

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	47,870	31,989	13,449	2,432
Sex of operator:				
Male	35,738	29,656	4,494	1,588
Spouse of principal operator	584	(X)	564	20
Female	12,132	2,333	8,955	844
Spouse of principal operator	8,611	(X)	8,285	326
Primary occupation:				
Farming	26,349	18,844	6,102	1,403
Other	21,521	13,145	7,347	1,029
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	36,022	24,334	10,290	1,398
Not on farm operated	11,848	7,655	3,159	1,034
Days worked off farm:				
None	20,135	14,049	4,933	1,153
Any	27,735	17,940	8,516	1,279
1 to 49 days	4,545	2,991	1,268	286
50 to 99 days	1,927	1,190	633	104
100 to 199 days	3,650	2,208	1,269	173
200 days or more	17,613	11,551	5,346	716
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	1,487	787	506	194
3 or 4 years	2,250	1,268	761	221
5 to 9 years	6,214	3,569	2,180	465
10 years or more	37,919	26,365	10,002	1,552
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	1,083	535	377	171
3 or 4 years	1,764	949	628	187
5 to 9 years	5,330	3,000	1,909	421
10 years or more	39,693	27,505	10,535	1,653
Age group:				
Under 25 years	755	258	247	250
25 to 34 years	4,610	2,631	1,562	417
35 to 44 years	6,519	3,922	2,197	400
45 to 54 years	11,499	7,445	3,538	516
55 to 64 years	13,300	9,182	3,676	442
65 to 74 years	7,033	5,263	1,526	244
75 years and over	4,154	3,288	703	163
Average age	54.3	55.9	51.6	47.2
Number of persons living in household	102,955	84,820	13,815	4,320

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