

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
Operators number	31,800	21,489	9,041	1,270
Sex of operator:				
Male	22,480	18,784	2,913	783
Spouse of principal operator	926	(X)	908	18
Female	9,320	2,705	6,128	487
Spouse of principal operator	5,697	(X)	5,552	145
Primary occupation:				
Farming	12,372	9,164	2,857	351
Other	19,428	12,325	6,184	919
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	26,462	18,080	7,548	834
Not on farm operated	5,338	3,409	1,493	436
Days worked off farm:				
None	11,414	8,092	2,975	347
Any	20,386	13,397	6,066	923
1 to 49 days	2,396	1,563	712	121
50 to 99 days	1,641	1,062	499	80
100 to 199 days	3,227	2,022	1,044	161
200 days or more	13,122	8,750	3,811	561
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	1,133	583	410	140
3 or 4 years	1,788	1,006	648	134
5 to 9 years	4,958	2,936	1,748	274
10 years or more	23,921	16,964	6,235	722
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	901	454	329	118
3 or 4 years	1,541	850	571	120
5 to 9 years	4,449	2,566	1,608	275
10 years or more	24,909	17,619	6,533	757
Age group:				
Under 25 years	466	60	191	215
25 to 34 years	1,776	834	713	229
35 to 44 years	3,651	1,988	1,470	193
45 to 54 years	6,866	4,234	2,370	262
55 to 64 years	8,948	6,309	2,453	186
65 to 74 years	6,808	5,235	1,450	123
75 years and over	3,285	2,829	394	62
Average age	57.2	59.7	52.9	44.2
Number of persons living in household	61,544	52,765	6,919	1,860

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