

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	19,165	11,736	6,435	994
Sex of operator:				
Male	12,420	10,118	1,742	560
Spouse of principal operator	632	(X)	617	15
Female	6,745	1,618	4,693	434
Spouse of principal operator	4,438	(X)	4,313	125
Primary occupation:				
Farming	8,963	5,845	2,595	523
Other	10,202	5,891	3,840	471
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	15,857	9,765	5,428	664
Not on farm operated	3,308	1,971	1,007	330
Days worked off farm:				
None	7,025	4,430	2,210	385
Any	12,140	7,306	4,225	609
1 to 49 days	1,735	1,049	599	87
50 to 99 days	1,010	608	339	63
100 to 199 days	1,899	1,106	687	106
200 days or more	7,496	4,543	2,600	353
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	879	447	331	101
3 or 4 years	1,269	639	497	133
5 to 9 years	3,559	2,045	1,308	206
10 years or more	13,458	8,605	4,299	554
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	593	275	230	88
3 or 4 years	947	451	380	116
5 to 9 years	2,997	1,640	1,158	199
10 years or more	14,628	9,370	4,667	591
Age group:				
Under 25 years	228	59	68	101
25 to 34 years	1,428	663	576	189
35 to 44 years	2,188	1,098	923	167
45 to 54 years	4,060	2,383	1,526	151
55 to 64 years	6,148	3,902	2,042	204
65 to 74 years	3,570	2,441	1,011	118
75 years and over	1,543	1,190	289	64
Average age	56.1	58.2	53.7	47.3
Number of persons living in household	35,791	28,892	5,016	1,883

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