

**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	36,588	25,266	9,764	1,558
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	25,996	21,257	3,783	956
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,368	(X)	1,355	13
Female .....	10,592	4,009	5,981	602
Spouse of principal operator .....	5,377	(X)	5,269	108
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	14,093	10,361	3,192	540
Other .....	22,495	14,905	6,572	1,018
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	27,604	19,430	7,421	753
Not on farm operated .....	8,984	5,836	2,343	805
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	13,224	9,395	3,287	542
Any .....	23,364	15,871	6,477	1,016
1 to 49 days .....	2,925	1,971	822	132
50 to 99 days .....	1,657	1,055	507	95
100 to 199 days .....	3,185	2,126	962	97
200 days or more .....	15,597	10,719	4,186	692
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	1,761	988	577	196
3 or 4 years .....	2,125	1,145	766	214
5 to 9 years .....	5,946	3,475	2,076	395
10 years or more .....	26,756	19,658	6,345	753
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	1,398	741	474	183
3 or 4 years .....	1,724	910	636	178
5 to 9 years .....	5,193	2,997	1,835	361
10 years or more .....	28,273	20,618	6,819	836
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	486	84	178	224
25 to 34 years .....	1,964	1,013	742	209
35 to 44 years .....	4,126	2,350	1,512	264
45 to 54 years .....	7,825	5,097	2,444	284
55 to 64 years .....	10,658	7,628	2,720	310
65 to 74 years .....	7,748	5,880	1,719	149
75 years and over .....	3,781	3,214	449	118
Average age .....	57.4	59.5	53.6	46.9
Number of persons living in household .....	73,538	61,757	9,090	2,691

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