

**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	3,180,074	2,109,303	928,151	142,620
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	2,210,402	1,821,039	302,043	87,320
Spouse of principal operator .....	90,893	(X)	88,931	1,962
Female .....	969,672	288,264	626,108	55,300
Spouse of principal operator .....	583,393	(X)	568,012	15,381
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	1,412,077	1,007,904	342,317	61,856
Other .....	1,767,997	1,101,399	585,834	80,764
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	2,411,419	1,621,591	713,291	76,537
Not on farm operated .....	768,655	487,712	214,860	66,083
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	1,202,256	823,659	327,722	50,875
Any .....	1,977,818	1,285,644	600,429	91,745
1 to 49 days .....	266,715	169,761	82,551	14,403
50 to 99 days .....	149,195	92,876	47,625	8,694
100 to 199 days .....	283,044	180,407	89,527	13,110
200 days or more .....	1,278,864	842,600	380,726	55,538
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	132,528	68,180	47,417	16,931
3 or 4 years .....	186,511	103,370	66,450	16,691
5 to 9 years .....	501,875	297,548	173,847	30,480
10 years or more .....	2,359,160	1,640,205	640,437	78,518
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	99,369	47,782	36,929	14,658
3 or 4 years .....	153,612	82,324	56,442	14,846
5 to 9 years .....	436,053	252,290	155,403	28,360
10 years or more .....	2,491,040	1,726,907	679,377	84,756
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	47,337	10,714	17,212	19,411
25 to 34 years .....	210,117	109,119	76,610	24,388
35 to 44 years .....	371,153	214,106	134,462	22,585
45 to 54 years .....	739,512	466,036	245,524	27,952
55 to 64 years .....	896,181	608,052	262,163	25,966
65 to 74 years .....	600,945	443,571	143,306	14,068
75 years and over .....	314,829	257,705	48,874	8,250
Average age .....	56.3	58.3	53.4	46.0
Number of persons living in household .....	6,496,604	5,455,325	799,605	241,674

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