

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	12,012	7,338	4,052	622
Sex of operator:				
Male	7,310	5,696	1,252	362
Spouse of principal operator	662	(X)	648	14
Female	4,702	1,642	2,800	260
Spouse of principal operator	2,520	(X)	2,453	67
Primary occupation:				
Farming	5,587	3,779	1,502	306
Other	6,425	3,559	2,550	316
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	10,363	6,487	3,513	363
Not on farm operated	1,649	851	539	259
Days worked off farm:				
None	4,352	2,845	1,272	235
Any	7,660	4,493	2,780	387
1 to 49 days	1,124	663	399	62
50 to 99 days	677	419	243	15
100 to 199 days	1,264	725	476	63
200 days or more	4,595	2,686	1,662	247
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	726	346	291	89
3 or 4 years	911	486	341	84
5 to 9 years	2,216	1,233	859	124
10 years or more	8,159	5,273	2,561	325
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	516	206	239	71
3 or 4 years	726	376	279	71
5 to 9 years	2,002	1,052	816	134
10 years or more	8,768	5,704	2,718	346
Age group:				
Under 25 years	147	20	46	81
25 to 34 years	954	398	385	171
35 to 44 years	1,480	788	584	108
45 to 54 years	2,841	1,709	1,050	82
55 to 64 years	3,676	2,347	1,230	99
65 to 74 years	1,987	1,357	589	41
75 years and over	927	719	168	40
Average age	55.1	57.3	53.1	43.5
Number of persons living in household	23,220	19,192	2,966	1,062

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