income from farming:			
Less than 25 percent	7,591	1,553	6,038
25 to 49 percent	1,984	742	1,242
50 to 74 percent	1,379	1,053	326
75 percent or more	2,205	2,115	90
Net household income category:			
Less than \$20,000	7,876	3,434	4,442
\$20,000 to \$39,999	2,970	1,009	1,961
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,023	393	630
\$60,000 to \$79,999	431	196	235
\$80,000 to \$99,999	310	85	225
\$100,000 or more	549	346	203
Number of persons living in household:			
1 person	4,823	1,906	2,917
2 persons	3,421	1,296	2,125
3 persons	2,557	1,157	1,400
4 persons	1,712	745	967
5 or more persons	646	359	287
Number of families contributing to the net income of this operation:			
1 family	11,371	4,356	7,015
2 families	923	527	396
3 families	482	345	137
4 families	187	110	77
5 or more families	196	125	71