

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	100,555	68,050	28,362	4,143
Sex of operator:				
Male	71,844	60,280	9,060	2,504
Spouse of principal operator	2,515	(X)	2,458	57
Female	28,711	7,770	19,302	1,639
Spouse of principal operator	18,081	(X)	17,588	493
Primary occupation:				
Farming	38,301	28,454	8,551	1,296
Other	62,254	39,596	19,811	2,847
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	80,259	55,153	22,691	2,415
Not on farm operated	20,296	12,897	5,671	1,728
Days worked off farm:				
None	35,494	25,071	9,223	1,200
Any	65,061	42,979	19,139	2,943
1 to 49 days	7,716	4,950	2,348	418
50 to 99 days	4,922	3,204	1,449	269
100 to 199 days	8,870	5,808	2,604	458
200 days or more	43,553	29,017	12,738	1,798
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	4,133	2,132	1,508	493
3 or 4 years	5,755	3,112	2,119	524
5 to 9 years	16,532	9,728	5,853	951
10 years or more	74,135	53,078	18,882	2,175
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	3,062	1,465	1,170	427
3 or 4 years	4,792	2,514	1,785	493
5 to 9 years	14,396	8,227	5,276	893
10 years or more	78,305	55,844	20,131	2,330
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,496	259	609	628
25 to 34 years	5,290	2,564	2,058	668
35 to 44 years	12,089	6,768	4,616	705
45 to 54 years	22,128	14,141	7,279	708
55 to 64 years	28,533	19,757	8,042	734
65 to 74 years	20,821	16,131	4,238	452
75 years and over	10,198	8,430	1,520	248
Average age	57.0	59.2	53.3	45.8
Number of persons living in household	197,899	167,766	23,505	6,628

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