

Table 11. Tenure and Characteristics of Operator and Type of Organization: 1992 and 1987

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Characteristics	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
F FARMS				
Land in farms				
farms, 1992	2 633	782	336	1 515
1987	2 966	857	380	1 729
acres, 1992	589 189	197 375	87 134	304 680
1987	608 245	201 444	93 998	312 803
Harvested cropland				
farms, 1992	1 956	656	277	1 023
1987	2 172	721	324	1 127
acres, 1992	470 348	156 962	67 852	245 534
1987	441 502	150 674	64 358	226 470
TENURE OF OPERATOR				
Full owners				
farms, 1992	1 607	470	200	937
1987	1 825	515	202	1 108
acres, 1992	121 114	40 784	18 812	61 518
1987	142 331	53 700	25 031	63 600
Harvested cropland				
farms, 1992	975	350	152	473
1987	1 073	388	156	529
acres, 1992	62 536	22 271	7 986	32 279
1987	71 459	28 385	11 118	31 956
Part owners				
farms, 1992	788	234	89	465
1987	857	248	113	496
acres, 1992	403 884	139 474	51 166	213 244
1987	399 038	127 369	53 930	217 739
Owned land in farms				
acres, 1992	172 813	52 020	12 957	107 836
1987	182 982	53 716	14 899	114 367
Rented land in farms				
acres, 1992	231 071	87 454	38 209	105 408
1987	216 056	73 653	39 031	103 372
Harvested cropland				
farms, 1992	776	233	85	458
1987	841	246	110	485
acres, 1992	348 001	118 689	44 790	184 522
1987	312 687	104 836	41 912	165 939
Tenants				
farms, 1992	238	78	47	113
1987	284	94	65	125
acres, 1992	64 191	17 117	17 156	29 918
1987	66 876	20 375	15 037	31 464
Harvested cropland				
farms, 1992	205	73	40	92
1987	258	87	58	113
acres, 1992	59 811	16 002	15 076	28 733
1987	57 356	17 453	11 328	28 575
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS				
Operators by place of residence:				
On farm operated				
1992	1 956	578	262	1 116
1987	2 175	648	287	1 240
Not on farm operated				
1992	436	128	55	253
1987	481	144	78	259
Not reported				
1992	241	76	19	146
1987	310	65	15	230
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming				
1992	1 578	454	198	926
1987	1 774	483	211	1 080
Other				
1992	1 055	328	138	589
1987	1 192	374	169	649
Operators by days worked off farm:				
None				
1992	1 153	322	156	675
1987	1 263	332	164	767
Any				
1992	1 287	405	161	721
1987	1 426	455	188	783
1 to 49 days				
1992	135	53	9	73
1987	166	57	22	87
50 to 99 days				
1992	87	18	15	54
1987	88	26	5	57
100 to 149 days				
1992	80	28	11	41
1987	81	18	8	55
150 to 199 days				
1992	136	36	24	76
1987	136	45	24	67
200 days or more				
1992	849	270	102	477
1987	955	309	129	517
Not reported				
1992	193	55	19	119
1987	277	70	28	179
Operators by years on present farm:				
2 years or less				
1992	113	36	22	55
1987	176	54	25	97
3 or 4 years				
1992	123	41	11	71
1987	189	55	24	110
5 to 9 years				
1992	390	119	42	229
1987	398	134	55	209
10 years or more				
1992	1 522	449	207	866
1987	1 588	466	219	903
Average years on present farm				
1992	19.8	19.1	19.3	20.4
1987	19.3	18.0	19.5	20.0
Not reported				
1992	485	137	54	294
1987	615	148	57	410

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Characteristics	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS—				
Con.				
Operators by age group:				
Under 25 years -----	1992--	26	8	3
	1987--	40	18	3
25 to 34 years -----	1992--	261	79	25
	1987--	374	106	51
35 to 44 years -----	1992--	497	145	55
	1987--	620	190	63
45 to 54 years -----	1992--	657	202	85
	1987--	649	195	78
55 to 59 years -----	1992--	292	98	30
	1987--	326	86	52
60 to 64 years -----	1992--	299	83	49
	1987--	348	97	52
65 to 69 years -----	1992--	270	71	42
	1987--	269	65	34
70 years and over -----	1992--	331	96	47
	1987--	340	100	47
Average age -----	1992--	52.7	52.4	54.8
	1987--	51.5	51.0	52.8
Operators by sex:				
Male ----- farms, 1992--		2 346	729	299
	1987--	2 676	808	345
acres, 1992--		565 832	192 716	85 423
	1987--	590 036	195 551	92 050
Female ----- farms, 1992--		287	53	37
	1987--	290	49	35
acres, 1992--		23 357	4 659	1 711
	1987--	18 209	5 893	1 948
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION				
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) ----- farms, 1992--		2 226	675	265
	1987--	2 553	756	308
acres, 1992--		379 091	141 316	60 033
	1987--	400 071	143 281	69 287
Partnership ----- farms, 1992--		213	58	28
	1987--	216	55	29
acres, 1992--		66 523	19 678	6 045
	1987--	62 666	24 853	8 248
Corporation:				
Family held ----- farms, 1992--		172	45	35
	1987--	173	42	35
acres, 1992--		138 660	(D)	(D)
	1987--	141 856	32 812	(D)
Other than family held ----- farms, 1992--		9	—	5
	1987--	8	—	5
acres, 1992--		2 184	—	(D)
	1987--	928	—	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ----- farms, 1992--		13	4	3
	1987--	16	4	3
acres, 1992--		2 731	(D)	(D)
	1987--	2 724	498	500
				1 726