

**Table 4. Principal Operator Characteristics by Primary Occupation: 2018**

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

Characteristics	Total	Primary occupation	
		Agriculture	Nonagriculture
Principal operators .....	8,230	4,252	3,978
Principal operators by -			
Years operating present farm:			
Less than 2 years .....	339	178	161
2 to 4 years .....	794	413	381
5 to 9 years .....	1,110	606	504
10 years or more .....	5,987	3,055	2,932
Place of residence:			
On farm operated .....	4,543	2,238	2,305
Off farm operated .....	3,687	2,014	1,673
Retirement status:			
Retired .....	3,080	1,192	1,888
Not retired .....	5,150	3,060	2,090
Age group:			
Under 25 years .....	32	23	9
25 to 34 years .....	294	222	72
35 to 44 years .....	818	463	355
45 to 54 years .....	1,468	762	706
55 to 64 years .....	2,212	1,175	1,037
65 years and over .....	3,406	1,607	1,799
Average age .....	60.6	59.2	62.0
Gender:			
Male .....	7,286	3,799	3,487
Female .....	944	453	491
Hispanic origin:			
Of Hispanic or Latino origin .....	8,155	4,217	3,938
Not of Hispanic or Latino origin .....	75	35	40
Race:			
Black or African American .....	589	310	279
White .....	7,486	3,857	3,629
Other .....	65	32	33
More than one race reported .....	90	53	37
Highest grade or year of school completed:			
None .....	95	58	37
Elementary school .....	1,088	652	436
Secondary school .....	1,821	1,095	726
High school diploma or GED .....	1,498	785	713
Technical or vocational school .....	450	210	240
Some college .....	1,085	565	520
College - Bachelor's degree .....	1,508	667	841
Master's or PhD .....	685	220	465
Days worked off farm:			
None .....	5,104	3,099	2,005
Any .....	3,126	1,153	1,973
1 to 49 days .....	325	212	113
50 to 99 days .....	365	174	191
100 to 199 days .....	558	151	407
200 days or more .....	1,878	616	1,262
Hired manager status:			
Hired manager .....	1,374	1,085	289
Not a hired manager .....	6,856	3,167	3,689
Percent of income from farming:			
Less than 25 percent .....	4,974	1,663	3,311
25 to 49 percent .....	841	513	328
50 to 74 percent .....	1,017	837	180
75 percent or more .....	1,398	1,239	159
Net household income category:			
Less than \$20,000 .....	4,623	2,506	2,117
\$20,000 to \$39,999 .....	1,733	812	921
\$40,000 to \$59,999 .....	838	373	465
\$60,000 to \$79,999 .....	427	236	191
\$80,000 to \$99,999 .....	196	87	109
\$100,000 or more .....	413	238	175
Number of persons living in household:			
1 person .....	2,990	1,501	1,489
2 persons .....	2,410	1,235	1,175
3 persons .....	1,575	792	783
4 persons .....	830	491	339
5 or more persons .....	425	233	192
Number of families contributing to the net income of this operation:			
1 family .....	6,642	3,306	3,336
2 families .....	912	582	330
3 families .....	383	192	191
4 families .....	158	99	59
5 or more families .....	135	73	62
Served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard:			
Never served in the military .....	7,364	3,939	3,425
Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard .....	190	71	119
Now on active duty .....	16	2	14
On active duty in the past, but not now .....	660	240	420