

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	59,784	37,249	19,889	2,646
Sex of operator:				
Male	37,408	29,730	6,188	1,490
Spouse of principal operator	2,938	(X)	2,899	39
Female	22,376	7,519	13,701	1,156
Spouse of principal operator	12,672	(X)	12,458	214
Primary occupation:				
Farming	26,017	17,650	7,075	1,292
Other	33,767	19,599	12,814	1,354
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	48,982	30,701	16,704	1,577
Not on farm operated	10,802	6,548	3,185	1,069
Days worked off farm:				
None	23,021	14,862	7,152	1,007
Any	36,763	22,387	12,737	1,639
1 to 49 days	5,503	3,247	1,959	297
50 to 99 days	2,898	1,596	1,128	174
100 to 199 days	5,655	3,364	2,070	221
200 days or more	22,707	14,180	7,580	947
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	2,840	1,449	1,028	363
3 or 4 years	4,044	2,200	1,505	339
5 to 9 years	11,366	6,451	4,283	632
10 years or more	41,534	27,149	13,073	1,312
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,202	1,086	818	298
3 or 4 years	3,355	1,769	1,275	311
5 to 9 years	9,830	5,500	3,730	600
10 years or more	44,397	28,894	14,066	1,437
Age group:				
Under 25 years	757	181	229	347
25 to 34 years	3,317	1,526	1,352	439
35 to 44 years	6,724	3,502	2,729	493
45 to 54 years	13,441	7,887	5,120	434
55 to 64 years	18,459	11,764	6,142	553
65 to 74 years	11,927	8,347	3,324	256
75 years and over	5,159	4,042	993	124
Average age	56.8	58.8	54.5	45.7
Number of persons living in household	116,105	97,348	14,334	4,423

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