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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Montana	Beaverhead	Big Horn	Blaine	Broadwater	Carbon	Carter
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	1,105	12	17	14	32	9
1997	1,441	27	43	30	24	41	8
3 or 4 years .....	2002	1,771	34	31	26	37	22
1997	1,834	23	50	34	22	45	12
5 to 9 years .....	2002	4,562	74	99	89	68	121
1997	4,175	54	85	71	51	136	32
10 years or more .....	2002	20,432	301	437	459	176	513
1997	15,777	244	281	363	111	389	235
Average years on present farm .....	2002	21.2	20.0	21.8	23.3	19.4	20.1
	1997	19.8	18.6	18.2	21.6	16.1	18.7
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	170	2	3	5	2	2
1997	281	3	10	7	2	3	1
25 to 34 years .....	2002	1,221	28	31	28	9	34
1997	1,618	25	46	37	23	57	28
35 to 44 years .....	2002	4,560	70	117	99	54	130
1997	5,994	87	122	140	57	145	45
45 to 54 years .....	2002	8,218	113	152	170	83	214
1997	7,332	119	143	148	76	213	69
55 to 59 years .....	2002	3,629	60	71	83	42	99
1997	3,084	47	75	76	28	65	33
60 to 64 years .....	2002	3,026	49	77	53	26	73
1997	2,572	39	53	53	19	72	39
65 to 69 years .....	2002	2,290	33	43	48	16	34
1997	2,394	28	50	55	14	53	29
70 years and over .....	2002	4,756	66	90	102	47	112
1997	4,357	61	87	82	31	111	52
Average age .....	2002	55.4	54.7	54.2	55.1	55.4	54.4
	1997	53.7	53.4	53.1	53.1	51.5	53.3
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	22,448	278	472	430	237	621
	1997	21,674	257	449	442	206	603
acres, 2002	31,388,078	328,687	1,139,844	998,823	279,307	470,129	943,386
	1997	28,913,175	302,382	1,325,005	1,024,078	271,733	493,019
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	2,192	45	53	52	28	34
	1997	2,250	48	69	50	20	65
acres, 2002	9,197,773	188,224	537,215	332,371	54,565	139,080	268,897
	1997	7,758,974	128,927	318,879	211,062	58,176	107,464
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	2,607	74	43	78	14	37
	1997	3,185	90	40	83	21	46
acres, 2002	13,935,753	632,160	489,845	450,243	135,910	140,298	407,840
	1997	16,297,549	652,181	365,902	455,971	119,336	(D)
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	123	9	4	12	-	-
	1997	132	4	6	3	1	-
acres, 2002	712,176	63,891	(D)	36,331	-	-	-
	1997	569,049	(D)	31,637	(D)	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	500	15	12	16	11	8
	1997	391	10	22	20	5	7
acres, 2002	4,378,623	66,069	(D)	443,643	-	3,997	46,799
	1997	4,906,592	(D)	673,776	(D)	(D)	33,424

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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Cascade	Chouteau	Custer	Daniels	Dawson	Deer Lodge	Fallon
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	29	30	18	18	6	2
1997	44	23	47	10	36	6	15
3 or 4 years .....	2002	68	39	31	16	31	8
1997	75	34	32	18	28	4	23
5 to 9 years .....	2002	194	79	86	49	75	25
1997	168	90	103	33	74	14	64
10 years or more .....	2002	746	639	290	281	410	74
1997	582	543	210	255	310	54	233
Average years on present farm .....	2002	20.2	23.9	18.7	26.6	23.4	20.7
	1997	18.7	22.5	16.1	26.5	21.9	19.5
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	4	3	6	7	6	-
1997	15	3	17	5	3	3	5
25 to 34 years .....	2002	41	41	22	18	22	5
1997	41	63	37	18	37	5	29
35 to 44 years .....	2002	162	138	73	42	93	16
1997	202	205	105	72	128	11	52
45 to 54 years .....	2002	292	239	147	86	164	29
1997	290	221	120	71	126	30	83
55 to 59 years .....	2002	152	84	44	37	59	14
1997	118	66	51	49	53	21	50
60 to 64 years .....	2002	123	71	43	41	45	15
1997	115	81	33	47	52	7	28
65 to 69 years .....	2002	98	82	29	38	50	8
1997	107	51	39	54	42	6	31
70 years and over .....	2002	165	129	61	95	83	22
1997	162	129	49	89	97	19	55
Average age .....	2002	55.8	54.9	53.7	58.2	54.7	56.3
	1997	54.6	52.8	50.8	57.2	53.9	55.2
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	885	497	348	299	394	90
	1997	834	476	378	322	390	84
	acres, 2002	751,036	1,093,578	1,041,836	572,908	802,136	63,952
	1997	780,667	1,021,704	979,935	562,983	714,535	49,114
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	67	100	27	26	26	7
	1997	107	89	25	38	32	31
	acres, 2002	217,488	453,756	218,642	91,384	140,296	29,499
	1997	229,986	320,419	349,353	79,320	139,633	12,011
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	66	178	40	35	88	9
1997	99	242	43	38	107	7	27
	acres, 2002	408,596	717,181	537,851	139,501	381,478	33,223
	1997	431,218	879,149	479,765	152,838	438,739	(D)
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	4	3	1	-	3	1
1997	4	4	1	1	4	-	-
	acres, 2002	(D)	13,413	(D)	-	2,246	(D)
	1997	(D)	16,295	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	15	9	7	4	11	3
	1997	6	8	4	6	5	4
	acres, 2002	(D)	23,448	(D)	11,650	84,729	8,323
	1997	(D)	10,097	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Fergus	Flathead	Gallatin	Garfield	Glacier	Golden Valley	Granite
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	36	46	61	13	13	3
1997	46	54	59	13	15	5	2
3 or 4 years .....	2002	45	87	88	16	18	18
1997	55	83	69	12	38	7	13
5 to 9 years .....	2002	129	168	205	36	61	21
1997	138	205	171	27	70	14	29
10 years or more .....	2002	620	774	720	203	380	98
1997	544	589	578	135	275	80	96
Average years on present farm .....	2002	21.3	19.7	18.3	23.3	23.2	23.8
	1997	20.9	18.2	18.1	23.4	18.6	24.7
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	2	1	11	5	6	-
1997	14	5	10	1	14	7	-
25 to 34 years .....	2002	29	19	59	27	29	6
1997	56	30	46	19	34	2	4
35 to 44 years .....	2002	141	145	166	39	74	18
1997	166	206	238	47	132	25	14
45 to 54 years .....	2002	264	355	378	82	127	40
1997	253	348	280	53	124	28	36
55 to 59 years .....	2002	100	165	118	23	56	20
1997	114	158	140	23	48	11	32
60 to 64 years .....	2002	93	152	145	28	66	14
1997	74	101	77	25	53	9	19
65 to 69 years .....	2002	62	86	63	22	36	10
1997	81	97	67	25	29	21	12
70 years and over .....	2002	139	152	134	42	78	32
1997	135	157	145	48	59	22	23
Average age .....	2002	55.2	55.9	53.5	53.9	55.3	56.7
	1997	53.7	54.6	53.0	55.4	50.8	54.5
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	695	978	912	190	388	108
	1997	758	981	833	166	401	91
acres, 2002	1,476,360	187,883	494,769	(D)	(D)	326,690	97
	1997	1,388,647	188,546	449,063	945,789	713,057	122,382
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	80	47	88	29	27	13
	1997	81	53	80	22	25	10
acres, 2002	382,116	18,967	110,180	317,764	172,988	133,294	17
	1997	396,281	17,503	88,816	149,137	135,147	52,032
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	38	36	60	43	39	14
	1997	42	47	77	52	50	20
acres, 2002	219,011	15,467	89,182	645,266	184,182	190,782	16
	1997	209,317	18,920	215,460	(D)	218,557	65,227
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	4	1	2	-	5	1
	1997	3	3	2	-	1	-
acres, 2002	66,035	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	42,985	(D)
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	13	13	12	6	13	5
	1997	9	18	11	1	16	1
acres, 2002	138,267	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10,021	(D)
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-

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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Hill	Jefferson	Judith Basin	Lake	Lewis and Clark	Liberty	Lincoln
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	33	13	2	39	32	4
1997	40	22	6	64	47	4	11
3 or 4 years .....	2002	38	31	16	103	43	10
1997	51	22	18	116	41	9	20
5 to 9 years .....	2002	121	67	42	249	111	21
1997	97	64	47	236	131	37	43
10 years or more .....	2002	644	261	256	794	449	262
1997	461	174	214	656	304	200	182
Average years on present farm .....	2002	21.2	18.4	23.9	18.5	18.2	25.3
	1997	20.4	17.3	22.0	17.1	16.2	22.5
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	16	4	-	3	-	3
1997	11	-	7	5	4	1	1
25 to 34 years .....	2002	38	9	17	55	10	7
1997	49	24	24	71	17	16	4
35 to 44 years .....	2002	168	68	61	177	102	55
1997	222	62	90	247	137	84	62
45 to 54 years .....	2002	285	92	102	322	214	80
1997	214	99	82	303	171	67	91
55 to 59 years .....	2002	83	77	34	157	94	23
1997	67	35	46	159	65	36	38
60 to 64 years .....	2002	81	38	29	148	71	37
1997	58	21	22	110	73	25	32
65 to 69 years .....	2002	54	38	22	107	48	25
1997	63	20	36	130	63	31	32
70 years and over .....	2002	111	46	51	216	96	67
1997	107	56	52	191	80	43	50
Average age .....	2002	53.1	55.1	54.4	56.0	55.5	56.6
	1997	51.8	53.8	53.0	54.5	54.2	53.3
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	550	311	241	1,068	560	156
	1997	473	268	281	1,076	544	135
acres, 2002	756,781	174,833	528,088	232,836	445,467	(D)	43,606
	1997	627,025	194,858	527,994	262,160	383,535	251,109
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	83	31	36	53	36	39
	1997	83	28	30	63	28	34
acres, 2002	290,721	98,708	129,591	63,552	83,047	179,227	5,159
	1997	244,528	55,581	122,305	(D)	43,886	209,402
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	186	22	33	44	32	95
1997	218	15	39	50	32	125	10
acres, 2002	668,222	75,590	162,419	39,255	247,199	393,745	(D)
1997	647,425	96,277	156,739	33,105	391,684	443,046	5,090
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	6	1	1	3	2	3
1997	5	3	2	2	1	4	1
acres, 2002	30,169	(D)	(D)	700	(D)	30,205	(D)
1997	31,567	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	11	7	5	17	5	4
	1997	12	3	7	25	5	5
acres, 2002	62,942	(D)	(D)	265,201	(D)	(D)	1,592
	1997	151,724	(D)	271,983	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Item	McCone	Madison	Meagher	Mineral	Missoula	Musselshell	Park
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	25	26	1	7	22	14
1997	15	46	11	3	13	21	27
3 or 4 years .....	2002	21	30	7	16	46	47
1997	24	54	7	7	29	19	38
5 to 9 years .....	2002	58	106	22	11	109	47
1997	48	98	21	13	118	52	89
10 years or more .....	2002	392	351	106	51	464	211
1997	303	260	88	56	374	138	265
Average years on present farm .....	2002	24.0	19.3	22.2	17.2	19.0	17.5
	1997	23.3	17.7	19.7	19.9	18.8	17.3
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	2	-	-	6	2	-
1997	10	5	2	-	3	1	4
25 to 34 years .....	2002	25	20	3	2	9	12
1997	30	26	5	6	18	17	16
35 to 44 years .....	2002	105	79	22	14	102	34
1997	109	94	38	13	111	43	97
45 to 54 years .....	2002	132	133	41	33	186	79
1997	107	127	33	33	180	89	123
55 to 59 years .....	2002	39	57	22	15	93	70
1997	55	69	20	10	75	37	66
60 to 64 years .....	2002	49	78	13	4	73	45
1997	43	58	14	6	63	21	62
65 to 69 years .....	2002	46	55	13	5	53	23
1997	45	49	18	11	59	12	40
70 years and over .....	2002	98	91	22	12	119	54
1997	67	107	21	10	99	37	84
Average age .....	2002	55.1	57.0	55.5	55.0	56.5	57.1
	1997	52.6	55.8	53.9	53.6	55.4	53.3
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	366	412	93	80	585	269
	1997	322	402	108	78	538	207
acres, 2002	775,423	414,257	375,641	12,977	(D)	(D)	386,897
	1997	721,514	378,106	454,380	12,860	102,354	449,147
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	34	37	17	-	35	25
	1997	22	48	12	7	40	18
acres, 2002	144,067	181,730	155,229	-	46,599	165,375	271,140
	1997	71,619	184,856	131,878	(D)	47,171	115,752
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	87	52	20	5	13	21
	1997	111	66	26	4	24	29
acres, 2002	412,850	320,939	246,654	3,300	10,661	276,333	139,482
	1997	522,105	343,550	269,708	(D)	18,282	309,561
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	1	1	1	-	1	-
	1997	4	8	2	-	2	4
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	1	4
	1997	(D)	37,056	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	8	11	5	-	7	4
	1997	7	11	3	-	4	2
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	6
	1997	(D)	152,718	(D)	-	(D)	(D)

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Item	Petroleum	Phillips	Ponnera	Powder River	Powell	Prairie	Ravalli
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	3	18	19	11	10	11
1997	5	29	31	22	14	8	78
3 or 4 years .....	2002	1	29	9	25	26	3
1997	4	36	26	19	20	10	144
5 to 9 years .....	2002	11	63	87	55	37	26
1997	8	57	65	32	48	14	302
10 years or more .....	2002	74	415	405	210	201	122
1997	62	323	322	178	135	104	917
Average years on present farm .....	2002	23.2	23.7	23.3	23.5	21.7	25.2
	1997	23.3	21.3	19.5	23.8	16.5	22.7
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	-	1	6	-	6	5
1997	-	2	8	3	-	7	2
25 to 34 years .....	2002	3	25	25	10	5	9
1997	6	37	44	20	11	5	44
35 to 44 years .....	2002	21	128	95	49	40	25
1997	19	143	147	46	68	42	181
45 to 54 years .....	2002	16	126	148	98	82	49
1997	23	114	152	85	76	49	446
55 to 59 years .....	2002	9	48	86	36	32	26
1997	14	41	47	30	24	13	218
60 to 64 years .....	2002	14	53	36	26	29	11
1997	8	60	53	36	33	11	176
65 to 69 years .....	2002	7	46	52	21	35	8
1997	10	41	29	27	25	11	114
70 years and over .....	2002	19	98	72	61	45	29
1997	9	96	56	60	24	24	260
Average age .....	2002	56.0	55.0	54.2	55.7	56.4	54.0
	1997	53.0	53.3	50.7	55.4	52.8	52.1
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	57	413	340	230	216	112
	1997	61	404	341	230	203	110
acres, 2002	(D)	987,752	(D)	801,312	266,643	328,639	154,541
	1997	221,863	843,403	380,728	711,441	261,721	312,877
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	16	46	49	30	36	15
	1997	15	41	40	29	34	20
acres, 2002	167,443	191,229	128,932	197,261	149,198	84,151	26,052
	1997	119,501	148,621	118,924	262,154	133,209	46,067
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	10	50	123	38	12	32
	1997	11	73	149	43	13	29
acres, 2002	108,352	452,243	316,629	502,362	97,859	202,837	51,120
	1997	(D)	645,427	329,990	535,428	188,213	29,357
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	4	2	5	-	4	-
	1997	-	5	4	3	4	4
acres, 2002	5,960	(D)	13,485	-	(D)	4,500	-
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	3,967
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	2	14	3	3	6	3
	1997	2	11	2	2	7	3
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	20,683	(D)	4,057
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	45,998	(D)

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Item	Richland	Roosevelt	Rosebud	Sanders	Sheridan	Silver Bow	Stillwater
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>							
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :							
2 years or less .....	2002	25	10	19	22	18	8
1997	35	22	18	29	26	-	24
3 or 4 years .....	2002	16	23	24	23	26	35
1997	33	36	19	32	30	6	40
5 to 9 years .....	2002	78	91	74	76	80	44
1997	93	51	72	87	52	24	99
10 years or more .....	2002	468	559	295	343	502	102
1997	332	445	195	296	456	113	386
Average years on present farm .....	2002	24.3	26.4	20.5	20.3	26.3	20.6
	1997	20.9	23.3	19.5	19.3	26.7	19.3
						21.7	19.4
Age group:							
Under 25 years .....	2002	2	2	-	1	1	-
1997	15	7	6	2	5	-	3
25 to 34 years .....	2002	38	20	19	17	33	12
1997	46	40	22	28	42	2	36
35 to 44 years .....	2002	114	83	68	57	66	14
1997	157	141	75	99	125	29	107
45 to 54 years .....	2002	170	220	135	139	170	52
1997	148	174	95	143	137	42	155
55 to 59 years .....	2002	52	75	40	84	61	20
1997	64	70	49	61	49	18	64
60 to 64 years .....	2002	57	74	44	54	58	14
1997	40	59	37	46	60	20	61
65 to 69 years .....	2002	37	58	46	43	53	19
1997	43	64	31	42	81	14	53
70 years and over .....	2002	117	151	60	69	184	24
1997	98	139	82	68	146	20	96
Average age .....	2002	55.0	57.6	54.9	56.1	58.7	55.7
	1997	52.0	54.7	54.9	53.8	56.1	54.8
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>							
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002	458	554	330	422	482	131
	1997	462	540	298	437	490	125
acres, 2002	780,691	941,481	(D)	208,762	703,803	42,352	511,679
	1997	747,789	844,474	1,134,007	268,303	664,209	52,357
Partnership .....	farms, 2002	48	55	44	17	38	15
	1997	54	67	41	19	48	14
acres, 2002	159,005	138,951	526,371	12,927	76,944	13,015	147,671
	1997	128,808	127,115	508,449	(D)	88,745	19,485
Corporation:							
Family-held .....	farms, 2002	64	37	33	17	83	4
	1997	84	60	50	24	97	6
acres, 2002	224,224	149,746	459,842	20,999	251,336	(D)	224,571
	1997	272,751	(D)	746,216	29,801	269,187	31,532
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002	4	2	1	-	2	1
	1997	4	-	2	3	-	4
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)
	1997	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-	800
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2002	13	35	4	8	23	3
	1997	7	27	6	6	10	6
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	103,087	14,809	30	(D)
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	91,883	18,661	4,664

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Sweet Grass	Teton	Toole	Treasure	Valley	Wheatland	Wibaux	Yellowstone
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>								
Years on present farm <sup>1</sup> :								
2 years or less .....	2002 1997	16 11	37 45	10 16	8 5	32 27	4 11	2 10
3 or 4 years .....	2002 1997	30 31	27 30	22 20	7 6	28 47	21 10	20 17
5 to 9 years .....	2002 1997	57 69	117 86	59 42	15 17	100 58	23 15	34 21
10 years or more .....	2002 1997	254 171	519 396	314 285	85 72	583 424	115 82	159 110
Average years on present farm .....	2002 1997	19.4 17.8	21.2 20.3	23.2 23.2	18.5 17.8	26.1 22.2	20.8 20.7	22.9 22.4
Age group:								
Under 25 years .....	2002 1997	- 6	7 7	- 2	2 -	9 14	- 1	2 -
25 to 34 years .....	2002 1997	13 18	47 46	11 36	- 12	52 55	14 12	4 21
35 to 44 years .....	2002 1997	56 64	158 174	78 101	33 30	102 139	31 35	35 38
45 to 54 years .....	2002 1997	113 97	206 168	119 84	33 29	166 182	49 52	65 43
55 to 59 years .....	2002 1997	50 41	83 42	33 40	20 9	100 58	31 11	23 22
60 to 64 years .....	2002 1997	38 37	39 60	37 38	7 6	66 68	6 9	24 25
65 to 69 years .....	2002 1997	30 27	55 45	29 35	5 17	72 65	7 10	27 14
70 years and over .....	2002 1997	57 50	105 83	98 88	15 16	176 141	25 28	35 29
Average age .....	2002 1997	55.2 54.1	53.0 51.5	56.5 54.4	51.8 53.1	57.1 54.0	53.3 52.9	55.9 53.4
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>								
Family or individual .....	farms, 2002 1997	285 269	538 478	264 250	78 76	590 590	137 125	185 157
	acres, 2002 1997	486,370 497,781	608,048 542,751	484,368 452,092	270,435 185,459	1,192,212 888,811	(D) 355,575	(D) 298,567
Partnership .....	farms, 2002 1997	33 35	66 53	39 55	18 15	90 56	14 10	17 12
	acres, 2002 1997	205,264 192,535	196,848 122,506	209,840 183,052	65,422 (D)	358,005 235,190	138,611 107,625	65,854 52,581
Corporation:								
Family-held .....	farms, 2002 1997	27 27	78 85	94 113	16 23	46 63	10 19	11 19
	acres, 2002 1997	125,797 130,945	382,710 439,577	378,557 455,294	170,800 196,349	241,419 315,443	189,961 261,624	84,934 (D)
Other than family held .....	farms, 2002 1997	4 4	1 5	3 3	1 -	- -	2 (D)	- (D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .....	farms, 2002 1997	8 5	17 4	5 3	3 4	17 13	- 2	2 4
	acres, 2002 1997	(D) (D)	22,700	(D) (D)	100,189 149,871	260,031 347,875	(D) (D)	(D) (D)

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.