

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	68,968	46,030	19,937	3,001
Sex of operator:				
Male	47,346	38,377	7,241	1,728
Spouse of principal operator	2,692	(X)	2,619	73
Female	21,622	7,653	12,696	1,273
Spouse of principal operator	11,579	(X)	11,285	294
Primary occupation:				
Farming	28,403	20,740	6,573	1,090
Other	40,565	25,290	13,364	1,911
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	54,986	37,370	15,883	1,733
Not on farm operated	13,982	8,660	4,054	1,268
Days worked off farm:				
None	25,164	17,648	6,501	1,015
Any	43,804	28,382	13,436	1,986
1 to 49 days	5,461	3,563	1,597	301
50 to 99 days	3,441	2,182	1,077	182
100 to 199 days	5,835	3,761	1,776	298
200 days or more	29,067	18,876	8,986	1,205
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	2,825	1,344	1,066	415
3 or 4 years	4,084	2,226	1,586	272
5 to 9 years	11,273	6,629	3,964	680
10 years or more	50,786	35,831	13,321	1,634
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,224	1,002	864	358
3 or 4 years	3,408	1,802	1,350	256
5 to 9 years	9,795	5,603	3,547	645
10 years or more	53,541	37,623	14,176	1,742
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,019	175	420	424
25 to 34 years	4,062	1,906	1,609	547
35 to 44 years	6,982	3,877	2,679	426
45 to 54 years	15,906	9,892	5,470	544
55 to 64 years	19,797	13,683	5,541	573
65 to 74 years	13,762	10,296	3,162	304
75 years and over	7,440	6,201	1,056	183
Average age	57.2	59.5	53.5	46.0
Number of persons living in household	135,245	113,764	16,740	4,741

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