

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	371,064	248,809	107,469	14,786
Sex of operator:				
Male	250,306	210,357	31,215	8,734
Spouse of principal operator	10,617	(X)	10,375	242
Female	120,758	38,452	76,254	6,052
Spouse of principal operator	70,890	(X)	69,466	1,424
Primary occupation:				
Farming	143,828	104,769	34,192	4,867
Other	227,236	144,040	73,277	9,919
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	256,727	172,899	76,889	6,939
Not on farm operated	114,337	75,910	30,580	7,847
Days worked off farm:				
None	128,318	88,616	35,459	4,243
Any	242,746	160,193	72,010	10,543
1 to 49 days	32,452	20,437	10,426	1,589
50 to 99 days	20,673	13,494	6,180	999
100 to 199 days	35,010	23,315	10,292	1,403
200 days or more	154,611	102,947	45,112	6,552
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	16,028	8,601	5,547	1,880
3 or 4 years	24,574	14,089	8,559	1,926
5 to 9 years	69,899	42,857	23,587	3,455
10 years or more	260,563	183,262	69,776	7,525
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	11,641	5,765	4,230	1,646
3 or 4 years	20,299	11,217	7,363	1,719
5 to 9 years	60,747	36,320	21,205	3,222
10 years or more	278,377	195,507	74,671	8,199
Age group:				
Under 25 years	4,158	793	1,372	1,993
25 to 34 years	18,174	9,298	6,696	2,180
35 to 44 years	37,447	21,103	14,134	2,210
45 to 54 years	83,595	52,688	27,997	2,910
55 to 64 years	103,698	69,084	31,725	2,889
65 to 74 years	79,154	58,590	18,890	1,674
75 years and over	44,838	37,253	6,655	930
Average age	58.1	60.1	54.9	47.3
Number of persons living in household	713,144	600,630	88,677	23,837

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