

**Table 48. Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997**

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

| Item                                              | Total farming<br>and other<br>occupations | Farming   |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                   |                                           | Total     | Age of operator (years) |          |          |           |           |             |
|                                                   |                                           |           | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54  | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS                           |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Farms ..... number ..                             | 14 181                                    | 5 987     | 50                      | 247      | 706      | 1 011     | 1 322     | 2 651       |
| ..... percent ..                                  | 100.0                                     | 42.2      | .4                      | 1.7      | 5.0      | 7.1       | 9.3       | 18.7        |
| Land in farms ..... acres ..                      | 12 024 661                                | 8 152 514 | 37 863                  | 369 477  | 702 562  | 1 512 440 | 3 475 832 | 2 054 340   |
| Average size of farm ..... acres ..               | 848                                       | 1 362     | 757                     | 1 496    | 995      | 1 496     | 2 629     | 775         |
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICUL-<br>TURAL PRODUCTS SOLD   |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Total sales (see text) ..... farms ..             | 14 181                                    | 5 987     | 50                      | 247      | 706      | 1 011     | 1 322     | 2 651       |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 877 295                                   | 710 583   | 7 389                   | 34 795   | 133 763  | 203 697   | 163 354   | 167 586     |
| Average per farm ..... dollars ..                 | 61 864                                    | 118 688   | 147 777                 | 140 870  | 189 466  | 201 480   | 123 566   | 63 216      |
| Farms by value of sales:                          |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....                | 2 261                                     | 461       | 3                       | 13       | 40       | 59        | 89        | 257         |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 .....                          | 1 965                                     | 406       | 3                       | 11       | 17       | 46        | 84        | 245         |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 .....                          | 1 867                                     | 534       | 4                       | 16       | 28       | 55        | 108       | 323         |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 .....                          | 1 904                                     | 638       | 6                       | 28       | 40       | 66        | 164       | 334         |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 .....                        | 1 761                                     | 772       | 3                       | 30       | 82       | 80        | 161       | 416         |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 .....                        | 509                                       | 263       | 1                       | 6        | 27       | 35        | 49        | 145         |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 .....                        | 946                                       | 536       | 6                       | 20       | 59       | 77        | 118       | 256         |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 .....                        | 382                                       | 241       | 4                       | 15       | 18       | 46        | 55        | 103         |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 .....                        | 949                                       | 704       | 4                       | 23       | 103      | 132       | 199       | 243         |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 .....                      | 923                                       | 784       | 5                       | 45       | 154      | 238       | 149       | 193         |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 .....                      | 394                                       | 358       | 7                       | 24       | 77       | 97        | 78        | 75          |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 .....                      | 201                                       | 185       | 3                       | 13       | 42       | 51        | 41        | 35          |
| \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 .....                  | 86                                        | 80        | 1                       | 2        | 12       | 20        | 22        | 23          |
| \$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 .....                  | 21                                        | 16        | —                       | —        | 7        | 5         | 1         | 3           |
| \$5,000,000 or more .....                         | 12                                        | 9         | —                       | 1        | —        | 4         | 4         | —           |
| Grains..... farms ..                              | 2 337                                     | 1 365     | 21                      | 66       | 195      | 240       | 273       | 570         |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 45 649                                    | 37 086    | 1 064                   | 1 470    | 7 402    | 8 805     | 8 933     | 9 413       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 217                                       | 191       | 6                       | 8        | 43       | 46        | 51        | 37          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 26 952                                    | 24 384    | 890                     | 805      | 5 262    | 6 076     | 6 348     | 5 003       |
| Corn for grain ..... farms ..                     | 272                                       | 190       | 4                       | 15       | 31       | 41        | 45        | 54          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 6 150                                     | 5 413     | (D)                     | (D)      | 951      | 1 304     | 1 585     | 1 324       |
| Wheat ..... farms ..                              | 1 129                                     | 700       | 12                      | 27       | 111      | 129       | 157       | 264         |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 25 932                                    | 20 960    | 795                     | 630      | 4 160    | 5 555     | 4 894     | 4 927       |
| Soybeans..... farms ..                            | 1                                         | 1         | —                       | 1        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | (D)                                       | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Sorghum for grain ..... farms ..                  | 7                                         | 6         | —                       | —        | —        | 4         | 2         | —           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | (D)                                       | (D)       | —                       | —        | —        | (D)       | (D)       | —           |
| Barley ..... farms ..                             | 1 321                                     | 774       | 12                      | 46       | 101      | 125       | 158       | 332         |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 10 542                                    | 8 222     | 233                     | 475      | 1 549    | 1 552     | 2 017     | 2 398       |
| Oats ..... farms ..                               | 208                                       | 122       | 1                       | 6        | 12       | 26        | 17        | 60          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 656                                       | (D)       | (D)                     | (D)      | 113      | (D)       | (D)       | 203         |
| Other grains ..... farms ..                       | 112                                       | 77        | 1                       | 4        | 21       | 19        | 15        | 17          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 2 201                                     | 1 901     | (D)                     | (D)      | 629      | 227       | 367       | 561         |
| Cotton and cottonseed ..... farms ..              | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Tobacco ..... farms ..                            | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Hay, silage, and field seeds ..... farms ..       | 4 836                                     | 2 141     | 20                      | 81       | 252      | 360       | 484       | 944         |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 103 420                                   | 82 414    | 1 732                   | 3 303    | 13 906   | 24 499    | 18 748    | 20 227      |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 409                                       | 352       | 4                       | 15       | 82       | 108       | 71        | 72          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 69 107                                    | 63 249    | 1 495                   | 2 308    | 11 616   | 20 565    | 14 330    | 12 936      |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons ..... farms .. | 294                                       | 166       | 1                       | 8        | 27       | 32        | 32        | 66          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 12 068                                    | 10 072    | (D)                     | (D)      | 2 269    | 2 294     | 3 240     | (D)         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 57                                        | 50        | 1                       | 1        | 13       | 13        | 12        | 10          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 9 796                                     | 8 656     | (D)                     | (D)      | 2 120    | 1 894     | 2 950     | (D)         |
| Fruits, nuts, and berries ..... farms ..          | 407                                       | 180       | 1                       | 4        | 21       | 25        | 38        | 91          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 10 859                                    | 9 421     | (D)                     | (D)      | 2 846    | 2 493     | 1 606     | 1 756       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 47                                        | 42        | —                       | 2        | 9        | 14        | 6         | 11          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 8 992                                     | 8 365     | —                       | (D)      | 2 680    | 2 271     | (D)       | 1 398       |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops ..... farms ..       | 324                                       | 144       | —                       | 10       | 34       | 36        | 35        | 29          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 70 160                                    | 54 750    | —                       | 7 515    | 18 725   | 17 191    | 7 339     | 3 980       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 120                                       | 81        | —                       | 7        | 19       | 26        | 20        | 9           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 68 125                                    | 54 007    | —                       | 7 504    | 18 585   | 17 065    | 7 079     | 3 773       |
| Other crops ..... farms ..                        | 116                                       | 78        | 1                       | 1        | 10       | 16        | 18        | 32          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 5 286                                     | 5 041     | (D)                     | (D)      | 213      | 878       | 2 557     | (D)         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 13                                        | 11        | —                       | 1        | 2        | 3         | 4         | 1           |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 4 813                                     | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | 779       | 2 455     | (D)         |
| Poultry and poultry products..... farms ..        | 326                                       | 143       | —                       | 8        | 22       | 36        | 39        | 38          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 68 093                                    | 53 914    | —                       | 1 444    | 8 076    | 14 755    | 17 851    | 11 788      |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 89                                        | 71        | —                       | 3        | 15       | 20        | 20        | 13          |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 67 550                                    | 53 710    | —                       | 1 437    | 8 062    | 14 695    | 17 803    | 11 713      |
| Dairy products..... farms ..                      | 679                                       | 577       | 9                       | 38       | 122      | 146       | 139       | 123         |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 195 545                                   | 171 355   | 2 562                   | 11 421   | 36 873   | 45 165    | 37 160    | 38 174      |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 572                                       | 518       | 8                       | 32       | 117      | 138       | 121       | 102         |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 193 323                                   | 170 009   | (D)                     | (D)      | 36 715   | 44 935    | 36 796    | 37 764      |
| Cattle and calves ..... farms ..                  | 7 598                                     | 3 807     | 31                      | 156      | 460      | 678       | 849       | 1 633       |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 259 998                                   | 201 750   | 1 521                   | 5 476    | 29 791   | 49 700    | 51 206    | 64 056      |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more ..... farms ..          | 922                                       | 768       | 11                      | 30       | 94       | 201       | 173       | 259         |
| ..... \$1,000 ..                                  | 187 641                                   | 158 275   | 1 274                   | 3 622    | 23 999   | 42 378    | 42 054    | 44 948      |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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| Item                                                   | Other occupations |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                        | Total             | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |           |             |
|                                                        |                   | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS                                |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Farms . . . . . number . .                             | 8 194             | 46                      | 465      | 1 963    | 2 414    | 1 945     | 1 361       |
| percent . .                                            | 57.8              | .3                      | 3.3      | 13.8     | 17.0     | 13.7      | 9.6         |
| Land in farms . . . . . acres . .                      | 3 872 147         | 17 204                  | 81 315   | 325 378  | 558 007  | 2 534 005 | 356 238     |
| Average size of farm . . . . . acres . .               | 473               | 374                     | 175      | 166      | 231      | 1 303     | 262         |
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICUL-<br>TURAL PRODUCTS SOLD        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Total sales (see text) . . . . . farms . .             | 8 194             | 46                      | 465      | 1 963    | 2 414    | 1 945     | 1 361       |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 166 712           | 1 460                   | 9 096    | 34 288   | 76 331   | 29 952    | 15 584      |
| Average per farm . . . . . dollars . .                 | 20 346            | 31 744                  | 19 561   | 17 467   | 31 620   | 15 399    | 11 451      |
| Farms by value of sales:                               |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Less than \$1,000 (see text) . . . . .                 | 1 800             | 9                       | 102      | 410      | 490      | 424       | 365         |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 . . . . .                           | 1 559             | 6                       | 87       | 390      | 443      | 355       | 278         |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 . . . . .                           | 1 333             | 11                      | 69       | 316      | 382      | 342       | 213         |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                           | 1 266             | 5                       | 73       | 275      | 388      | 315       | 210         |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 . . . . .                         | 989               | 4                       | 61       | 252      | 303      | 220       | 149         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                         | 246               | 2                       | 15       | 55       | 88       | 52        | 34          |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 . . . . .                         | 410               | 2                       | 28       | 112      | 133      | 103       | 32          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                         | 141               | 1                       | 4        | 43       | 48       | 29        | 16          |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                         | 245               | 2                       | 19       | 58       | 77       | 57        | 32          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .                       | 139               | 2                       | 4        | 37       | 35       | 34        | 27          |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 . . . . .                       | 36                | 2                       | 2        | 8        | 12       | 9         | 3           |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 . . . . .                       | 16                | —                       | —        | 4        | 6        | 4         | 2           |
| \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999 . . . . .                   | 6                 | —                       | —        | 2        | 3        | 1         | —           |
| \$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999 . . . . .                   | 5                 | —                       | 1        | 1        | 3        | —         | —           |
| \$5,000,000 or more . . . . .                          | 3                 | —                       | —        | —        | 3        | —         | —           |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Grains . . . . . farms . .                             | 972               | 5                       | 56       | 237      | 285      | 247       | 142         |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 8 563             | 19                      | 388      | 1 892    | 3 278    | 1 767     | 1 218       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 26                | —                       | 1        | 4        | 12       | 3         | 6           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 2 569             | —                       | (D)      | 235      | 1 425    | (D)       | 672         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Corn for grain . . . . . farms . .                     | 82                | —                       | 9        | 18       | 23       | 20        | 12          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 737               | —                       | 63       | 140      | 242      | 135       | 157         |
| Wheat . . . . . farms . .                              | 429               | 1                       | 21       | 123      | 126      | 102       | 56          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 4 972             | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 161    | 1 944    | 937       | 740         |
| Soybeans . . . . . farms . .                           | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Sorghum for grain . . . . . farms . .                  | 1                 | —                       | —        | —        | 1        | —         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | (D)               | —                       | —        | —        | (D)      | —         | —           |
| Barley . . . . . farms . .                             | 547               | 3                       | 30       | 127      | 157      | 147       | 83          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 2 319             | (D)                     | (D)      | 499      | 832      | 551       | 288         |
| Oats . . . . . farms . .                               | 86                | 1                       | 1        | 21       | 23       | 30        | 10          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | (D)               | (D)                     | (D)      | 44       | (D)      | 93        | (D)         |
| Other grains . . . . . farms . .                       | 35                | —                       | 1        | 8        | 15       | 9         | 2           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 300               | —                       | (D)      | 48       | 184      | 51        | (D)         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Cotton and cottonseed . . . . . farms . .              | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Tobacco . . . . . farms . .                            | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Hay, silage, and field seeds . . . . . farms . .       | 2 695             | 10                      | 133      | 628      | 844      | 653       | 427         |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 21 006            | 40                      | 1 063    | 5 538    | 7 157    | 4 428     | 2 781       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 57                | —                       | 4        | 20       | 18       | 7         | 8           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 5 859             | —                       | 303      | 1 876    | 2 008    | 853       | 819         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons . . . . . farms . . | 128               | —                       | 7        | 23       | 40       | 30        | 28          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 1 997             | —                       | 127      | 156      | 743      | 672       | 298         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 7                 | —                       | —        | —        | 2        | 3         | 2           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 1 140             | —                       | —        | —        | (D)      | 482       | (D)         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Fruits, nuts, and berries . . . . . farms . .          | 227               | —                       | 5        | 47       | 62       | 57        | 56          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 1 438             | —                       | 37       | 181      | 323      | 559       | 338         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 5                 | —                       | —        | —        | 2        | 2         | 1           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 627               | —                       | —        | —        | (D)      | (D)       | (D)         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops . . . . . farms . .       | 180               | 1                       | 3        | 35       | 66       | 31        | 44          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 15 410            | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 857    | 9 791    | 2 226     | 1 296       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 39                | 1                       | —        | 10       | 14       | 5         | 9           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 14 118            | (D)                     | —        | 1 563    | 9 431    | 2 034     | (D)         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Other crops . . . . . farms . .                        | 38                | —                       | 1        | 7        | 13       | 11        | 6           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 245               | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | 28       | 60        | 28          |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 2                 | —                       | —        | 2        | —        | —         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | (D)               | —                       | —        | (D)      | —        | —         | —           |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Poultry and poultry products . . . . . farms . .       | 183               | 2                       | 12       | 59       | 59       | 37        | 14          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 14 179            | (D)                     | (D)      | 921      | 11 010   | 1 733     | 14          |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 18                | 1                       | 1        | 2        | 10       | 4         | —           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 13 840            | (D)                     | (D)      | (D)      | 10 898   | 1 707     | —           |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Dairy products . . . . . farms . .                     | 102               | 3                       | 8        | 26       | 31       | 24        | 10          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 24 189            | (D)                     | (D)      | 4 128    | 14 668   | 3 164     | 825         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 54                | 2                       | 5        | 16       | 12       | 16        | 3           |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 23 314            | (D)                     | 824      | 4 040    | 14 310   | 3 021     | (D)         |
|                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Cattle and calves . . . . . farms . .                  | 3 791             | 26                      | 245      | 952      | 1 133    | 892       | 543         |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 58 247            | 329                     | 2 822    | 11 496   | 25 064   | 11 282    | 7 254       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms . .          | 154               | 2                       | 10       | 28       | 45       | 40        | 29          |
| \$1,000 . .                                            | 29 366            | (D)                     | (D)      | 4 226    | 15 714   | 4 653     | 3 621       |

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| Item                                                                                                                 | Total farming<br>and other<br>occupations | Farming |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                                                      |                                           | Total   | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                                                      |                                           |         | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICUL-<br>TURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.                                                                 |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total sales (see text)—Con.                                                                                          |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Hogs and pigs . . . . . farms..                                                                                      | 379                                       | 151     | —                       | 6        | 32       | 37       | 38       | 38          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 40 496                                    | 33 433  | —                       | 36       | 5 303    | 26 415   | 835      | 844         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms..                                                                          | 27                                        | 22      | —                       | —        | 9        | 9        | 3        | 1           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 38 946                                    | (D)     | —                       | —        | 5 261    | 26 143   | 564      | (D)         |
| Sheep, lambs, and wool . . . . . farms..                                                                             | 1 380                                     | 643     | 7                       | 33       | 65       | 111      | 139      | 288         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 30 144                                    | 25 646  | 49                      | 1 277    | 2 464    | 5 941    | 6 341    | 9 574       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms..                                                                          | 141                                       | 124     | —                       | 7        | 17       | 29       | 32       | 39          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 24 429                                    | 22 290  | —                       | 1 123    | 2 148    | 5 349    | 5 664    | 8 006       |
| Other livestock and livestock products<br>(see text) . . . . . farms..                                               | 1 895                                     | 693     | 4                       | 24       | 92       | 136      | 179      | 258         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 35 577                                    | 25 700  | (D)                     | (D)      | 5 896    | 5 562    | 7 538    | 4 872       |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more . . . . . farms..                                                                          | 134                                       | 100     | 1                       | 5        | 26       | 18       | 23       | 27          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 27 829                                    | 22 179  | (D)                     | (D)      | 5 407    | 4 751    | 6 630    | 3 674       |
| Value of agricultural products sold directly<br>to individuals for human consumption (see<br>text) . . . . . farms.. | 1 036                                     | 413     | 4                       | 10       | 51       | 69       | 103      | 176         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 6 269                                     | 4 558   | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 137    | 1 257    | 985      | 1 028       |
| FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES <sup>1</sup>                                                                                |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total farm production expenses . . . . . farms..                                                                     | 14 177                                    | 5 796   | 76                      | 241      | 645      | 973      | 1 339    | 2 522       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 699 532                                   | 548 573 | 5 549                   | 21 266   | 96 289   | 160 269  | 131 402  | 133 799     |
| Average per farm . . . . . dollars..                                                                                 | 49 343                                    | 94 647  | 73 007                  | 88 240   | 149 285  | 164 716  | 98 134   | 53 053      |
| Livestock and poultry purchased . . . . . farms..                                                                    | 5 266                                     | 2 380   | 33                      | 97       | 322      | 427      | 685      | 816         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 82 463                                    | 62 037  | 843                     | 2 050    | 10 293   | 12 265   | 18 035   | 18 550      |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                              |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                                             | 3 504                                     | 1 257   | 19                      | 51       | 132      | 194      | 403      | 458         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                                        | 1 277                                     | 729     | 1                       | 22       | 134      | 147      | 196      | 229         |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                                                       | 360                                       | 289     | 11                      | 18       | 42       | 60       | 59       | 99          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .                                                                                     | 85                                        | 71      | 2                       | 5        | 9        | 18       | 20       | 17          |
| \$250,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                          | 40                                        | 34      | —                       | 1        | 5        | 8        | 7        | 13          |
| Feed for livestock and poultry . . . . . farms..                                                                     | 7 655                                     | 3 353   | 27                      | 163      | 408      | 637      | 856      | 1 262       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 198 854                                   | 161 425 | 990                     | 5 547    | 26 465   | 55 241   | 39 859   | 33 322      |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                              |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                                             | 5 549                                     | 1 892   | 5                       | 88       | 158      | 286      | 538      | 817         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                                        | 1 292                                     | 764     | 8                       | 46       | 106      | 159      | 176      | 269         |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                                                       | 467                                       | 390     | 13                      | 10       | 73       | 110      | 70       | 114         |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .                                                                                     | 189                                       | 170     | 1                       | 12       | 46       | 34       | 39       | 38          |
| \$250,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                          | 158                                       | 137     | —                       | 7        | 25       | 48       | 33       | 24          |
| Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . . farms..                                                                   | 3 635                                     | 1 681   | 13                      | 107      | 206      | 385      | 411      | 559         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 81 738                                    | 71 693  | 552                     | 2 747    | 11 202   | 19 486   | 20 084   | 17 622      |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                              |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                                             | 2 881                                     | 1 095   | —                       | 79       | 93       | 222      | 288      | 413         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                                        | 348                                       | 232     | 4                       | 11       | 31       | 63       | 56       | 67          |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                                                       | 251                                       | 219     | 8                       | 8        | 56       | 60       | 38       | 49          |
| \$100,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                          | 155                                       | 135     | 1                       | 9        | 26       | 40       | 29       | 30          |
| Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees . . . . . farms..                                                                    | 5 288                                     | 2 898   | 38                      | 133      | 348      | 509      | 671      | 1 199       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 17 281                                    | 12 994  | 129                     | 503      | 2 429    | 4 735    | 2 721    | 2 477       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                              |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                                               | 3 376                                     | 1 458   | 16                      | 45       | 103      | 161      | 329      | 804         |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                                         | 1 473                                     | 1 096   | 17                      | 72       | 181      | 258      | 258      | 310         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                                        | 355                                       | 282     | 4                       | 13       | 50       | 78       | 68       | 69          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                                       | 54                                        | 37      | 1                       | 2        | 8        | 6        | 8        | 12          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                           | 30                                        | 25      | —                       | 1        | 6        | 6        | 8        | 4           |
| Commercial fertilizer . . . . . farms..                                                                              | 7 097                                     | 3 432   | 44                      | 152      | 420      | 540      | 840      | 1 436       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 22 174                                    | 17 838  | 375                     | 626      | 3 483    | 4 276    | 4 138    | 4 940       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                              |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                                             | 6 088                                     | 2 601   | 24                      | 130      | 226      | 326      | 652      | 1 243       |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                                        | 841                                       | 669     | 17                      | 17       | 167      | 175      | 143      | 150         |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                                       | 128                                       | 125     | 1                       | 3        | 22       | 27       | 36       | 36          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                           | 40                                        | 37      | 2                       | 2        | 5        | 12       | 9        | 7           |
| Agricultural chemicals . . . . . farms..                                                                             | 5 883                                     | 2 880   | 32                      | 131      | 362      | 513      | 645      | 1 197       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 9 374                                     | 7 791   | 70                      | 327      | 1 587    | 2 227    | 1 810    | 1 769       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                              |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                                             | 5 504                                     | 2 534   | 28                      | 120      | 290      | 412      | 563      | 1 121       |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                                        | 330                                       | 300     | 4                       | 8        | 60       | 87       | 74       | 67          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                                       | 31                                        | 28      | —                       | 1        | 8        | 9        | 2        | 8           |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                           | 18                                        | 18      | —                       | 2        | 4        | 5        | 6        | 1           |
| Petroleum products . . . . . farms..                                                                                 | 13 082                                    | 5 607   | 76                      | 240      | 634      | 953      | 1 292    | 2 412       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 37 590                                    | 28 189  | 297                     | 1 016    | 4 570    | 7 876    | 6 289    | 8 141       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                              |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                                             | 11 226                                    | 4 063   | 57                      | 172      | 365      | 537      | 957      | 1 975       |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                                        | 1 680                                     | 1 382   | 18                      | 62       | 233      | 376      | 296      | 397         |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                                       | 136                                       | 126     | 1                       | 6        | 32       | 26       | 29       | 32          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                           | 40                                        | 36      | —                       | —        | 4        | 14       | 10       | 8           |
| Gasoline and gasohol . . . . . farms..                                                                               | 10 758                                    | 4 841   | 36                      | 215      | 533      | 847      | 1 122    | 2 088       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 14 663                                    | 10 344  | 69                      | 424      | 1 476    | 2 472    | 2 417    | 3 486       |
| Diesel fuel . . . . . farms..                                                                                        | 9 592                                     | 4 537   | 60                      | 183      | 548      | 772      | 1 093    | 1 881       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 16 104                                    | 12 547  | 191                     | 426      | 2 224    | 3 240    | 2 880    | 3 586       |
| Natural gas . . . . . farms..                                                                                        | 672                                       | 433     | 2                       | 18       | 78       | 98       | 97       | 140         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 2 390                                     | 1 716   | (D)                     | (D)      | 353      | 629      | 404      | 262         |
| LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil,<br>grease, etc. . . . . farms..                                               | 9 393                                     | 4 653   | 42                      | 203      | 584      | 813      | 1 075    | 1 936       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                            | 4 434                                     | 3 582   | (D)                     | (D)      | 516      | 1 536    | 587      | 807         |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                                                                            | Other occupations |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                                                 | Total             | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                                                 |                   | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICUL-<br>TURAL PRODUCTS SOLD—Con.                                                            |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total sales (see text)—Con.                                                                                     |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Hogs and pigs..... farms..                                                                                      | 228               | 2                       | 17       | 97       | 59       | 33       | 20          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 7 063             | (D)                     | (D)      | (D)      | 149      | 210      | 97          |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more..... farms..                                                                          | 5                 | —                       | 1        | 2        | —        | 2        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | (D)               | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | —        | (D)      | —           |
| Sheep, lambs, and wool..... farms..                                                                             | 737               | 4                       | 47       | 192      | 218      | 184      | 92          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 4 497             | 12                      | 171      | 1 002    | 1 393    | 1 186    | 733         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more..... farms..                                                                          | 17                | —                       | 1        | 3        | 6        | 4        | 3           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 2 139             | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | 716      | 565      | 393         |
| Other livestock and livestock products<br>(see text)..... farms..                                               | 1 202             | 7                       | 68       | 365      | 375      | 272      | 115         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 9 877             | 49                      | 223      | 3 509    | 2 729    | 2 665    | 703         |
| Sales of \$50,000 or more..... farms..                                                                          | 34                | —                       | 1        | 12       | 9        | 10       | 2           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 5 650             | —                       | (D)      | 2 095    | 1 496    | 1 692    | (D)         |
| Value of agricultural products sold directly<br>to individuals for human consumption (see<br>text)..... farms.. | 623               | 2                       | 40       | 184      | 193      | 131      | 73          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 1 711             | (D)                     | (D)      | 265      | 410      | 796      | 154         |
| FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES <sup>1</sup>                                                                           |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total farm production expenses..... farms..                                                                     | 8 381             | 61                      | 508      | 1 996    | 2 520    | 1 864    | 1 432       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 150 959           | 734                     | 6 634    | 33 596   | 67 422   | 26 321   | 16 252      |
| Average per farm..... dollars..                                                                                 | 18 012            | 12 035                  | 13 060   | 16 831   | 26 755   | 14 121   | 11 349      |
| Livestock and poultry purchased..... farms..                                                                    | 2 886             | 31                      | 205      | 860      | 941      | 520      | 329         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 20 426            | 101                     | 879      | 4 528    | 10 839   | 2 362    | 1 718       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                         |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999.....                                                                                             | 2 247             | 30                      | 169      | 667      | 740      | 403      | 238         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999.....                                                                                        | 548               | —                       | 34       | 166      | 160      | 108      | 80          |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999.....                                                                                       | 71                | 1                       | —        | 24       | 31       | 6        | 9           |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999.....                                                                                     | 14                | —                       | 2        | 1        | 6        | 3        | 2           |
| \$250,000 or more.....                                                                                          | 6                 | —                       | —        | 2        | 4        | —        | —           |
| Feed for livestock and poultry..... farms..                                                                     | 4 302             | 29                      | 311      | 1 211    | 1 353    | 921      | 477         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 37 430            | 242                     | 2 065    | 8 264    | 19 183   | 5 493    | 2 183       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                         |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999.....                                                                                             | 3 657             | 23                      | 278      | 1 032    | 1 174    | 797      | 353         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999.....                                                                                        | 528               | 4                       | 29       | 141      | 142      | 100      | 112         |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999.....                                                                                       | 77                | 1                       | 1        | 28       | 22       | 13       | 12          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999.....                                                                                     | 19                | 1                       | 1        | 6        | 3        | 8        | —           |
| \$250,000 or more.....                                                                                          | 21                | —                       | 2        | 4        | 12       | 3        | —           |
| Commercially mixed formula feeds..... farms..                                                                   | 1 954             | 7                       | 103      | 589      | 665      | 414      | 176         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 10 045            | (D)                     | (D)      | 2 265    | 4 670    | 2 140    | 563         |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                         |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999.....                                                                                             | 1 786             | 5                       | 91       | 536      | 630      | 381      | 143         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999.....                                                                                        | 116               | 1                       | 11       | 37       | 17       | 20       | 30          |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999.....                                                                                       | 32                | 1                       | —        | 14       | 8        | 6        | 3           |
| \$100,000 or more.....                                                                                          | 20                | —                       | 1        | 2        | 10       | 7        | —           |
| Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees..... farms..                                                                    | 2 390             | 25                      | 177      | 565      | 779      | 529      | 315         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 4 288             | 6                       | 163      | 1 031    | 2 057    | 632      | 399         |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                         |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$999.....                                                                                               | 1 918             | 25                      | 134      | 427      | 626      | 431      | 275         |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999.....                                                                                         | 377               | —                       | 36       | 101      | 133      | 79       | 28          |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999.....                                                                                        | 73                | —                       | 7        | 34       | 16       | 11       | 5           |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999.....                                                                                       | 17                | —                       | —        | 1        | 2        | 7        | 7           |
| \$50,000 or more.....                                                                                           | 5                 | —                       | —        | 2        | 2        | 1        | —           |
| Commercial fertilizer..... farms..                                                                              | 3 665             | 25                      | 162      | 836      | 1 181    | 871      | 590         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 4 337             | 23                      | 153      | 1 012    | 1 613    | 909      | 627         |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                         |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999.....                                                                                             | 3 487             | 25                      | 162      | 786      | 1 113    | 842      | 559         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999.....                                                                                        | 172               | —                       | —        | 50       | 64       | 27       | 31          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999.....                                                                                       | 3                 | —                       | —        | —        | 3        | —        | —           |
| \$50,000 or more.....                                                                                           | 3                 | —                       | —        | —        | 1        | 2        | —           |
| Agricultural chemicals..... farms..                                                                             | 3 003             | 15                      | 211      | 606      | 925      | 763      | 483         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 1 584             | 12                      | 59       | 361      | 545      | 340      | 268         |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                         |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999.....                                                                                             | 2 970             | 15                      | 211      | 603      | 911      | 757      | 473         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999.....                                                                                        | 30                | —                       | —        | 3        | 12       | 5        | 10          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999.....                                                                                       | 3                 | —                       | —        | —        | 2        | 1        | —           |
| \$50,000 or more.....                                                                                           | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Petroleum products..... farms..                                                                                 | 7 475             | 44                      | 480      | 1 767    | 2 272    | 1 648    | 1 264       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 9 401             | 31                      | 587      | 2 269    | 3 211    | 1 822    | 1 481       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                                         |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999.....                                                                                             | 7 163             | 44                      | 452      | 1 667    | 2 206    | 1 589    | 1 205       |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999.....                                                                                        | 298               | —                       | 28       | 99       | 55       | 58       | 58          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999.....                                                                                       | 10                | —                       | —        | 1        | 8        | 1        | —           |
| \$50,000 or more.....                                                                                           | 4                 | —                       | —        | —        | 3        | —        | 1           |
| Gasoline and gasohol..... farms..                                                                               | 5 917             | 34                      | 359      | 1 417    | 1 807    | 1 269    | 1 031       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 4 319             | 13                      | 261      | 1 098    | 1 387    | 802      | 757         |
| Diesel fuel..... farms..                                                                                        | 5 055             | 32                      | 310      | 1 224    | 1 538    | 1 117    | 834         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 3 556             | 14                      | 274      | 876      | 1 215    | 771      | 407         |
| Natural gas..... farms..                                                                                        | 239               | 1                       | 8        | 65       | 81       | 37       | 47          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 674               | (D)                     | (D)      | 100      | 326      | 60       | 183         |
| LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil,<br>grease, etc..... farms..                                              | 4 740             | 39                      | 262      | 1 129    | 1 443    | 1 035    | 832         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                       | 852               | (D)                     | (D)      | 195      | 283      | 188      | 133         |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                                                  | Total farming<br>and other<br>occupations | Farming |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                       |                                           | Total   | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                       |                                           |         | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES <sup>1</sup>                                                 |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| —Con.                                                                                 |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total farm production expenses—Con.                                                   |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Electricity . . . . . farms ..                                                        | 7 182                                     | 3 608   | 35                      | 148      | 485      | 694      | 900      | 1 346       |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 16 687                                    | 13 753  | 166                     | 525      | 2 187    | 4 278    | 3 295    | 3 302       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                | 5 094                                     | 2 077   | 19                      | 70       | 223      | 305      | 517      | 943         |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                          | 1 480                                     | 990     | 11                      | 59       | 134      | 227      | 280      | 279         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 510                                       | 454     | 4                       | 14       | 114      | 134      | 84       | 104         |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                        | 53                                        | 48      | —                       | 3        | 11       | 13       | 11       | 10          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 45                                        | 39      | 1                       | 2        | 3        | 15       | 8        | 10          |
| Hired farm labor . . . . . farms ..                                                   | 6 059                                     | 3 168   | 39                      | 130      | 456      | 661      | 742      | 1 140       |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 79 611                                    | 65 258  | 788                     | 3 187    | 12 652   | 19 807   | 14 682   | 14 141      |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                              | 4 427                                     | 1 887   | 22                      | 88       | 203      | 337      | 454      | 783         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 974                                       | 704     | 8                       | 18       | 130      | 169      | 165      | 214         |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                        | 503                                       | 436     | 7                       | 18       | 95       | 116      | 85       | 115         |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .                                                      | 119                                       | 112     | 2                       | 5        | 21       | 29       | 30       | 25          |
| \$250,000 or more . . . . .                                                           | 36                                        | 29      | —                       | 1        | 7        | 10       | 8        | 3           |
| Workers by days worked:                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 150 days or more . . . . . farms ..                                                   | 2 161                                     | 1 473   | 23                      | 65       | 277      | 338      | 318      | 452         |
| workers ..                                                                            | 6 131                                     | 4 819   | 75                      | 209      | 976      | 1 449    | 950      | 1 160       |
| Less than 150 days . . . . . farms ..                                                 | 5 503                                     | 2 742   | 28                      | 109      | 359      | 574      | 658      | 1 014       |
| workers ..                                                                            | 19 218                                    | 12 039  | 63                      | 485      | 1 701    | 3 405    | 2 760    | 3 625       |
| Contract labor . . . . . farms ..                                                     | 1 698                                     | 860     | 21                      | 36       | 141      | 167      | 210      | 285         |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 7 900                                     | 6 034   | 150                     | 196      | 1 897    | 1 367    | 1 219    | 1 205       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                | 692                                       | 238     | 18                      | 2        | 46       | 35       | 59       | 78          |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                          | 693                                       | 367     | —                       | 26       | 57       | 75       | 86       | 123         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 262                                       | 212     | 2                       | 7        | 29       | 44       | 53       | 77          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                        | 34                                        | 29      | —                       | —        | 5        | 8        | 10       | 6           |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 17                                        | 14      | 1                       | 1        | 4        | 5        | 2        | 1           |
| Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms ..                                             | 11 109                                    | 5 012   | 64                      | 192      | 577      | 866      | 1 188    | 2 125       |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 45 915                                    | 33 931  | 283                     | 1 231    | 5 891    | 8 534    | 8 250    | 9 742       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                              | 9 028                                     | 3 389   | 51                      | 136      | 271      | 453      | 836      | 1 642       |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 1 780                                     | 1 348   | 12                      | 46       | 244      | 338      | 292      | 416         |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                        | 215                                       | 200     | 1                       | 8        | 45       | 58       | 39       | 49          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 86                                        | 75      | —                       | 2        | 17       | 17       | 21       | 18          |
| Customwork, machine hire, and rental of<br>machinery and equipment . . . . . farms .. | 4 592                                     | 2 259   | 36                      | 103      | 285      | 421      | 534      | 880         |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 11 281                                    | 8 185   | 105                     | 359      | 1 181    | 1 905    | 1 838    | 2 796       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                | 2 489                                     | 993     | 13                      | 39       | 98       | 166      | 196      | 481         |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                          | 1 648                                     | 913     | 18                      | 57       | 107      | 173      | 255      | 303         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 405                                       | 305     | 5                       | 4        | 74       | 70       | 71       | 81          |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                        | 36                                        | 34      | —                       | 1        | 5        | 7        | 10       | 11          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 14                                        | 14      | —                       | 2        | 1        | 5        | 2        | 4           |
| Interest . . . . . farms ..                                                           | 5 163                                     | 2 703   | 19                      | 130      | 469      | 635      | 675      | 775         |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 50 664                                    | 39 573  | 390                     | 1 971    | 6 678    | 12 863   | 8 513    | 9 159       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                              | 3 127                                     | 1 264   | 11                      | 57       | 211      | 256      | 316      | 413         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 1 593                                     | 1 040   | 2                       | 48       | 163      | 282      | 280      | 265         |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                        | 398                                       | 357     | 5                       | 22       | 93       | 85       | 66       | 86          |
| \$100,000 or more . . . . .                                                           | 45                                        | 42      | 1                       | 3        | 2        | 12       | 13       | 11          |
| Secured by real estate . . . . . farms ..                                             | 3 887                                     | 2 045   | 7                       | 93       | 336      | 490      | 525      | 594         |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 36 127                                    | 27 935  | 154                     | 1 158    | 4 704    | 9 147    | 6 290    | 6 483       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                | 689                                       | 263     | —                       | 8        | 14       | 55       | 73       | 113         |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                          | 1 633                                     | 702     | 1                       | 44       | 129      | 154      | 173      | 201         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 1 294                                     | 831     | 4                       | 29       | 128      | 224      | 227      | 219         |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                        | 181                                       | 166     | 2                       | 9        | 46       | 35       | 34       | 40          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 90                                        | 83      | —                       | 3        | 19       | 22       | 18       | 21          |
| Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms ..                                         | 2 551                                     | 1 509   | 15                      | 80       | 305      | 370      | 359      | 380         |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 14 537                                    | 11 638  | 236                     | 813      | 1 975    | 3 716    | 2 223    | 2 675       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                | 761                                       | 329     | 8                       | 1        | 72       | 46       | 122      | 80          |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                          | 1 141                                     | 641     | 2                       | 30       | 131      | 163      | 146      | 169         |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 552                                       | 448     | 2                       | 43       | 86       | 132      | 71       | 114         |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                        | 63                                        | 58      | 1                       | 4        | 14       | 19       | 14       | 6           |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 34                                        | 33      | 2                       | 2        | 2        | 10       | 6        | 11          |
| Cash rent . . . . . farms ..                                                          | 3 565                                     | 1 885   | 21                      | 124      | 281      | 405      | 427      | 627         |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 19 126                                    | 15 360  | 393                     | 896      | 3 167    | 3 683    | 4 099    | 3 122       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                              | 2 713                                     | 1 202   | 11                      | 63       | 138      | 205      | 282      | 503         |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                          | 405                                       | 289     | 1                       | 44       | 38       | 86       | 58       | 62          |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                        | 309                                       | 267     | 3                       | 10       | 72       | 88       | 57       | 37          |
| \$25,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 138                                       | 127     | 6                       | 7        | 33       | 26       | 30       | 25          |
| Property taxes . . . . . farms ..                                                     | 13 527                                    | 5 627   | 72                      | 209      | 620      | 937      | 1 330    | 2 459       |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 16 505                                    | 9 865   | 103                     | 307      | 1 399    | 2 360    | 2 079    | 3 618       |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                              | 13 082                                    | 5 294   | 67                      | 198      | 559      | 858      | 1 262    | 2 350       |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                          | 340                                       | 247     | 3                       | 8        | 47       | 56       | 53       | 80          |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                        | 85                                        | 68      | 2                       | 1        | 11       | 17       | 12       | 25          |
| \$25,000 or more . . . . .                                                            | 20                                        | 18      | —                       | 2        | 3        | 6        | 3        | 4           |
| All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms ..                                 | 12 863                                    | 5 546   | 66                      | 225      | 638      | 954      | 1 269    | 2 394       |
| \$1,000 ..                                                                            | 84 106                                    | 66 341  | 466                     | 2 523    | 12 410   | 18 852   | 14 576   | 17 515      |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                               |                                           |         |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                              | 10 359                                    | 3 642   | 46                      | 150      | 306      | 458      | 871      | 1 811       |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                         | 1 866                                     | 1 324   | 14                      | 56       | 220      | 332      | 272      | 430         |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                        | 332                                       | 302     | 5                       | 4        | 49       | 85       | 64       | 95          |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                        | 180                                       | 162     | 1                       | 12       | 36       | 49       | 38       | 26          |
| \$100,000 or more . . . . .                                                           | 126                                       | 116     | —                       | 3        | 27       | 30       | 24       | 32          |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                                                                  | Other occupations |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                                                       | Total             | Age of operator (years) |            |                |                |                |                |
|                                                                                                       |                   | Under 25                | 25 to 34   | 35 to 44       | 45 to 54       | 55 to 64       | 65 and over    |
| <b>FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>                                                           |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| —Con.                                                                                                 |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| Total farm production expenses—Con.                                                                   |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| Electricity . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                                     | 3 574<br>2 934    | 29<br>18                | 207<br>150 | 835<br>475     | 1 095<br>1 356 | 786<br>487     | 622<br>449     |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                                | 3 017             | 21                      | 151        | 728            | 917            | 661            | 539            |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                          | 490               | 7                       | 46         | 98             | 151            | 119            | 69             |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 56                | 1                       | 10         | 8              | 18             | 5              | 14             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 5                 | —                       | —          | 1              | 4              | —              | —              |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 6                 | —                       | —          | —              | 5              | 1              | —              |
| Hired farm labor . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                                | 2 891<br>14 353   | 12<br>23                | 132<br>329 | 833<br>2 356   | 889<br>7 272   | 612<br>2 861   | 413<br>1 511   |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                              | 2 540             | 10                      | 111        | 755            | 755            | 544            | 365            |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 270               | 2                       | 20         | 57             | 110            | 47             | 34             |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 67                | —                       | 1          | 19             | 15             | 19             | 13             |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .                                                                      | 7                 | —                       | —          | 2              | 3              | 1              | 1              |
| \$250,000 or more . . . . .                                                                           | 7                 | —                       | —          | —              | 6              | 1              | —              |
| Workers by days worked:                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| 150 days or more . . . . . farms . . . . . workers . .                                                | 688<br>1 312      | 6<br>7                  | 34<br>34   | 210<br>358     | 210<br>521     | 145<br>263     | 83<br>129      |
| Less than 150 days . . . . . farms . . . . . workers . .                                              | 2 761<br>7 179    | 12<br>20                | 121<br>252 | 772<br>2 105   | 856<br>2 272   | 598<br>1 543   | 402<br>987     |
| Contract labor . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                                  | 838<br>1 866      | 2<br>(D)                | 42<br>(D)  | 198<br>438     | 312<br>523     | 177<br>591     | 107<br>243     |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                                | 454               | 1                       | 18         | 95             | 174            | 96             | 70             |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                          | 326               | 1                       | 21         | 86             | 129            | 62             | 27             |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 50                | —                       | 3          | 17             | 7              | 15             | 8              |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 5                 | —                       | —          | —              | 1              | 3              | 1              |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 3                 | —                       | —          | —              | 1              | 1              | 1              |
| Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                          | 6 097<br>11 984   | 35<br>87                | 375<br>486 | 1 415<br>2 620 | 1 966<br>4 534 | 1 300<br>2 370 | 1 006<br>1 888 |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                              | 5 639             | 30                      | 367        | 1 302          | 1 788          | 1 212          | 940            |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 432               | 5                       | 8          | 111            | 165            | 82             | 61             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 15                | —                       | —          | 1              | 5              | 6              | 3              |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 11                | —                       | —          | 1              | 8              | —              | 2              |
| Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . . | 2 333<br>3 097    | 16<br>11                | 139<br>167 | 589<br>922     | 734<br>888     | 561<br>747     | 294<br>362     |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                                | 1 496             | 16                      | 97         | 338            | 490            | 352            | 203            |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                          | 735               | —                       | 29         | 219            | 222            | 185            | 80             |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 100               | —                       | 13         | 31             | 21             | 24             | 11             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 2                 | —                       | —          | 1              | 1              | —              | —              |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | —                 | —                       | —          | —              | —              | —              | —              |
| Interest . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                                        | 2 460<br>11 090   | 20<br>35                | 149<br>471 | 750<br>2 866   | 807<br>4 377   | 458<br>2 241   | 276<br>1 100   |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                              | 1 863             | 19                      | 107        | 584            | 614            | 336            | 203            |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 553               | 1                       | 42         | 161            | 176            | 103            | 70             |
| \$25,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 41                | —                       | —          | 5              | 14             | 19             | 3              |
| \$100,000 or more . . . . .                                                                           | 3                 | —                       | —          | —              | 3              | —              | —              |
| Secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                          | 1 842<br>8 192    | 13<br>14                | 102<br>386 | 540<br>2 089   | 585<br>3 054   | 387<br>1 801   | 215<br>848     |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                                | 426               | 8                       | 33         | 117            | 138            | 81             | 49             |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                          | 931               | 5                       | 44         | 294            | 290            | 198            | 100            |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 463               | —                       | 25         | 126            | 150            | 96             | 66             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 15                | —                       | —          | 1              | 4              | 10             | —              |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 7                 | —                       | —          | 2              | 3              | 2              | —              |
| Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                      | 1 042<br>2 899    | 12<br>21                | 70<br>85   | 346<br>777     | 354<br>1 323   | 172<br>440     | 88<br>252      |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$999 . . . . .                                                                                | 432               | 10                      | 25         | 156            | 147            | 55             | 39             |
| \$1,000 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                          | 500               | 1                       | 43         | 160            | 167            | 90             | 39             |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 104               | 1                       | 2          | 28             | 38             | 26             | 9              |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 5                 | —                       | —          | 2              | 1              | 1              | 1              |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 1                 | —                       | —          | —              | 1              | —              | —              |
| Cash rent . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                                       | 1 680<br>3 767    | 2<br>(D)                | 105<br>(D) | 548<br>1 087   | 483<br>1 321   | 396<br>674     | 146<br>513     |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                              | 1 511             | 1                       | 103        | 471            | 443            | 374            | 119            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                                          | 116               | —                       | 1          | 69             | 19             | 16             | 11             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 42                | 1                       | 7          | 7              | 17             | 3              | 13             |
| \$25,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 11                | —                       | —          | 1              | 4              | 3              | 3              |
| Property taxes . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                                                  | 7 900<br>6 639    | 51<br>36                | 427<br>245 | 1 794<br>1 363 | 2 414<br>2 331 | 1 838<br>1 391 | 1 376<br>1 273 |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                              | 7 788             | 51                      | 425        | 1 766          | 2 369          | 1 824          | 1 353          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                                          | 93                | —                       | —          | 28             | 32             | 11             | 22             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 17                | —                       | 1          | —              | 12             | 3              | 1              |
| \$25,000 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 2                 | —                       | 1          | —              | 1              | —              | —              |
| All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms . . . . . \$1,000 . .                              | 7 317<br>17 765   | 55<br>94                | 420<br>653 | 1 796<br>4 004 | 2 194<br>7 373 | 1 582<br>3 402 | 1 270<br>2 238 |
| Farms with expenses of—                                                                               |                   |                         |            |                |                |                |                |
| \$1 to \$4,999 . . . . .                                                                              | 6 717             | 50                      | 388        | 1 649          | 2 007          | 1 455          | 1 168          |
| \$5,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .                                                                         | 542               | 5                       | 32         | 130            | 173            | 113            | 89             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 30                | —                       | —          | 7              | 6              | 6              | 11             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .                                                                        | 18                | —                       | —          | 8              | 2              | 6              | 2              |
| \$100,000 or more . . . . .                                                                           | 10                | —                       | —          | 2              | 6              | 2              | —              |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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| Item                                                                                                           | Total farming<br>and other<br>occupations | Farming   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                                                |                                           | Total     | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                                                |                                           |           | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| NET CASH RETURN FROM<br>AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR<br>THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT) <sup>1</sup>                        |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| All farms . . . . . number..                                                                                   | 14 178                                    | 5 797     | 76                      | 241      | 645      | 974      | 1 339    | 2 522       |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 160 519                                   | 142 947   | 3 258                   | 9 373    | 31 458   | 35 565   | 31 965   | 31 328      |
| Average per farm . . . . . dollars..                                                                           | 11 322                                    | 24 659    | 42 864                  | 38 893   | 48 773   | 36 514   | 23 873   | 12 422      |
| Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> . . . . . number..                                                           | 6 803                                     | 3 523     | 59                      | 128      | 407      | 643      | 800      | 1 486       |
| Average net gain . . . . . dollars..                                                                           | 34 700                                    | 54 754    | 56 762                  | 83 727   | 90 187   | 90 093   | 51 279   | 29 055      |
| Gain of—                                                                                                       |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Less than \$1,000 . . . . .                                                                                    | 1 102                                     | 306       | 7                       | 9        | 11       | 39       | 45       | 195         |
| \$1,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                                                   | 2 963                                     | 1 208     | 21                      | 30       | 87       | 140      | 274      | 656         |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                                 | 1 830                                     | 1 232     | 16                      | 50       | 181      | 231      | 276      | 478         |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                     | 908                                       | 777       | 15                      | 39       | 128      | 233      | 205      | 157         |
| Farms with net losses . . . . . number..                                                                       | 7 375                                     | 2 274     | 17                      | 113      | 238      | 331      | 539      | 1 036       |
| Average net loss . . . . . dollars..                                                                           | 10 244                                    | 21 967    | 5 371                   | 11 892   | 22 049   | 67 567   | 16 804   | 11 436      |
| Loss of—                                                                                                       |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Less than \$1,000 . . . . .                                                                                    | 1 526                                     | 375       | —                       | 18       | 13       | 40       | 75       | 229         |
| \$1,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                                                   | 4 629                                     | 1 313     | 17                      | 69       | 113      | 180      | 329      | 605         |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                                 | 1 100                                     | 495       | —                       | 22       | 94       | 80       | 116      | 183         |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                                     | 120                                       | 91        | —                       | 4        | 18       | 31       | 19       | 19          |
| GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND<br>OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME                                                           |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Government payments . . . . . farms..                                                                          | 2 284                                     | 1 374     | 15                      | 43       | 193      | 293      | 292      | 538         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 15 205                                    | 10 027    | 104                     | 230      | 1 981    | 2 260    | 1 765    | 3 687       |
| Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> . . . . . farms..                                                       | 2 887                                     | 1 447     | 25                      | 26       | 155      | 284      | 322      | 635         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 12 979                                    | 9 059     | 204                     | 234      | 1 162    | 3 012    | 1 744    | 2 703       |
| Customwork and other agricultural<br>services . . . . . farms..                                                | 1 023                                     | 537       | 12                      | 16       | 82       | 117      | 120      | 190         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 6 515                                     | 4 762     | 157                     | 69       | 624      | 1 605    | 1 033    | 1 274       |
| Gross cash rent or share payments . . . . . farms..                                                            | 1 105                                     | 428       | 14                      | 3        | 17       | 65       | 60       | 269         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 3 814                                     | 2 039     | (D)                     | (D)      | 92       | (D)      | 248      | 1 041       |
| Forest products, excluding Christmas<br>trees and maple products . . . . . farms..                             | 72                                        | 32        | —                       | —        | —        | 1        | 12       | 19          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 339                                       | 255       | —                       | —        | —        | (D)      | 188      | (D)         |
| Other farm-related income sources . . . . . farms..                                                            | 1 225                                     | 790       | 7                       | 9        | 80       | 160      | 225      | 309         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 2 311                                     | 2 002     | (D)                     | (D)      | 446      | 802      | 274      | (D)         |
| COMMODITY CREDIT<br>CORPORATION LOANS                                                                          |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total . . . . . farms..                                                                                        | 153                                       | 114       | 2                       | 6        | 26       | 32       | 25       | 23          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 2 938                                     | 2 528     | (D)                     | (D)      | 730      | 650      | 545      | 474         |
| Corn . . . . . farms..                                                                                         | 21                                        | 20        | —                       | —        | 7        | 5        | 4        | 4           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | (D)                                       | (D)       | —                       | —        | 17       | 9        | 83       | (D)         |
| Wheat . . . . . farms..                                                                                        | 108                                       | 73        | 2                       | 4        | 17       | 23       | 16       | 11          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 2 364                                     | 1 988     | (D)                     | (D)      | 654      | 585      | 442      | 250         |
| Soybeans . . . . . farms..                                                                                     | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Sorghum, barley, and oats . . . . . farms..                                                                    | 53                                        | 44        | 1                       | 4        | 9        | 11       | 8        | 11          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | 345                                       | 311       | (D)                     | (D)      | 58       | 56       | (D)      | 116         |
| Cotton . . . . . farms..                                                                                       | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower,<br>canola, other rapeseed, and mustard<br>seed . . . . . farms..          | 4                                         | 2         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | 1        | 1           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | (D)                                       | (D)       | —                       | —        | —        | —        | (D)      | (D)         |
| Peanuts, rice, and tobacco . . . . . farms..                                                                   | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                                      | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO<br>USE                                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total cropland . . . . . farms..                                                                               | 12 227                                    | 5 392     | 42                      | 200      | 629      | 897      | 1 191    | 2 433       |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 2 069 751                                 | 1 464 364 | 32 380                  | 49 346   | 234 797  | 354 515  | 291 893  | 501 433     |
| Harvested cropland . . . . . farms..                                                                           | 10 393                                    | 4 920     | 36                      | 182      | 580      | 823      | 1 088    | 2 211       |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 1 107 928                                 | 860 566   | 14 849                  | 33 350   | 144 505  | 220 378  | 188 526  | 258 958     |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                                      |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 49 acres . . . . .                                                                                        | 6 127                                     | 2 010     | 13                      | 46       | 162      | 214      | 422      | 1 153       |
| 50 to 99 acres . . . . .                                                                                       | 1 594                                     | 832       | 4                       | 42       | 82       | 126      | 195      | 383         |
| 100 to 199 acres . . . . .                                                                                     | 1 277                                     | 880       | 4                       | 41       | 115      | 160      | 209      | 351         |
| 200 to 499 acres . . . . .                                                                                     | 965                                       | 805       | 7                       | 38       | 139      | 214      | 174      | 233         |
| 500 to 999 acres . . . . .                                                                                     | 302                                       | 277       | 3                       | 11       | 61       | 72       | 68       | 62          |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres . . . . .                                                                                 | 95                                        | 86        | 4                       | 4        | 16       | 26       | 16       | 20          |
| 2,000 acres or more . . . . .                                                                                  | 33                                        | 30        | 1                       | —        | 5        | 11       | 4        | 9           |
| Cropland:                                                                                                      |                                           |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Pasture or grazing only . . . . . farms..                                                                      | 6 257                                     | 2 672     | 19                      | 89       | 301      | 448      | 590      | 1 225       |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 558 120                                   | 346 740   | 1 803                   | 8 837    | 44 658   | 72 095   | 63 190   | 156 157     |
| In cover crops, legumes, and soil-<br>improvement grasses, not harvested<br>and not pastured . . . . . farms.. | 583                                       | 273       | 1                       | 7        | 40       | 47       | 68       | 110         |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 129 290                                   | 63 981    | (D)                     | (D)      | 14 395   | 13 839   | 11 679   | 23 845      |
| On which all crops failed . . . . . farms..                                                                    | 295                                       | 142       | 2                       | 7        | 26       | 27       | 25       | 55          |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 18 411                                    | 14 976    | (D)                     | (D)      | 2 156    | 1 689    | 1 813    | 4 243       |
| In cultivated summer fallow . . . . . farms..                                                                  | 689                                       | 420       | 7                       | 19       | 61       | 70       | 85       | 178         |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 138 188                                   | 106 275   | 9 932                   | 4 262    | 20 045   | 23 715   | 18 852   | 29 469      |
| Idle . . . . . farms..                                                                                         | 1 393                                     | 659       | 5                       | 23       | 84       | 119      | 145      | 283         |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 117 814                                   | 71 826    | (D)                     | (D)      | 9 038    | 22 799   | 7 833    | 28 761      |
| Total woodland . . . . . farms..                                                                               | 629                                       | 321       | 2                       | 12       | 30       | 64       | 70       | 143         |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 357 546                                   | 234 127   | (D)                     | (D)      | 35 969   | 60 512   | 46 924   | 82 750      |
| Woodland pastured . . . . . farms..                                                                            | 405                                       | 221       | 2                       | 10       | 18       | 47       | 45       | 99          |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 232 224                                   | 179 155   | (D)                     | (D)      | (D)      | 47 368   | 34 701   | 58 712      |
| Woodland not pastured . . . . . farms..                                                                        | 288                                       | 134       | —                       | —        | 14       | 24       | 32       | 60          |
| acres..                                                                                                        | 125 322                                   | 54 972    | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | 13 144   | 12 223   | 24 038      |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                                                            | Other occupations |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                                 | Total             | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                                 |                   | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT) <sup>1</sup>               |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| All farms . . . . .                                                                             | number.. 8 381    | 61                      | 508      | 1 996    | 2 520    | 1 864    | 1 432       |
| Average per farm . . . . .                                                                      | \$1,000.. 17 572  | 309                     | 3 000    | 1 454    | 9 747    | 189      | 2 871       |
|                                                                                                 | dollars.. 2 097   | 5 070                   | 5 906    | 728      | 3 868    | 102      | 2 005       |
| Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> . . . . .                                                     | number.. 3 280    | 23                      | 266      | 719      | 982      | 645      | 645         |
| Average net gain . . . . .                                                                      | dollars.. 13 161  | 22 398                  | 14 275   | 11 639   | 18 244   | 10 244   | 9 246       |
| Gain of—                                                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Less than \$1,000 . . . . .                                                                     | 796               | 6                       | 53       | 179      | 223      | 140      | 195         |
| \$1,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                                    | 1 755             | 8                       | 175      | 379      | 491      | 383      | 319         |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                  | 598               | 8                       | 36       | 136      | 225      | 82       | 111         |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                      | 131               | 1                       | 2        | 25       | 43       | 40       | 20          |
| Farms with net losses . . . . .                                                                 | number.. 5 101    | 38                      | 242      | 1 277    | 1 538    | 1 219    | 787         |
| Average net loss . . . . .                                                                      | dollars.. 5 018   | 5 419                   | 3 292    | 5 415    | 5 311    | 5 265    | 3 929       |
| Loss of—                                                                                        |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Less than \$1,000 . . . . .                                                                     | 1 151             | —                       | 60       | 270      | 334      | 248      | 239         |
| \$1,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .                                                                    | 3 316             | 34                      | 176      | 810      | 994      | 818      | 484         |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .                                                                  | 605               | 4                       | 6        | 191      | 200      | 141      | 63          |
| \$50,000 or more . . . . .                                                                      | 29                | —                       | —        | 6        | 10       | 12       | 1           |
| GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME                                               |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Government payments . . . . .                                                                   | farms.. 910       | 2                       | 33       | 194      | 266      | 248      | 167         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 5 178             | (D)                     | (D)      | 652      | 1 342    | 1 411    | 1 564       |
| Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> . . . . .                                                | farms.. 1 440     | 6                       | 74       | 286      | 421      | 393      | 260         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 3 920             | 18                      | 481      | 622      | 1 083    | 1 061    | 655         |
| Customwork and other agricultural services . . . . .                                            | farms.. 486       | —                       | 39       | 145      | 150      | 94       | 58          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 1 753             | —                       | 409      | 355      | 509      | 298      | 182         |
| Gross cash rent or share payments . . . . .                                                     | farms.. 677       | 6                       | 16       | 83       | 154      | 212      | 206         |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 1 775             | 18                      | 69       | 159      | 380      | 685      | 463         |
| Forest products, excluding Christmas trees and maple products . . . . .                         | farms.. 40        | —                       | 7        | 7        | 26       | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 83                | —                       | 2        | 42       | 39       | —        | —           |
| Other farm-related income sources . . . . .                                                     | farms.. 435       | —                       | 12       | 101      | 137      | 139      | 46          |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 308               | —                       | (Z)      | 66       | 155      | 78       | 10          |
| COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS                                                              |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total . . . . .                                                                                 | farms.. 39        | —                       | 4        | 12       | 15       | 5        | 3           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 410               | —                       | 16       | 120      | 141      | (D)      | (D)         |
| Corn . . . . .                                                                                  | farms.. 1         | —                       | 1        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | (D)               | —                       | (D)      | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Wheat . . . . .                                                                                 | farms.. 35        | —                       | 4        | 11       | 13       | 4        | 3           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 376               | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | 116      | (D)      | (D)         |
| Soybeans . . . . .                                                                              | farms.. —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Sorghum, barley, and oats . . . . .                                                             | farms.. 9         | —                       | —        | 4        | 4        | 1        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | 33                | —                       | —        | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | —           |
| Cotton . . . . .                                                                                | farms.. —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Sunflower seed, flaxseed, safflower, canola, other rapeseed, and mustard seed . . . . .         | farms.. 2         | —                       | —        | —        | 2        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | (D)               | —                       | —        | —        | (D)      | —        | —           |
| Peanuts, rice, and tobacco . . . . .                                                            | farms.. —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| \$1,000..                                                                                       | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE                                                                  |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Total cropland . . . . .                                                                        | farms.. 6 835     | 30                      | 356      | 1 602    | 2 034    | 1 661    | 1 152       |
| acres..                                                                                         | 605 387           | 1 617                   | 26 023   | 119 153  | 193 182  | 159 245  | 106 167     |
| Harvested cropland . . . . .                                                                    | farms.. 5 473     | 24                      | 265      | 1 276    | 1 686    | 1 336    | 886         |
| acres..                                                                                         | 247 362           | 1 046                   | 11 470   | 57 393   | 82 034   | 61 648   | 33 771      |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                       |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 49 acres . . . . .                                                                         | 4 117             | 16                      | 198      | 939      | 1 237    | 999      | 728         |
| 50 to 99 acres . . . . .                                                                        | 762               | 4                       | 35       | 179      | 260      | 186      | 98          |
| 100 to 199 acres . . . . .                                                                      | 397               | 4                       | 24       | 110      | 130      | 96       | 33          |
| 200 to 499 acres . . . . .                                                                      | 160               | —                       | 7        | 41       | 46       | 48       | 18          |
| 500 to 999 acres . . . . .                                                                      | 25                | —                       | 1        | 6        | 6        | 5        | 7           |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres . . . . .                                                                  | 9                 | —                       | —        | 1        | 5        | 1        | 2           |
| 2,000 acres or more . . . . .                                                                   | 3                 | —                       | —        | —        | 2        | 1        | —           |
| Cropland:                                                                                       |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Pasture or grazing only . . . . .                                                               | farms.. 3 585     | 11                      | 188      | 867      | 1 071    | 881      | 567         |
| acres..                                                                                         | 211 380           | (D)                     | (D)      | 43 834   | 64 579   | 60 152   | 32 355      |
| In cover crops, legumes, and soil-improvement grasses, not harvested and not pastured . . . . . | farms.. 310       | —                       | 11       | 53       | 94       | 82       | 70          |
| acres..                                                                                         | 65 309            | —                       | 2 475    | 3 622    | 22 375   | 16 509   | 20 328      |
| On which all crops failed . . . . .                                                             | farms.. 153       | 2                       | 13       | 34       | 48       | 41       | 15          |
| acres..                                                                                         | 3 435             | (D)                     | (D)      | 946      | 690      | 700      | 819         |
| In cultivated summer fallow . . . . .                                                           | farms.. 269       | —                       | 10       | 54       | 84       | 71       | 50          |
| acres..                                                                                         | 31 913            | —                       | 940      | 4 147    | 12 816   | 7 112    | 6 898       |
| Idle . . . . .                                                                                  | farms.. 734       | —                       | 32       | 153      | 203      | 199      | 147         |
| acres..                                                                                         | 45 988            | —                       | 969      | 9 211    | 10 688   | 13 124   | 11 996      |
| Total woodland . . . . .                                                                        | farms.. 308       | 2                       | 14       | 63       | 80       | 77       | 72          |
| acres..                                                                                         | 123 419           | (D)                     | (D)      | 10 364   | 17 282   | 78 795   | 16 149      |
| Woodland pastured . . . . .                                                                     | farms.. 184       | 2                       | 10       | 37       | 51       | 41       | 43          |
| acres..                                                                                         | 53 069            | (D)                     | (D)      | 7 188    | 11 053   | 20 874   | (D)         |
| Woodland not pastured . . . . .                                                                 | farms.. 154       | —                       | 4        | 30       | 34       | 45       | 41          |
| acres..                                                                                         | 70 350            | —                       | (D)      | 3 176    | 6 229    | 57 921   | (D)         |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                                              | Total farming and other occupations | Farming   |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                                                   |                                     | Total     | Age of operator (years) |          |          |           |           |             |
|                                                                                   |                                     |           | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54  | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.                                               |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..  | 4 619                               | 2 362     | 17                      | 95       | 270      | 429       | 508       | 1 043       |
| acres..                                                                           | 9 247 212                           | 6 185 178 | 4 451                   | 306 357  | 399 797  | 1 053 440 | 3 021 024 | 1 400 109   |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..                    | 6 800                               | 3 073     | 26                      | 89       | 403      | 538       | 689       | 1 328       |
| acres..                                                                           | 350 152                             | 268 845   | (D)                     | (D)      | 31 999   | 43 973    | 115 991   | 70 048      |
| Irrigated land ..... farms..                                                      | 11 291                              | 5 047     | 38                      | 190      | 583      | 847       | 1 102     | 2 287       |
| acres..                                                                           | 1 212 201                           | 914 815   | 11 738                  | 35 424   | 132 097  | 232 008   | 200 579   | 302 965     |
| Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..                                        | 9 599                               | 4 630     | 34                      | 176      | 541      | 784       | 1 009     | 2 086       |
| acres..                                                                           | 872 322                             | 685 525   | 11 265                  | 28 979   | 109 643  | 174 710   | 150 088   | 210 840     |
| Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..                                    | 5 352                               | 2 214     | 12                      | 78       | 240      | 368       | 497       | 1 019       |
| acres..                                                                           | 339 879                             | 229 290   | 473                     | 6 445    | 22 454   | 57 298    | 50 491    | 92 129      |
| Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..        | 845                                 | 421       | 3                       | 9        | 60       | 66        | 89        | 194         |
| acres..                                                                           | 228 701                             | 129 511   | 305                     | 2 255    | 27 637   | 24 774    | 18 726    | 55 814      |
| VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS <sup>1</sup>                                          |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..                         | 14 178                              | 5 797     | 76                      | 241      | 645      | 974       | 1 339     | 2 522       |
| \$1,000..                                                                         | 6 893 843                           | 4 347 949 | 46 128                  | 215 722  | 536 544  | 953 825   | 1 282 201 | 1 313 529   |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                  | 486 235                             | 750 034   | 606 945                 | 895 113  | 831 851  | 979 286   | 957 581   | 520 828     |
| Average per acre ..... dollars..                                                  | 575                                 | 535       | 1 090                   | 527      | 806      | 663       | 364       | 642         |
| Farms by value group:                                                             |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| \$1 to \$39,999 ..... farms..                                                     | 1 965                               | 477       | 15                      | 19       | 32       | 76        | 86        | 249         |
| \$40,000 to \$69,999 ..... farms..                                                | 1 233                               | 352       | 1                       | 19       | 42       | 44        | 85        | 161         |
| \$70,000 to \$99,999 ..... farms..                                                | 1 079                               | 331       | 1                       | 8        | 59       | 49        | 36        | 178         |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 ..... farms..                                              | 1 670                               | 494       | 6                       | 19       | 38       | 52        | 152       | 227         |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 ..... farms..                                              | 1 344                               | 455       | —                       | 21       | 43       | 71        | 98        | 222         |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999 ..... farms..                                              | 3 825                               | 1 650     | 34                      | 48       | 153      | 211       | 421       | 783         |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 ..... farms..                                              | 1 796                               | 1 072     | 9                       | 64       | 113      | 240       | 250       | 396         |
| \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 ..... farms..                                          | 809                                 | 605       | 4                       | 23       | 110      | 137       | 113       | 218         |
| \$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 ..... farms..                                          | 336                                 | 270       | 5                       | 12       | 42       | 71        | 78        | 62          |
| \$5,000,000 or more ..... farms..                                                 | 121                                 | 91        | 1                       | 8        | 13       | 23        | 20        | 26          |
| VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT <sup>1</sup>                                     |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..               | 14 178                              | 5 797     | 76                      | 241      | 645      | 974       | 1 339     | 2 522       |
| \$1,000..                                                                         | 725 177                             | 455 963   | 7 325                   | 17 993   | 78 506   | 100 303   | 104 209   | 147 629     |
| Farms by value group:                                                             |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 ..... farms..                                                      | 1 330                               | 297       | —                       | 13       | 13       | 39        | 37        | 195         |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 ..... farms..                                                  | 2 107                               | 592       | 4                       | 30       | 13       | 80        | 96        | 369         |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 ..... farms..                                                | 2 585                               | 745       | —                       | 15       | 87       | 76        | 177       | 390         |
| \$20,000 to \$49,999 ..... farms..                                                | 4 150                               | 1 575     | 31                      | 71       | 112      | 225       | 433       | 703         |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 ..... farms..                                                | 1 944                               | 1 106     | 17                      | 51       | 126      | 228       | 262       | 422         |
| \$100,000 to \$199,999 ..... farms..                                              | 1 222                               | 861       | 15                      | 37       | 146      | 162       | 224       | 277         |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999 ..... farms..                                              | 757                                 | 545       | 8                       | 22       | 133      | 143       | 95        | 144         |
| \$500,000 or more ..... farms..                                                   | 83                                  | 76        | 1                       | 2        | 15       | 21        | 15        | 22          |
| SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT <sup>1</sup>                                     |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Motortrucks, including pickups ..... farms..                                      | 12 965                              | 5 525     | 69                      | 241      | 634      | 950       | 1 288     | 2 343       |
| number..                                                                          | 28 000                              | 15 160    | 167                     | 583      | 2 078    | 2 994     | 3 551     | 5 787       |
| Wheel tractors ..... farms..                                                      | 11 729                              | 5 028     | 75                      | 162      | 560      | 849       | 1 179     | 2 203       |
| number..                                                                          | 23 680                              | 12 473    | 207                     | 411      | 1 589    | 2 214     | 2 853     | 5 199       |
| Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..                                       | 6 039                               | 2 298     | 31                      | 57       | 178      | 342       | 511       | 1 179       |
| number..                                                                          | 7 995                               | 3 333     | 55                      | 86       | 283      | 464       | 755       | 1 690       |
| 40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..                                         | 8 452                               | 4 118     | 69                      | 135      | 521      | 699       | 982       | 1 712       |
| number..                                                                          | 15 685                              | 9 140     | 152                     | 325      | 1 306    | 1 750     | 2 098     | 3 509       |
| 40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..                                           | 7 496                               | 3 672     | 55                      | 116      | 475      | 613       | 888       | 1 525       |
| number..                                                                          | 11 718                              | 6 479     | 91                      | 211      | 810      | 1 188     | 1 486     | 2 693       |
| 100 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..                                        | 2 678                               | 1 612     | 32                      | 76       | 279      | 313       | 376       | 536         |
| number..                                                                          | 3 967                               | 2 661     | 61                      | 114      | 496      | 562       | 612       | 816         |
| Grain and bean combines ..... farms..                                             | 1 371                               | 901       | 23                      | 20       | 141      | 168       | 188       | 361         |
| number..                                                                          | 1 571                               | 1 054     | 23                      | 21       | 183      | 196       | 206       | 425         |
| Cotton pickers and strippers ..... farms..                                        | —                                   | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| number..                                                                          | —                                   | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Mower conditioners ..... farms..                                                  | 5 719                               | 3 018     | 33                      | 94       | 388      | 510       | 733       | 1 260       |
| number..                                                                          | 6 306                               | 3 415     | 37                      | 112      | 419      | 597       | 828       | 1 422       |
| Pickup balers ..... farms..                                                       | 6 167                               | 3 230     | 39                      | 94       | 390      | 516       | 783       | 1 408       |
| number..                                                                          | 7 193                               | 3 937     | 42                      | 121      | 474      | 659       | 939       | 1 702       |
| AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS <sup>1</sup>                                               |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..                                               | 7 033                               | 3 421     | 44                      | 151      | 419      | 542       | 830       | 1 435       |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 687 970                             | 538 186   | 8 753                   | 18 284   | 100 245  | 127 231   | 114 248   | 169 425     |
| Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—                             |                                     |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..                                      | 2 512                               | 1 383     | 13                      | 74       | 183      | 275       | 344       | 494         |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 224 632                             | 183 267   | 979                     | 7 476    | 31 419   | 52 629    | 48 810    | 41 954      |
| Nematodes in crops ..... farms..                                                  | 82                                  | 47        | —                       | —        | 15       | 9         | 14        | 9           |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 4 713                               | 3 082     | —                       | —        | 1 235    | 669       | 852       | 326         |
| Diseases in crops and orchards ..... farms..                                      | 353                                 | 185       | —                       | 5        | 24       | 37        | 59        | 60          |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 10 333                              | 8 295     | —                       | (D)      | 1 663    | (D)       | 2 793     | 2 344       |
| Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..                         | 3 636                               | 1 942     | 28                      | 108      | 278      | 335       | 392       | 801         |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 331 033                             | 268 460   | 5 859                   | 8 224    | 65 870   | 65 765    | 48 981    | 73 761      |
| Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms.. | 193                                 | 100       | 1                       | 3        | 11       | 28        | 26        | 31          |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 6 140                               | 5 147     | (D)                     | (D)      | 733      | 2 497     | 857       | 896         |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                                              | Other occupations |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                                                   | Total             | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |           |             |
|                                                                                   |                   | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE—Con.                                               |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured..... farms..  | 2 257             | 20                      | 134      | 518      | 690      | 559       | 336         |
| acres..                                                                           | 3 062 034         | 14 853                  | 52 689   | 181 494  | 328 223  | 2 270 156 | 214 619     |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. .... farms..                    | 3 727             | 14                      | 203      | 949      | 1 118    | 834       | 609         |
| acres..                                                                           | 81 307            | (D)                     | (D)      | 14 367   | 19 320   | 25 809    | 19 303      |
| Irrigated land ..... farms..                                                      | 6 244             | 24                      | 328      | 1 497    | 1 880    | 1 513     | 1 002       |
| acres..                                                                           | 297 386           | 1 278                   | 15 263   | 71 237   | 88 930   | 82 874    | 37 804      |
| Harvested cropland irrigated ..... farms..                                        | 4 969             | 18                      | 241      | 1 165    | 1 537    | 1 197     | 811         |
| acres..                                                                           | 186 797           | 730                     | 9 254    | 46 023   | 58 826   | 47 967    | 23 997      |
| Pasture and other land irrigated ..... farms..                                    | 3 138             | 10                      | 180      | 772      | 953      | 781       | 442         |
| acres..                                                                           | 110 589           | 548                     | 6 009    | 25 214   | 30 104   | 34 907    | 13 807      |
| Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs ..... farms..        | 424               | 1                       | 11       | 63       | 110      | 127       | 112         |
| acres..                                                                           | 99 190            | (D)                     | (D)      | 7 661    | 25 235   | 27 848    | 34 903      |
| VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS <sup>1</sup>                                          |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings..... farms..                         | 8 381             | 61                      | 508      | 1 996    | 2 520    | 1 864     | 1 432       |
| \$1,000..                                                                         | 2 545 894         | 42 249                  | 89 914   | 469 339  | 740 521  | 852 846   | 351 024     |
| Average per farm ..... dollars..                                                  | 303 770           | 692 614                 | 176 997  | 235 140  | 293 857  | 457 536   | 245 128     |
| Average per acre ..... dollars..                                                  | 659               | 845                     | 1 362    | 1 527    | 1 313    | 344       | 891         |
| Farms by value group:                                                             |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| \$1 to \$39,999 ..... farms..                                                     | 1 488             | 25                      | 164      | 380      | 310      | 269       | 340         |
| \$40,000 to \$69,999 ..... farms..                                                | 881               | —                       | 56       | 183      | 273      | 168       | 201         |
| \$70,000 to \$99,999 ..... farms..                                                | 748               | —                       | 64       | 194      | 173      | 178       | 139         |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 ..... farms..                                              | 1 176             | 6                       | 48       | 307      | 336      | 272       | 207         |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 ..... farms..                                              | 889               | —                       | 43       | 218      | 308      | 211       | 109         |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999 ..... farms..                                              | 2 175             | 10                      | 108      | 504      | 789      | 492       | 272         |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 ..... farms..                                              | 724               | 6                       | 10       | 138      | 255      | 207       | 108         |
| \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999 ..... farms..                                          | 204               | 8                       | 13       | 57       | 44       | 41        | 41          |
| \$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999 ..... farms..                                          | 66                | 6                       | —        | 14       | 21       | 15        | 10          |
| \$5,000,000 or more ..... farms..                                                 | 30                | —                       | 2        | 1        | 11       | 11        | 5           |
| VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT <sup>1</sup>                                     |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ..... farms..               | 8 381             | 61                      | 508      | 1 996    | 2 520    | 1 864     | 1 432       |
| \$1,000..                                                                         | 269 214           | 1 982                   | 14 068   | 68 746   | 82 392   | 55 680    | 46 346      |
| Farms by value group:                                                             |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| \$1 to \$4,999 ..... farms..                                                      | 1 033             | 6                       | 58       | 239      | 376      | 211       | 143         |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 ..... farms..                                                  | 1 515             | 22                      | 94       | 381      | 384      | 351       | 283         |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 ..... farms..                                                | 1 840             | 10                      | 114      | 383      | 579      | 443       | 311         |
| \$20,000 to \$49,999 ..... farms..                                                | 2 575             | 6                       | 174      | 612      | 729      | 580       | 474         |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 ..... farms..                                                | 838               | 10                      | 44       | 243      | 281      | 170       | 90          |
| \$100,000 to \$199,999 ..... farms..                                              | 361               | 7                       | 22       | 64       | 97       | 69        | 102         |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999 ..... farms..                                              | 212               | —                       | 2        | 73       | 70       | 39        | 28          |
| \$500,000 or more ..... farms..                                                   | 7                 | —                       | —        | 1        | 4        | 1         | 1           |
| SELECTED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT <sup>1</sup>                                     |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Motortrucks, including pickups..... farms..                                       | 7 440             | 54                      | 503      | 1 801    | 2 185    | 1 607     | 1 290       |
| number..                                                                          | 12 840            | 103                     | 800      | 3 042    | 3 919    | 2 850     | 2 126       |
| Wheel tractors..... farms..                                                       | 6 701             | 53                      | 332      | 1 486    | 2 092    | 1 591     | 1 147       |
| number..                                                                          | 11 207            | 89                      | 514      | 2 456    | 3 574    | 2 673     | 1 901       |
| Less than 40 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..                                       | 3 741             | 15                      | 146      | 870      | 1 115    | 923       | 672         |
| number..                                                                          | 4 662             | 15                      | 163      | 1 041    | 1 417    | 1 191     | 835         |
| 40 horsepower (PTO) or more ..... farms..                                         | 4 334             | 38                      | 237      | 977      | 1 345    | 1 015     | 722         |
| number..                                                                          | 6 545             | 74                      | 351      | 1 415    | 2 157    | 1 482     | 1 066       |
| 40 to 99 horsepower (PTO) ..... farms..                                           | 3 824             | 38                      | 191      | 853      | 1 228    | 888       | 626         |
| number..                                                                          | 5 239             | 69                      | 252      | 1 128    | 1 762    | 1 149     | 879         |
| 100 horsepower (PTO) or more..... farms..                                         | 1 066             | 5                       | 77       | 219      | 321      | 293       | 151         |
| number..                                                                          | 1 306             | 5                       | 99       | 287      | 395      | 333       | 187         |
| Grain and bean combines..... farms..                                              | 470               | —                       | 36       | 108      | 142      | 111       | 73          |
| number..                                                                          | 517               | —                       | 36       | 113      | 157      | 125       | 86          |
| Cotton pickers and strippers..... farms..                                         | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| number..                                                                          | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| Mower conditioners ..... farms..                                                  | 2 701             | 16                      | 117      | 528      | 907      | 723       | 410         |
| number..                                                                          | 2 891             | 16                      | 118      | 569      | 988      | 757       | 443         |
| Pickup balers..... farms..                                                        | 2 937             | 9                       | 173      | 592      | 944      | 750       | 469         |
| number..                                                                          | 3 256             | 9                       | 186      | 666      | 1 037    | 834       | 524         |
| AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS <sup>1</sup>                                               |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Commercial fertilizer ..... farms..                                               | 3 612             | 25                      | 161      | 828      | 1 163    | 857       | 578         |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 149 784           | 1 487                   | 6 602    | 34 565   | 54 306   | 32 172    | 20 652      |
| Sprays, dusts, granules, fumigants, etc., to control—                             |                   |                         |          |          |          |           |             |
| Insects on hay and other crops ..... farms..                                      | 1 129             | 5                       | 75       | 208      | 459      | 219       | 163         |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 41 365            | 322                     | 2 648    | 9 283    | 16 779   | 7 810     | 4 523       |
| Nematodes in crops ..... farms..                                                  | 35                | —                       | —        | 14       | 20       | —         | 1           |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 1 631             | —                       | —        | (D)      | 929      | —         | (D)         |
| Diseases in crops and orchards..... farms..                                       | 168               | —                       | 8        | 38       | 36       | 41        | 45          |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 2 038             | —                       | 35       | 367      | 907      | 429       | 300         |
| Weeds, grass, or brush in crops and pasture ..... farms..                         | 1 694             | 13                      | 112      | 392      | 504      | 424       | 249         |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 62 573            | 345                     | 1 746    | 19 589   | 18 428   | 13 000    | 9 465       |
| Chemicals used on crops to control growth, thin fruit, or defoliate ..... farms.. | 93                | —                       | —        | 19       | 33       | 22        | 19          |
| acres on which used..                                                             | 993               | —                       | —        | 258      | 134      | 575       | 26          |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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| Item                                                                 | Total farming<br>and other<br>occupations | Farming   |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                                      |                                           | Total     | Age of operator (years) |          |          |           |           |             |
|                                                                      |                                           |           | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54  | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR                                          |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| All operators .....                                                  | 14 181                                    | 5 987     | 50                      | 247      | 706      | 1 011     | 1 322     | 2 651       |
| Full owners .....                                                    | 8 924                                     | 3 448     | 22                      | 86       | 318      | 467       | 749       | 1 806       |
| Part owners .....                                                    | 4 282                                     | 2 204     | 17                      | 91       | 306      | 484       | 525       | 781         |
| Tenants .....                                                        | 975                                       | 335       | 11                      | 70       | 82       | 60        | 48        | 64          |
| White .....                                                          | 14 067                                    | 5 920     | 50                      | 241      | 696      | 1 005     | 1 308     | 2 620       |
| Full owners .....                                                    | 8 856                                     | 3 413     | 22                      | 85       | 312      | 465       | 741       | 1 788       |
| Part owners .....                                                    | 4 251                                     | 2 183     | 17                      | 88       | 305      | 481       | 520       | 772         |
| Tenants .....                                                        | 960                                       | 324       | 11                      | 68       | 79       | 59        | 47        | 60          |
| Black and other races .....                                          | 114                                       | 67        | —                       | 6        | 10       | 6         | 14        | 31          |
| Full owners .....                                                    | 68                                        | 35        | —                       | 1        | 6        | 2         | 8         | 18          |
| Part owners .....                                                    | 31                                        | 21        | —                       | 3        | 1        | 3         | 5         | 9           |
| Tenants .....                                                        | 15                                        | 11        | —                       | 2        | 3        | 1         | 1         | 4           |
| OWNED AND RENTED LAND                                                |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Land owned..... farms..                                              | 13 230                                    | 5 657     | 39                      | 177      | 625      | 952       | 1 275     | 2 589       |
| acres..                                                              | 10 170 410                                | 6 648 475 | (D)                     | (D)      | 425 908  | 1 186 720 | 3 133 281 | 1 644 579   |
| Owned land in farms .....                                            | 13 206                                    | 5 652     | 39                      | 177      | 624      | 951       | 1 274     | 2 587       |
| acres..                                                              | 9 787 611                                 | 6 450 694 | 11 586                  | 245 210  | 413 103  | 1 126 753 | 3 110 143 | 1 543 899   |
| Land rented or leased from others .....                              | 5 303                                     | 2 554     | 28                      | 161      | 390      | 544       | 578       | 853         |
| farms..                                                              | 2 279 603                                 | 1 718 986 | 26 277                  | 124 407  | 290 377  | 386 553   | 374 435   | 516 937     |
| landlords..                                                          | 11 124                                    | 6 339     | 78                      | 370      | 1 065    | 1 390     | 1 444     | 1 992       |
| Rented or leased land in farms .....                                 | 5 257                                     | 2 539     | 28                      | 161      | 388      | 544       | 573       | 845         |
| farms..                                                              | 2 237 050                                 | 1 701 820 | 26 277                  | 124 267  | 289 459  | 385 687   | 365 689   | 510 441     |
| acres..                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Land rented or leased to others..... farms..                         | 1 330                                     | 535       | 2                       | 12       | 41       | 72        | 100       | 308         |
| acres..                                                              | 425 352                                   | 214 947   | (D)                     | (D)      | 13 723   | 60 833    | 31 884    | 107 176     |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS                                             |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Operators by place of residence:                                     |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| On farm operated .....                                               | 9 194                                     | 4 229     | 27                      | 147      | 484      | 712       | 956       | 1 903       |
| Not on farm operated .....                                           | 4 206                                     | 1 364     | 20                      | 90       | 178      | 226       | 288       | 562         |
| Not reported .....                                                   | 781                                       | 394       | 3                       | 10       | 44       | 73        | 78        | 186         |
| Operators by principal occupation:                                   |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Farming .....                                                        | 5 987                                     | 5 987     | 50                      | 247      | 706      | 1 011     | 1 322     | 2 651       |
| Other .....                                                          | 8 194                                     | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Operators by days worked off farm:                                   |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| None .....                                                           | 4 842                                     | 3 852     | 25                      | 99       | 352      | 541       | 816       | 2 019       |
| Any .....                                                            | 8 726                                     | 1 522     | 21                      | 130      | 308      | 385       | 380       | 298         |
| 1 to 99 days .....                                                   | 1 222                                     | 667       | 9                       | 52       | 130      | 133       | 172       | 171         |
| 100 to 199 days .....                                                | 1 438                                     | 396       | 7                       | 28       | 75       | 115       | 108       | 63          |
| 200 days or more .....                                               | 6 066                                     | 459       | 5                       | 50       | 103      | 137       | 100       | 64          |
| Not reported .....                                                   | 613                                       | 613       | 4                       | 18       | 46       | 85        | 126       | 334         |
| Operators by years on present farm:                                  |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| 2 years or less .....                                                | 655                                       | 184       | 8                       | 28       | 40       | 34        | 39        | 35          |
| 3 or 4 years .....                                                   | 974                                       | 228       | 11                      | 42       | 54       | 57        | 42        | 22          |
| 5 to 9 years .....                                                   | 2 094                                     | 538       | 3                       | 74       | 140      | 108       | 107       | 106         |
| 10 years or more .....                                               | 8 172                                     | 3 974     | —                       | 57       | 356      | 659       | 914       | 1 988       |
| Average years on present farm .....                                  | 20.5                                      | 26.6      | 3.2                     | 7.1      | 12.5     | 18.4      | 24.8      | 36.6        |
| Not reported .....                                                   | 2 286                                     | 1 063     | 28                      | 46       | 116      | 153       | 220       | 500         |
| Operators by age group:                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Under 25 years .....                                                 | 96                                        | 50        | 50                      | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| 25 to 34 years .....                                                 | 712                                       | 247       | —                       | 247      | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| 35 to 44 years .....                                                 | 2 669                                     | 706       | —                       | —        | 706      | —         | —         | —           |
| 45 to 49 years .....                                                 | 1 710                                     | 514       | —                       | —        | —        | 514       | —         | —           |
| 50 to 54 years .....                                                 | 1 715                                     | 497       | —                       | —        | —        | 497       | —         | —           |
| 55 to 59 years .....                                                 | 1 602                                     | 547       | —                       | —        | —        | —         | 547       | —           |
| 60 to 64 years .....                                                 | 1 665                                     | 775       | —                       | —        | —        | —         | 775       | —           |
| 65 to 69 years .....                                                 | 1 470                                     | 906       | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | 906         |
| 70 years and over .....                                              | 2 542                                     | 1 745     | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | 1 745       |
| Average age .....                                                    | 55.4                                      | 60.0      | 21.6                    | 30.6     | 39.9     | 49.4      | 60.0      | 72.9        |
| Operators by sex:                                                    |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Male .....                                                           | 13 449                                    | 5 681     | 50                      | 235      | 664      | 948       | 1 264     | 2 520       |
| Female .....                                                         | 732                                       | 306       | —                       | 12       | 42       | 63        | 58        | 131         |
| Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) .....    | 120                                       | 55        | 1                       | 7        | 10       | 8         | 8         | 21          |
| FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION                                        |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Individual or family (sole proprietorship)..... farms..              | 11 503                                    | 4 507     | 37                      | 183      | 478      | 707       | 1 024     | 2 078       |
| acres..                                                              | 3 988 575                                 | 2 896 866 | 25 437                  | 83 786   | 289 746  | 562 937   | 752 322   | 1 182 638   |
| Partnership .....                                                    | 1 545                                     | 774       | 8                       | 35       | 99       | 138       | 165       | 329         |
| acres..                                                              | 1 611 571                                 | 1 128 761 | 5 142                   | 36 012   | 154 415  | 215 959   | 247 288   | 469 945     |
| Corporation:                                                         |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Family held .....                                                    | 729                                       | 491       | 4                       | 18       | 98       | 138       | 76        | 157         |
| farms..                                                              | 1 736 729                                 | 1 535 155 | (D)                     | (D)      | 127 232  | 697 569   | 156 342   | 316 455     |
| acres..                                                              | 41                                        | 30        | —                       | 2        | 2        | 15        | 9         | 2           |
| More than 10 stockholders .....                                      | 688                                       | 461       | 4                       | 16       | 96       | 123       | 67        | 155         |
| farms..                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Other than family held .....                                         | 99                                        | 55        | —                       | 6        | 14       | 13        | 16        | 6           |
| farms..                                                              | 124 076                                   | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | 50 828   | 17 000    | (D)       | 9 646       |
| acres..                                                              | 17                                        | 11        | —                       | 1        | 6        | 2         | 1         | 1           |
| More than 10 stockholders .....                                      | 82                                        | 44        | —                       | 5        | 8        | 11        | 15        | 5           |
| farms..                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. .... farms.. | 305                                       | 160       | 1                       | 5        | 17       | 15        | 41        | 81          |
| acres..                                                              | 4 563 710                                 | (D)       | (D)                     | 1 013    | 80 341   | 18 975    | (D)       | 75 656      |

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| Item                                                              | Other occupations       |          |          |          |          |           |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                                   | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |           |             |
|                                                                   | Total                   | Under 25 | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| <b>TENURE AND RACE OF OPERATOR</b>                                |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| All operators .....                                               | 8 194                   | 46       | 465      | 1 963    | 2 414    | 1 945     | 1 361       |
| Full owners .....                                                 | 5 476                   | 20       | 249      | 1 183    | 1 546    | 1 354     | 1 124       |
| Part owners .....                                                 | 2 078                   | 10       | 129      | 555      | 703      | 496       | 185         |
| Tenants .....                                                     | 640                     | 16       | 87       | 225      | 165      | 95        | 52          |
| White .....                                                       | 8 147                   | 46       | 463      | 1 954    | 2 401    | 1 929     | 1 354       |
| Full owners .....                                                 | 5 443                   | 20       | 247      | 1 179    | 1 536    | 1 344     | 1 117       |
| Part owners .....                                                 | 2 068                   | 10       | 129      | 551      | 701      | 492       | 185         |
| Tenants .....                                                     | 636                     | 16       | 87       | 224      | 164      | 93        | 52          |
| Black and other races .....                                       | 47                      | —        | 2        | 9        | 13       | 16        | 7           |
| Full owners .....                                                 | 33                      | —        | 2        | 4        | 10       | 10        | 7           |
| Part owners .....                                                 | 10                      | —        | —        | 4        | 2        | 4         | —           |
| Tenants .....                                                     | 4                       | —        | —        | 1        | 1        | 2         | —           |
| <b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>                                      |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Land owned..... farms..                                           | 7 573                   | 30       | 380      | 1 740    | 2 256    | 1 853     | 1 314       |
| acres..                                                           | 3 521 935               | (D)      | (D)      | 194 531  | 435 770  | 2 454 409 | 384 419     |
| Owned land in farms .....                                         | 7 554                   | 30       | 378      | 1 738    | 2 249    | 1 850     | 1 309       |
| acres..                                                           | 3 336 917               | 6 701    | 43 118   | 177 921  | 395 191  | 2 397 738 | 316 248     |
| Land rented or leased from others .....                           | 2 749                   | 26       | 219      | 784      | 884      | 597       | 239         |
| acres..                                                           | 560 617                 | 10 503   | 39 427   | 155 381  | 171 007  | 144 140   | 40 159      |
| landlords..                                                       | 4 785                   | 46       | 348      | 1 403    | 1 495    | 1 083     | 410         |
| Rented or leased land in farms .....                              | 2 718                   | 26       | 216      | 780      | 868      | 591       | 237         |
| acres..                                                           | 535 230                 | 10 503   | 38 197   | 147 457  | 162 816  | 136 267   | 39 990      |
| Land rented or leased to others.....                              | 795                     | 1        | 30       | 146      | 216      | 184       | 218         |
| acres..                                                           | 210 405                 | (D)      | (D)      | 24 534   | 48 770   | 64 544    | 68 340      |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                                   |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Operators by place of residence:                                  |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| On farm operated .....                                            | 4 965                   | 15       | 267      | 1 290    | 1 558    | 1 152     | 683         |
| Not on farm operated .....                                        | 2 842                   | 27       | 174      | 590      | 765      | 689       | 597         |
| Not reported .....                                                | 387                     | 4        | 24       | 83       | 91       | 104       | 81          |
| Operators by principal occupation:                                |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Farming .....                                                     | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| Other .....                                                       | 8 194                   | 46       | 465      | 1 963    | 2 414    | 1 945     | 1 361       |
| Operators by days worked off farm:                                |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| None .....                                                        | 990                     | 2        | 18       | 40       | 110      | 172       | 648         |
| Any .....                                                         | 7 204                   | 44       | 447      | 1 923    | 2 304    | 1 773     | 713         |
| 1 to 99 days .....                                                | 555                     | 3        | 32       | 104      | 115      | 156       | 145         |
| 100 to 199 days .....                                             | 1 042                   | 10       | 48       | 221      | 290      | 316       | 157         |
| 200 days or more .....                                            | 5 607                   | 31       | 367      | 1 598    | 1 899    | 1 301     | 411         |
| Not reported .....                                                | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| Operators by years on present farm:                               |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| 2 years or less .....                                             | 471                     | 9        | 84       | 151      | 118      | 76        | 33          |
| 3 or 4 years .....                                                | 746                     | 11       | 109      | 279      | 206      | 91        | 50          |
| 5 to 9 years .....                                                | 1 556                   | 10       | 143      | 618      | 460      | 244       | 81          |
| 10 years or more .....                                            | 4 198                   | —        | 62       | 653      | 1 316    | 1 251     | 916         |
| Average years on present farm .....                               | 16.2                    | 3.7      | 5.6      | 9.4      | 14.3     | 20.0      | 29.3        |
| Not reported .....                                                | 1 223                   | 16       | 67       | 262      | 314      | 283       | 281         |
| Operators by age group:                                           |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Under 25 years .....                                              | 46                      | 46       | —        | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| 25 to 34 years .....                                              | 465                     | —        | 465      | —        | —        | —         | —           |
| 35 to 44 years .....                                              | 1 963                   | —        | —        | 1 963    | —        | —         | —           |
| 45 to 49 years .....                                              | 1 196                   | —        | —        | —        | 1 196    | —         | —           |
| 50 to 54 years .....                                              | 1 218                   | —        | —        | —        | 1 218    | —         | —           |
| 55 to 59 years .....                                              | 1 055                   | —        | —        | —        | —        | 1 055     | —           |
| 60 to 64 years .....                                              | 890                     | —        | —        | —        | —        | 890       | —           |
| 65 to 69 years .....                                              | 564                     | —        | —        | —        | —        | —         | 564         |
| 70 years and over .....                                           | 797                     | —        | —        | —        | —        | —         | 797         |
| Average age .....                                                 | 52.1                    | 22.3     | 30.9     | 40.0     | 49.4     | 59.2      | 72.1        |
| Operators by sex:                                                 |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Male .....                                                        | 7 768                   | 44       | 445      | 1 877    | 2 317    | 1 861     | 1 224       |
| Female .....                                                      | 426                     | 2        | 20       | 86       | 97       | 84        | 137         |
| Operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin (see text) ..... | 65                      | —        | 3        | 22       | 22       | 17        | 1           |
| <b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>                              |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....                   | 6 996                   | 37       | 409      | 1 698    | 2 089    | 1 654     | 1 109       |
| farms..                                                           | 1 091 709               | 8 577    | 73 113   | 228 534  | 335 807  | 287 334   | 158 344     |
| acres..                                                           | 771                     | 3        | 38       | 171      | 211      | 194       | 154         |
| Partnership .....                                                 | 810                     | (D)      | (D)      | 61 575   | 182 703  | 165 475   | 66 500      |
| acres..                                                           | 238                     | 4        | 12       | 50       | 61       | 53        | 58          |
| Corporation:                                                      |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Family held .....                                                 | 201 574                 | (D)      | (D)      | 16 315   | 30 389   | 56 040    | 96 062      |
| acres..                                                           | 11                      | —        | 1        | —        | 1        | 3         | 6           |
| More than 10 stockholders .....                                   | 227                     | 4        | 11       | 50       | 60       | 50        | 52          |
| 10 or less stockholders .....                                     | 44                      | —        | 1        | 11       | 15       | 9         | 8           |
| Other than family held .....                                      | (D)                     | —        | (D)      | 8 159    | 1 459    | (D)       | 6 680       |
| acres..                                                           | 6                       | —        | —        | 1        | 2        | 1         | 2           |
| More than 10 stockholders .....                                   | 38                      | —        | 1        | 10       | 13       | 8         | 6           |
| 10 or less stockholders .....                                     | 145                     | 2        | 5        | 33       | 38       | 35        | 32          |
| Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....      | (D)                     | (D)      | 364      | 10 795   | 7 649    | (D)       | 28 652      |
| acres..                                                           |                         |          |          |          |          |           |             |

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| Item                                                                                             | Other occupations       |          |          |          |          |          |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                                  | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                                  | Total                   | Under 25 | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| <b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>                                                                       |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| Farm-related injuries:                                                                           |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| Operator and family members . . . . . farms..                                                    | 76                      | —        | 5        | 18       | 33       | 12       | 8           |
| number..                                                                                         | 80                      | —        | 5        | 20       | 34       | 13       | 8           |
| Hired workers . . . . . farms..                                                                  | 23                      | —        | 2        | 7        | 6        | 4        | 4           |
| number..                                                                                         | 34                      | —        | (D)      | 7        | 12       | (D)      | 7           |
| Farm-related deaths:                                                                             |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| Operator and family members . . . . . farms..                                                    | 2                       | —        | 1        | —        | —        | 1        | —           |
| number..                                                                                         | (D)                     | —        | (D)      | —        | —        | (D)      | —           |
| Hired workers . . . . . farms..                                                                  | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| number..                                                                                         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| <b>FARMS BY SIZE</b>                                                                             |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 9 acres . . . . .                                                                           | 2 011                   | 12       | 135      | 540      | 586      | 399      | 339         |
| 10 to 49 acres . . . . .                                                                         | 2 848                   | 17       | 161      | 695      | 829      | 668      | 478         |
| 50 to 69 acres . . . . .                                                                         | 515                     | —        | 25       | 115      | 163      | 132      | 80          |
| 70 to 99 acres . . . . .                                                                         | 560                     | 1        | 21       | 121      | 169      | 160      | 88          |
| 100 to 139 acres . . . . .                                                                       | 434                     | 4        | 19       | 119      | 137      | 92       | 63          |
| 140 to 179 acres . . . . .                                                                       | 316                     | —        | 15       | 63       | 92       | 90       | 56          |
| 180 to 219 acres . . . . .                                                                       | 184                     | 2        | 12       | 39       | 56       | 50       | 25          |
| 220 to 259 acres . . . . .                                                                       | 153                     | —        | 13       | 28       | 46       | 47       | 19          |
| 260 to 499 acres . . . . .                                                                       | 470                     | 4        | 25       | 102      | 137      | 127      | 75          |
| 500 to 999 acres . . . . .                                                                       | 346                     | 1        | 23       | 70       | 100      | 78       | 74          |
| 1,000 to 1,999 acres . . . . .                                                                   | 197                     | 1        | 11       | 39       | 58       | 55       | 33          |
| 2,000 acres or more . . . . .                                                                    | 160                     | 4        | 5        | 32       | 41       | 47       | 31          |
| <b>FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN<br/>INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION<br/>SYSTEM</b>                            |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| Oilseed and grain farming (1111) . . . . .                                                       | 614                     | 3        | 29       | 123      | 146      | 167      | 146         |
| Vegetable and melon farming (1112) . . . . .                                                     | 84                      | —        | 4        | 15       | 29       | 18       | 18          |
| Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) . . . . .                                                      | 234                     | —        | 6        | 47       | 55       | 68       | 58          |
| Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture<br>production (1114) . . . . .                             | 153                     | 1        | 2        | 31       | 58       | 24       | 37          |
| Other crop farming (1119) . . . . .                                                              | 1 900                   | 7        | 100      | 423      | 575      | 457      | 338         |
| Tobacco farming (11191) . . . . .                                                                | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Cotton farming (11192) . . . . .                                                                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all<br>other crop farming (11193, 11194,<br>11199) . . . . . | 1 900                   | 7        | 100      | 423      | 575      | 457      | 338         |
| Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111) . . . . .                                              | 2 937                   | 22       | 192      | 733      | 840      | 682      | 469         |
| Cattle feedlots (112112) . . . . .                                                               | 265                     | —        | 16       | 61       | 88       | 64       | 36          |
| Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) . . . . .                                               | 79                      | 2        | 8        | 16       | 24       | 21       | 8           |
| Hog and pig farming (1122) . . . . .                                                             | 61                      | —        | 6        | 21       | 24       | 11       | 5           |
| Poultry and egg production (1123) . . . . .                                                      | 80                      | 2        | 9        | 25       | 23       | 16       | 5           |
| Sheep and goat farming (1124) . . . . .                                                          | 364                     | 3        | 22       | 84       | 116      | 93       | 46          |
| Animal aquaculture and other animal<br>production (1125, 1129) . . . . .                         | 1 423                   | 6        | 71       | 384      | 442      | 324      | 196         |
| <b>LIVESTOCK</b>                                                                                 |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| Cattle and calves inventory . . . . . farms..                                                    | 4 126                   | 26       | 280      | 1 051    | 1 251    | 944      | 574         |
| number..                                                                                         | 202 238                 | 1 819    | 12 125   | 44 372   | 67 788   | 51 535   | 24 599      |
| Farms with—                                                                                      |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 9 . . . . .                                                                                 | 1 270                   | 5        | 99       | 368      | 379      | 258      | 161         |
| 10 to 49 . . . . .                                                                               | 1 791                   | 12       | 106      | 435      | 529      | 426      | 283         |
| 50 to 99 . . . . .                                                                               | 590                     | 3        | 41       | 139      | 186      | 141      | 80          |
| 100 to 199 . . . . .                                                                             | 318                     | 3        | 22       | 76       | 113      | 76       | 28          |
| 200 to 499 . . . . .                                                                             | 122                     | 2        | 11       | 27       | 30       | 34       | 18          |
| 500 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 35                      | 1        | 1        | 6        | 14       | 9        | 4           |
| Cows and heifers that had calved . . . . . farms..                                               | 3 071                   | 20       | 200      | 800      | 921      | 710      | 420         |
| number..                                                                                         | 113 033                 | 901      | 6 765    | 24 781   | 37 926   | 28 906   | 13 754      |
| Beef cows . . . . . farms..                                                                      | 2 951                   | 18       | 191      | 769      | 879      | 684      | 410         |
| number..                                                                                         | 100 694                 | (D)      | (D)      | 22 567   | 31 253   | 26 785   | 13 265      |
| Farms with—                                                                                      |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 9 . . . . .                                                                                 | 1 054                   | 8        | 72       | 302      | 301      | 214      | 157         |
| 10 to 49 . . . . .                                                                               | 1 311                   | 5        | 78       | 331      | 371      | 337      | 189         |
| 50 to 99 . . . . .                                                                               | 387                     | 3        | 25       | 97       | 134      | 88       | 40          |
| 100 to 199 . . . . .                                                                             | 143                     | 2        | 13       | 29       | 59       | 24       | 16          |
| 200 to 499 . . . . .                                                                             | 45                      | —        | 3        | 9        | 11       | 16       | 6           |
| 500 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 11                      | —        | —        | 1        | 3        | 5        | 2           |
| Milk cows . . . . . farms..                                                                      | 228                     | 2        | 10       | 67       | 79       | 49       | 21          |
| number..                                                                                         | 12 339                  | (D)      | (D)      | 2 214    | 6 673    | 2 121    | 489         |
| Farms with—                                                                                      |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 4 . . . . .                                                                                 | 137                     | —        | 3        | 45       | 54       | 26       | 9           |
| 5 to 9 . . . . .                                                                                 | 10                      | —        | —        | 4        | 1        | 3        | 2           |
| 10 to 49 . . . . .                                                                               | 37                      | —        | 4        | 2        | 14       | 9        | 8           |
| 50 to 99 . . . . .                                                                               | 21                      | 1        | 2        | 10       | 2        | 5        | 1           |
| 100 to 199 . . . . .                                                                             | 8                       | —        | —        | 4        | —        | 4        | —           |
| 200 to 499 . . . . .                                                                             | 8                       | 1        | 1        | 1        | 3        | 1        | 1           |
| 500 or more . . . . .                                                                            | 7                       | —        | —        | 1        | 5        | 1        | —           |
| Heifers and heifer calves . . . . . farms..                                                      | 2 666                   | 21       | 181      | 683      | 816      | 617      | 348         |
| number..                                                                                         | 43 421                  | 517      | 2 443    | 10 548   | 13 474   | 11 224   | 5 215       |
| Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull<br>calves . . . . . farms..                                | 3 388                   | 19       | 236      | 864      | 1 031    | 783      | 455         |
| number..                                                                                         | 45 784                  | 401      | 2 917    | 9 043    | 16 388   | 11 405   | 5 630       |

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| Item                                                                             | Total farming and other occupations | Farming   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                  |                                     | Total     | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                  |                                     |           | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| LIVESTOCK—Con.                                                                   |                                     |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Cattle and calves sold . . . . . farms..                                         | 7 598                               | 3 807     | 31                      | 156      | 460      | 678      | 849      | 1 633       |
| number..                                                                         | 524 128                             | 403 065   | 3 150                   | 12 350   | 55 448   | 99 929   | 97 339   | 134 849     |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 259 998                             | 201 750   | 1 521                   | 5 476    | 29 791   | 49 700   | 51 206   | 64 056      |
| Calves . . . . . farms..                                                         | 3 512                               | 1 794     | 18                      | 76       | 246      | 330      | 403      | 721         |
| number..                                                                         | 142 689                             | 106 271   | 1 341                   | 4 126    | 15 461   | 28 265   | 18 353   | 38 725      |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 43 511                              | 32 339    | 460                     | 1 090    | 4 561    | 8 850    | 5 563    | 11 782      |
| Cattle . . . . . farms..                                                         | 6 063                               | 3 105     | 20                      | 127      | 381      | 554      | 690      | 1 333       |
| number..                                                                         | 381 439                             | 296 794   | 1 809                   | 8 224    | 39 987   | 71 664   | 78 986   | 96 124      |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 216 487                             | 169 411   | 1 061                   | 4 386    | 25 195   | 40 851   | 45 643   | 52 274      |
| Fattened on grain and concentrates . . . . . farms..                             | 852                                 | 374       | 2                       | 12       | 42       | 71       | 84       | 163         |
| number..                                                                         | 75 776                              | 57 139    | (D)                     | (D)      | 3 978    | 18 147   | 23 777   | 10 731      |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 55 557                              | 41 582    | (D)                     | (D)      | 2 971    | 13 468   | 17 143   | 7 647       |
| Hogs and pigs inventory . . . . . farms..                                        | 511                                 | 184       | —                       | 9        | 34       | 43       | 43       | 55          |
| number..                                                                         | 292 472                             | 254 730   | —                       | 171      | 21 636   | 224 031  | 4 547    | 4 345       |
| Farms with—                                                                      |                                     |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 24 . . . . .                                                                | 398                                 | 116       | —                       | 8        | 24       | 24       | 22       | 38          |
| 25 to 49 . . . . .                                                               | 38                                  | 15        | —                       | —        | 1        | 4        | 7        | 3           |
| 50 to 99 . . . . .                                                               | 20                                  | 12        | —                       | —        | —        | —        | 6        | 6           |
| 100 to 199 . . . . .                                                             | 21                                  | 15        | —                       | 1        | 1        | 4        | 5        | 4           |
| 200 to 499 . . . . .                                                             | 13                                  | 9         | —                       | —        | 2        | 3        | 1        | 3           |
| 500 or more . . . . .                                                            | 21                                  | 17        | —                       | —        | 6        | 8        | 2        | 1           |
| Used or to be used for breeding . . . . . farms..                                | 216                                 | 97        | —                       | 2        | 16       | 22       | 31       | 26          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)                                 | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | 1 339    | (D)      | 663      | 578         |
| Other . . . . . farms..                                                          | 471                                 | 167       | —                       | 8        | 32       | 37       | 39       | 51          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)                                 | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | 20 297   | (D)      | 3 884    | 3 767       |
| Hogs and pigs sold . . . . . farms..                                             | 379                                 | 151       | —                       | 6        | 32       | 37       | 38       | 38          |
| number..                                                                         | 330 515                             | 271 971   | —                       | 389      | 43 436   | 213 790  | 6 418    | 7 938       |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 40 496                              | 33 433    | —                       | 36       | 5 303    | 26 415   | 835      | 844         |
| Feeder pigs . . . . . farms..                                                    | 78                                  | 33        | —                       | 1        | 6        | 9        | 12       | 5           |
| number..                                                                         | 15 080                              | 12 757    | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | 645      | 668         |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 799                                 | 697       | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | 24       | 37          |
| Litters of pigs farrowed between—                                                |                                     |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30 . . . . . farms..                           | 218                                 | 97        | —                       | 2        | 16       | 22       | 31       | 26          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)                                 | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | 1 678    | (D)      | 736      | 653         |
| Dec. 1 and May 31 . . . . . farms..                                              | 203                                 | 92        | —                       | 2        | 16       | 22       | 28       | 24          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)                                 | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | 805      | (D)      | 421      | 328         |
| June 1 and Nov. 30 . . . . . farms..                                             | 163                                 | 78        | —                       | 2        | 11       | 18       | 25       | 22          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)                                 | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | 873      | (D)      | 315      | 325         |
| Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory . . . . . farms..                          | 1 438                               | 656       | 6                       | 32       | 65       | 112      | 150      | 291         |
| number..                                                                         | 438 678                             | 365 458   | 891                     | 17 376   | 35 255   | 83 913   | 78 764   | 149 259     |
| Ewes 1 year old or older . . . . . farms..                                       | 1 256                               | 591       | 6                       | 31       | 57       | 98       | 133      | 266         |
| number..                                                                         | 288 585                             | 243 763   | 597                     | 13 138   | 23 322   | 49 842   | 55 163   | 101 701     |
| Sheep and lambs sold . . . . . farms..                                           | 1 318                               | 622       | 7                       | 33       | 63       | 108      | 135      | 276         |
| number..                                                                         | 315 450                             | 265 917   | 501                     | 12 756   | 26 002   | 62 348   | 62 645   | 101 665     |
| Sheep and lambs shorn . . . . . farms..                                          | 1 197                               | 584       | 7                       | 30       | 56       | 97       | 131      | 263         |
| number..                                                                         | 340 665                             | 287 732   | 674                     | 15 476   | 28 516   | 62 685   | 63 705   | 116 676     |
| pounds of wool..                                                                 | 3 152 882                           | 2 666 322 | 6 125                   | 150 083  | 260 081  | 526 550  | 586 387  | 1 137 096   |
| Horses and ponies inventory . . . . . farms..                                    | 7 031                               | 2 725     | 14                      | 103      | 311      | 542      | 611      | 1 144       |
| number..                                                                         | 49 087                              | 20 981    | 97                      | 689      | 2 435    | 4 682    | 4 585    | 8 493       |
| Horses and ponies sold . . . . . farms..                                         | 1 479                               | 502       | 2                       | 16       | 58       | 100      | 126      | 200         |
| number..                                                                         | 7 464                               | 3 047     | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 153    | 594      | 384      | 864         |
| Goats inventory . . . . . farms..                                                | 461                                 | 149       | 1                       | 9        | 29       | 34       | 38       | 38          |
| number..                                                                         | 5 974                               | 4 521     | (D)                     | (D)      | 293      | 500      | 3 388    | 284         |
| Goats sold . . . . . farms..                                                     | 149                                 | 54        | 1                       | 2        | 10       | 12       | 16       | 13          |
| number..                                                                         | 2 417                               | 1 897     | (D)                     | (D)      | (D)      | 293      | 745      | 251         |
| POULTRY                                                                          |                                     |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) . . . . . farms.. | 535                                 | 184       | —                       | 13       | 19       | 36       | 51       | 65          |
| number..                                                                         | 1 921 163                           | (D)       | —                       | 256      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)         |
| Farms with—                                                                      |                                     |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 399 . . . . .                                                               | 523                                 | 175       | —                       | 13       | 18       | 35       | 46       | 63          |
| 400 to 3,199 . . . . .                                                           | 5                                   | 4         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | 3        | 1           |
| 3,200 to 9,999 . . . . .                                                         | 1                                   | 1         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | 1           |
| 10,000 to 19,999 . . . . .                                                       | —                                   | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 20,000 to 49,999 . . . . .                                                       | —                                   | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 50,000 to 99,999 . . . . .                                                       | 1                                   | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 100,000 or more . . . . .                                                        | 5                                   | 4         | —                       | —        | 1        | 1        | 2        | —           |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older . . . . . farms..                                  | 527                                 | 182       | —                       | 13       | 19       | 34       | 51       | 65          |
| number..                                                                         | 1 729 365                           | (D)       | —                       | 216      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | 3 945       |
| Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old . . . . . farms..      | 91                                  | 34        | —                       | 5        | 5        | 6        | 11       | 7           |
| number..                                                                         | 191 798                             | (D)       | —                       | 40       | 32       | 104      | (D)      | (D)         |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text) . . . . . farms..             | 49                                  | 15        | —                       | 1        | 1        | 2        | 8        | 3           |
| number..                                                                         | 878 904                             | 539 188   | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)         |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold . . . . . farms..                     | 19                                  | 6         | —                       | —        | —        | 1        | 2        | 3           |
| number..                                                                         | (D)                                 | (D)       | —                       | —        | —        | (D)      | (D)      | 30          |
| Farms with—                                                                      |                                     |           |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 1,999 . . . . .                                                             | 18                                  | 5         | —                       | —        | —        | 1        | 1        | 3           |
| 2,000 to 59,999 . . . . .                                                        | 1                                   | 1         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | 1        | —           |
| 60,000 to 99,999 . . . . .                                                       | —                                   | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 100,000 or more . . . . .                                                        | —                                   | —         | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Turkey hens kept for breeding . . . . . farms..                                  | 67                                  | 16        | —                       | —        | 2        | 2        | 9        | 3           |
| number..                                                                         | 46 038                              | 45 825    | —                       | —        | (D)      | (D)      | 45 795   | 9           |
| Turkeys sold . . . . . farms..                                                   | 97                                  | 66        | —                       | 4        | 12       | 19       | 20       | 11          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)                                 | (D)       | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)         |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                                             | Other occupations |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                  | Total             | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                  |                   | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| <b>LIVESTOCK—Con.</b>                                                            |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Cattle and calves sold . . . . . farms..                                         | 3 791             | 26                      | 245      | 952      | 1 133    | 892      | 543         |
| number..                                                                         | 121 063           | 838                     | 6 683    | 24 953   | 46 797   | 26 569   | 15 223      |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 58 247            | 329                     | 2 822    | 11 496   | 25 064   | 11 282   | 7 254       |
| Calves . . . . . farms..                                                         | 1 718             | 15                      | 117      | 468      | 489      | 405      | 224         |
| number..                                                                         | 36 418            | 530                     | 2 280    | 7 847    | 12 230   | 9 682    | 3 849       |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 11 172            | 189                     | 617      | 2 380    | 3 628    | 3 111    | 1 247       |
| Cattle . . . . . farms..                                                         | 2 958             | 17                      | 183      | 727      | 912      | 689      | 430         |
| number..                                                                         | 84 645            | 308                     | 4 403    | 17 106   | 34 567   | 16 887   | 11 374      |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 47 076            | 140                     | 2 205    | 9 117    | 21 436   | 8 171    | 6 007       |
| Fattened on grain and concentrates . . . . . farms..                             | 478               | —                       | 33       | 118      | 155      | 120      | 52          |
| number..                                                                         | 18 637            | —                       | 735      | 605      | (D)      | 700      | (D)         |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 13 975            | —                       | 495      | 379      | (D)      | 454      | (D)         |
| Hogs and pigs inventory . . . . . farms..                                        | 327               | 4                       | 26       | 118      | 102      | 53       | 24          |
| number..                                                                         | 37 742            | 13                      | (D)      | (D)      | 1 067    | 933      | 654         |
| Farms with—                                                                      |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 24 . . . . .                                                                | 282               | 4                       | 21       | 103      | 93       | 44       | 17          |
| 25 to 49 . . . . .                                                               | 23                | —                       | 3        | 6        | 6        | 5        | 3           |
| 50 to 99 . . . . .                                                               | 8                 | —                       | 1        | 4        | 1        | 1        | 1           |
| 100 to 199 . . . . .                                                             | 6                 | —                       | —        | —        | 2        | 1        | 3           |
| 200 to 499 . . . . .                                                             | 4                 | —                       | —        | 2        | —        | 2        | —           |
| 500 or more . . . . .                                                            | 4                 | —                       | 1        | 3        | —        | —        | —           |
| Used or to be used for breeding . . . . . farms..                                | 119               | 1                       | 9        | 42       | 36       | 19       | 12          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)               | (D)                     | 52       | 415      | 270      | 77       | 127         |
| Other . . . . . farms..                                                          | 304               | 3                       | 25       | 111      | 95       | 49       | 21          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)               | (D)                     | (D)      | (D)      | 797      | 856      | 527         |
| Hogs and pigs sold . . . . . farms..                                             | 228               | 2                       | 17       | 97       | 59       | 33       | 20          |
| number..                                                                         | 58 544            | (D)                     | (D)      | 29 013   | 1 286    | 1 906    | 960         |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 7 063             | (D)                     | (D)      | (D)      | 149      | 210      | 97          |
| Feeder pigs . . . . . farms..                                                    | 45                | —                       | 6        | 19       | 10       | 5        | 5           |
| number..                                                                         | 2 323             | —                       | 235      | 1 403    | 318      | 102      | 265         |
| \$1,000..                                                                        | 102               | —                       | 6        | 66       | 14       | 5        | 11          |
| Litters of pigs farrowed between—                                                |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Dec. 1 of preceding year and Nov. 30 . . . . . farms..                           | 121               | 1                       | 9        | 42       | 36       | 21       | 12          |
| number..                                                                         | 842               | (D)                     | (D)      | 393      | 180      | 76       | 139         |
| Dec. 1 and May 31 . . . . . farms..                                              | 111               | 1                       | 7        | 40       | 33       | 18       | 12          |
| number..                                                                         | 455               | (D)                     | (D)      | 213      | 95       | 46       | 72          |
| June 1 and Nov. 30 . . . . . farms..                                             | 85                | —                       | 9        | 29       | 25       | 13       | 9           |
| number..                                                                         | 387               | —                       | 25       | 180      | 85       | 30       | 67          |
| Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory . . . . . farms..                          | 782               | 4                       | 46       | 199      | 230      | 201      | 102         |
| number..                                                                         | 73 220            | 161                     | 3 376    | 15 403   | 24 148   | 17 369   | 12 763      |
| Ewes 1 year old or older . . . . . farms..                                       | 665               | 4                       | 39       | 166      | 197      | 172      | 87          |
| number..                                                                         | 44 822            | 121                     | 1 907    | 8 591    | 13 687   | 11 733   | 8 783       |
| Sheep and lambs sold . . . . . farms..                                           | 696               | 3                       | 46       | 181      | 206      | 175      | 85          |
| number..                                                                         | 49 533            | 130                     | 1 985    | 10 528   | 15 968   | 12 802   | 8 120       |
| Sheep and lambs shorn . . . . . farms..                                          | 613               | 4                       | 33       | 157      | 183      | 160      | 76          |
| number..                                                                         | 52 933            | 186                     | 2 070    | 11 192   | 15 335   | 14 388   | 9 762       |
| pounds of wool..                                                                 | 486 560           | 1 712                   | 18 714   | 97 381   | 149 369  | 128 768  | 90 616      |
| Horses and ponies inventory . . . . . farms..                                    | 4 306             | 19                      | 257      | 1 132    | 1 401    | 950      | 547         |
| number..                                                                         | 28 106            | 210                     | 1 444    | 6 485    | 8 731    | 7 904    | 3 332       |
| Horses and ponies sold . . . . . farms..                                         | 977               | 6                       | 56       | 294      | 316      | 220      | 85          |
| number..                                                                         | 4 417             | 29                      | 124      | 649      | 1 862    | 1 542    | 211         |
| Goats inventory . . . . . farms..                                                | 312               | 1                       | 27       | 112      | 105      | 53       | 14          |
| number..                                                                         | 1 453             | (D)                     | 208      | 448      | 371      | 269      | (D)         |
| Goats sold . . . . . farms..                                                     | 95                | —                       | 12       | 35       | 27       | 18       | 3           |
| number..                                                                         | 520               | —                       | 45       | 171      | 208      | 69       | 27          |
| <b>POULTRY</b>                                                                   |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) . . . . . farms.. | 351               | 2                       | 28       | 106      | 112      | 65       | 38          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)               | (D)                     | 820      | 1 844    | (D)      | (D)      | 1 017       |
| Farms with—                                                                      |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 399 . . . . .                                                               | 348               | 2                       | 28       | 106      | 111      | 63       | 38          |
| 400 to 3,199 . . . . .                                                           | 1                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | 1        | —           |
| 3,200 to 9,999 . . . . .                                                         | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 10,000 to 19,999 . . . . .                                                       | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 20,000 to 49,999 . . . . .                                                       | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 50,000 to 99,999 . . . . .                                                       | 1                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | 1        | —           |
| 100,000 or more . . . . .                                                        | 1                 | —                       | —        | —        | 1        | —        | —           |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older . . . . . farms..                                  | 345               | 2                       | 28       | 105      | 110      | 64       | 36          |
| number..                                                                         | (D)               | (D)                     | 782      | 1 629    | (D)      | (D)      | 859         |
| Pullets 13 weeks old and older but less than 20 weeks old . . . . . farms..      | 57                | —                       | 4        | 17       | 17       | 11       | 8           |
| number..                                                                         | (D)               | —                       | 38       | 215      | (D)      | 310      | 158         |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (see text) . . . . . farms..             | 34                | —                       | 2        | 7        | 13       | 10       | 2           |
| number..                                                                         | 339 716           | —                       | (D)      | 426      | (D)      | (D)      | (D)         |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold . . . . . farms..                     | 13                | —                       | 1        | 2        | 5        | 5        | —           |
| number..                                                                         | 524               | —                       | (D)      | (D)      | 90       | 405      | —           |
| Farms with—                                                                      |                   |                         |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 1,999 . . . . .                                                             | 13                | —                       | 1        | 2        | 5        | 5        | —           |
| 2,000 to 59,999 . . . . .                                                        | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 60,000 to 99,999 . . . . .                                                       | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 100,000 or more . . . . .                                                        | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Turkey hens kept for breeding . . . . . farms..                                  | 51                | —                       | 5        | 12       | 16       | 15       | 3           |
| number..                                                                         | 213               | —                       | 18       | 71       | 67       | 50       | 7           |
| Turkeys sold . . . . . farms..                                                   | 31                | 1                       | 1        | 10       | 11       | 8        | —           |
| number..                                                                         | 570 641           | (D)                     | (D)      | (D)      | 345 406  | 78 029   | —           |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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| Item                                                                                                   | Total farming<br>and other<br>occupations | Farming   |                         |          |           |           |           |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                                                                        |                                           | Total     | Age of operator (years) |          |           |           |           |             |
|                                                                                                        |                                           |           | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44  | 45 to 54  | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED                                                                               |                                           |           |                         |          |           |           |           |             |
| Corn for grain or seed . . . . . farms..                                                               | 377                                       | 275       | 4                       | 21       | 49        | 57        | 68        | 76          |
| acres..                                                                                                | 17 200                                    | 15 169    | 55                      | 823      | 2 725     | 3 491     | 4 230     | 3 845       |
| Irrigated . . . . . bushels..                                                                          | 2 533 052                                 | 2 249 032 | 9 420                   | 114 497  | 382 525   | 504 744   | 688 825   | 549 021     |
| farms..                                                                                                | 377                                       | 275       | 4                       | 21       | 49        | 57        | 68        | 76          |
| acres..                                                                                                | 17 200                                    | 15 169    | 55                      | 823      | 2 725     | 3 491     | 4 230     | 3 845       |
| Corn for silage or green chop . . . . . farms..                                                        | 855                                       | 669       | 9                       | 32       | 110       | 149       | 152       | 217         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 38 495                                    | 34 471    | 426                     | 1 252    | 6 840     | 9 057     | 7 247     | 9 649       |
| tons, green..                                                                                          | 840 576                                   | 763 167   | 10 460                  | 24 471   | 148 480   | 211 698   | 150 067   | 217 991     |
| Irrigated . . . . . farms..                                                                            | 855                                       | 669       | 9                       | 32       | 110       | 149       | 152       | 217         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 38 495                                    | 34 471    | 426                     | 1 252    | 6 840     | 9 057     | 7 247     | 9 649       |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |           |           |           |             |
| 1 to 24 acres . . . . .                                                                                | 378                                       | 242       | 3                       | 16       | 26        | 42        | 57        | 98          |
| 25 to 99 acres . . . . .                                                                               | 375                                       | 330       | 5                       | 12       | 63        | 77        | 82        | 91          |
| 100 to 249 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 91                                        | 86        | 1                       | 4        | 18        | 28        | 9         | 26          |
| 250 to 499 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 11                                        | 11        | —                       | —        | 3         | 2         | 4         | 2           |
| 500 acres or more . . . . .                                                                            | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —         | —         | —         | —           |
| Wheat for grain . . . . . farms..                                                                      | 1 148                                     | 711       | 12                      | 27       | 112       | 131       | 160       | 269         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 182 372                                   | 143 831   | 5 273                   | 3 957    | 27 663    | 42 128    | 28 159    | 36 651      |
| Irrigated . . . . . bushels..                                                                          | 7 832 313                                 | 6 339 179 | 219 313                 | 180 593  | 1 318 204 | 1 752 042 | 1 420 848 | 1 448 179   |
| farms..                                                                                                | 816                                       | 522       | 8                       | 26       | 80        | 97        | 117       | 194         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 59 171                                    | 48 526    | 2 893                   | 1 945    | 8 789     | 11 438    | 10 846    | 12 615      |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |           |           |           |             |
| 1 to 24 acres . . . . .                                                                                | 374                                       | 176       | —                       | 7        | 20        | 14        | 43        | 92          |
| 25 to 99 acres . . . . .                                                                               | 405                                       | 256       | 5                       | 12       | 39        | 49        | 50        | 101         |
| 100 to 249 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 215                                       | 154       | 1                       | 4        | 27        | 32        | 40        | 50          |
| 250 to 499 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 66                                        | 52        | 2                       | 2        | 14        | 13        | 11        | 10          |
| 500 acres or more . . . . .                                                                            | 88                                        | 73        | 4                       | 2        | 12        | 23        | 16        | 16          |
| Barley for grain . . . . . farms..                                                                     | 1 929                                     | 1 248     | 15                      | 61       | 173       | 234       | 256       | 509         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 94 072                                    | 76 064    | 1 463                   | 3 314    | 13 987    | 18 514    | 16 566    | 22 220      |
| Irrigated . . . . . bushels..                                                                          | 7 422 580                                 | 6 184 835 | 128 250                 | 283 351  | 1 214 834 | 1 482 688 | 1 334 879 | 1 740 833   |
| farms..                                                                                                | 1 730                                     | 1 142     | 11                      | 59       | 162       | 221       | 229       | 460         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 74 692                                    | 60 418    | 869                     | 3 117    | 11 836    | 15 266    | 11 871    | 17 459      |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |           |           |           |             |
| 1 to 24 acres . . . . .                                                                                | 991                                       | 524       | 2                       | 17       | 45        | 59        | 108       | 293         |
| 25 to 99 acres . . . . .                                                                               | 701                                       | 509       | 11                      | 33       | 77        | 114       | 105       | 169         |
| 100 to 249 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 193                                       | 174       | —                       | 11       | 40        | 51        | 34        | 38          |
| 250 to 499 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 34                                        | 32        | 2                       | —        | 10        | 7         | 6         | 7           |
| 500 acres or more . . . . .                                                                            | 10                                        | 9         | —                       | —        | 1         | 3         | 3         | 2           |
| Oats for grain . . . . . farms..                                                                       | 481                                       | 310       | 2                       | 10       | 28        | 55        | 71        | 144         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 9 208                                     | 6 731     | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 132     | 1 434     | 1 334     | 2 445       |
| Irrigated . . . . . bushels..                                                                          | 643 121                                   | 483 564   | (D)                     | (D)      | 89 069    | 105 909   | 93 261    | 161 903     |
| farms..                                                                                                | 432                                       | 279       | 2                       | 9        | 24        | 51        | 60        | 133         |
| acres..                                                                                                | 7 751                                     | 5 641     | (D)                     | (D)      | 927       | 1 164     | 959       | 2 211       |
| Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes . . . . . farms..                                                    | 98                                        | 63        | —                       | 1        | 9         | 10        | 12        | 31          |
| acres..                                                                                                | 3 247                                     | 3 084     | —                       | (D)      | 62        | (D)       | 1 484     | (D)         |
| Irrigated . . . . . cwt..                                                                              | 932 938                                   | 869 849   | —                       | (D)      | 16 090    | (D)       | 441 825   | (D)         |
| farms..                                                                                                | 98                                        | 63        | —                       | 1        | 9         | 10        | 12        | 31          |
| acres..                                                                                                | 3 247                                     | 3 084     | —                       | (D)      | 62        | (D)       | 1 484     | (D)         |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |           |           |           |             |
| 0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 77                                        | 46        | —                       | —        | 7         | 4         | 8         | 27          |
| 5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .                                                                            | 12                                        | 10        | —                       | —        | 1         | 5         | 1         | 3           |
| 25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .                                                                           | 4                                         | 2         | —                       | 1        | 1         | —         | —         | —           |
| 100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .                                                                         | —                                         | —         | —                       | —        | —         | —         | —         | —           |
| 250.0 acres or more . . . . .                                                                          | 5                                         | 5         | —                       | —        | —         | 1         | 3         | 1           |
| Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild,<br>grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) . . . farms.. | 9 033                                     | 4 356     | 30                      | 156      | 501       | 731       | 964       | 1 974       |
| acres..                                                                                                | 740 740                                   | 563 946   | 7 401                   | 22 191   | 83 255    | 142 750   | 127 330   | 181 019     |
| Irrigated . . . . . tons, dry..                                                                        | 2 533 360                                 | 2 017 582 | 30 985                  | 81 872   | 313 981   | 532 701   | 456 556   | 601 487     |
| farms..                                                                                                | 8 405                                     | 4 124     | 30                      | 150      | 471       | 704       | 895       | 1 874       |
| acres..                                                                                                | 662 497                                   | 511 789   | 6 731                   | 20 327   | 73 783    | 132 877   | 113 537   | 164 534     |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                              |                                           |           |                         |          |           |           |           |             |
| 1 to 24 acres . . . . .                                                                                | 3 899                                     | 1 152     | 3                       | 24       | 84        | 114       | 235       | 692         |
| 25 to 99 acres . . . . .                                                                               | 3 121                                     | 1 600     | 15                      | 60       | 163       | 232       | 363       | 767         |
| 100 to 249 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 1 381                                     | 1 039     | 5                       | 49       | 152       | 228       | 232       | 373         |
| 250 to 499 acres . . . . .                                                                             | 415                                       | 362       | 3                       | 16       | 64        | 101       | 89        | 89          |
| 500 acres or more . . . . .                                                                            | 217                                       | 203       | 4                       | 7        | 38        | 56        | 45        | 53          |
| Alfalfa hay . . . . . farms..                                                                          | 7 966                                     | 3 936     | 28                      | 138      | 460       | 665       | 882       | 1 763       |
| acres..                                                                                                | 541 939                                   | 409 054   | 6 474                   | 16 797   | 61 930    | 101 273   | 93 738    | 128 842     |
| Irrigated . . . . . tons, dry..                                                                        | 2 097 541                                 | 1 669 174 | 28 062                  | 70 817   | 259 739   | 437 818   | 380 082   | 492 656     |
| farms..                                                                                                | 7 444                                     | 3 733     | 28                      | 135      | 435       | 640       | 820       | 1 675       |
| acres..                                                                                                | 485 431                                   | 370 725   | 6 114                   | 15 663   | 55 585    | 93 576    | 82 728    | 117 059     |

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| Item                                                                                         | Other occupations       |          |          |          |          |          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                              | Age of operator (years) |          |          |          |          |          |             |
|                                                                                              | Total                   | Under 25 | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| <b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>                                                              |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| Corn for grain or seed .....                                                                 | farms.. 102             | —        | 9        | 19       | 35       | 25       | 14          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 2 031                   | —        | 183      | 344      | 826      | 403      | 275         |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | bushels.. 284 020       | —        | 21 615   | 52 013   | 119 815  | 51 304   | 39 273      |
| farms..                                                                                      | 102                     | —        | 9        | 19       | 35       | 25       | 14          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 2 031                   | —        | 183      | 344      | 826      | 403      | 275         |
| Corn for silage or green chop .....                                                          | farms.. 186             | 3        | 12       | 36       | 64       | 49       | 22          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 4 024                   | 9        | 215      | 799      | 1 374    | 1 077    | 550         |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | tons, green.. 77 409    | 126      | 4 402    | 16 478   | 26 157   | 18 898   | 11 348      |
| farms..                                                                                      | 186                     | 3        | 12       | 36       | 64       | 49       | 22          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 4 024                   | 9        | 215      | 799      | 1 374    | 1 077    | 550         |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                    |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 24 acres .....                                                                          | 136                     | 3        | 9        | 25       | 46       | 37       | 16          |
| 25 to 99 acres .....                                                                         | 45                      | —        | 3        | 10       | 18       | 10       | 4           |
| 100 to 249 acres .....                                                                       | 5                       | —        | —        | 1        | —        | 2        | 2           |
| 250 to 499 acres .....                                                                       | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 500 acres or more .....                                                                      | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Wheat for grain .....                                                                        | farms.. 437             | 1        | 21       | 126      | 128      | 103      | 58          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 38 541                  | (D)      | (D)      | 6 876    | 16 315   | 7 556    | 6 286       |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | bushels.. 1 493 134     | (D)      | (D)      | 353 293  | 576 423  | 285 174  | 215 832     |
| farms..                                                                                      | 294                     | 1        | 14       | 97       | 86       | 61       | 35          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 10 645                  | (D)      | (D)      | 3 675    | 3 495    | 1 798    | 1 206       |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                    |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 24 acres .....                                                                          | 198                     | 1        | 10       | 55       | 57       | 46       | 29          |
| 25 to 99 acres .....                                                                         | 149                     | —        | 6        | 50       | 44       | 31       | 18          |
| 100 to 249 acres .....                                                                       | 61                      | —        | 4        | 19       | 14       | 18       | 6           |
| 250 to 499 acres .....                                                                       | 14                      | —        | —        | 1        | 5        | 7        | 1           |
| 500 acres or more .....                                                                      | 15                      | —        | 1        | 1        | 8        | 1        | 4           |
| Barley for grain .....                                                                       | farms.. 681             | 3        | 32       | 155      | 205      | 176      | 110         |
| acres..                                                                                      | 18 008                  | 55       | 892      | 4 191    | 5 579    | 4 929    | 2 362       |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | bushels.. 1 237 745     | (D)      | (D)      | 248 057  | 423 289  | 321 838  | 179 543     |
| farms..                                                                                      | 588                     | 3        | 26       | 133      | 181      | 153      | 92          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 14 274                  | 55       | 679      | 3 193    | 4 806    | 3 752    | 1 789       |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                    |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 24 acres .....                                                                          | 467                     | 2        | 21       | 106      | 137      | 118      | 83          |
| 25 to 99 acres .....                                                                         | 192                     | 1        | 9        | 43       | 61       | 53       | 25          |
| 100 to 249 acres .....                                                                       | 19                      | —        | 2        | 5        | 7        | 4        | 1           |
| 250 to 499 acres .....                                                                       | 2                       | —        | —        | 1        | —        | —        | 1           |
| 500 acres or more .....                                                                      | 1                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | 1        | —           |
| Oats for grain .....                                                                         | farms.. 171             | 1        | 7        | 38       | 48       | 55       | 22          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 2 477                   | (D)      | (D)      | 572      | 528      | 1 053    | 242         |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | bushels.. 159 557       | (D)      | (D)      | 35 713   | 32 294   | 72 493   | 16 515      |
| farms..                                                                                      | 153                     | 1        | 5        | 35       | 46       | 46       | 20          |
| acres..                                                                                      | 2 110                   | (D)      | (D)      | 512      | 495      | 827      | 236         |
| Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....                                                      | farms.. 35              | —        | 1        | 5        | 12       | 10       | 7           |
| acres..                                                                                      | 163                     | —        | (D)      | (D)      | 18       | 13       | 6           |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | cwt.. 63 089            | —        | (D)      | (D)      | 5 022    | 3 290    | 1 770       |
| farms..                                                                                      | 35                      | —        | 1        | 5        | 12       | 10       | 7           |
| acres..                                                                                      | 163                     | —        | (D)      | (D)      | 18       | 13       | 6           |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                    |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 0.1 to 4.9 acres .....                                                                       | 31                      | —        | 1        | 3        | 11       | 9        | 7           |
| 5.0 to 24.9 acres .....                                                                      | 2                       | —        | —        | —        | 1        | 1        | —           |
| 25.0 to 99.9 acres .....                                                                     | 2                       | —        | —        | 2        | —        | —        | —           |
| 100.0 to 249.9 acres .....                                                                   | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| 250.0 acres or more .....                                                                    | —                       | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —           |
| Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild,<br>grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ... | farms.. 4 677           | 20       | 225      | 1 106    | 1 461    | 1 141    | 724         |
| acres..                                                                                      | 176 794                 | 958      | 8 702    | 44 315   | 54 451   | 44 867   | 23 501      |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | tons, dry.. 515 778     | 1 751    | 27 595   | 128 370  | 167 272  | 123 030  | 67 760      |
| farms..                                                                                      | 4 281                   | 14       | 206      | 1 018    | 1 338    | 1 034    | 671         |
| acres..                                                                                      | 150 708                 | 642      | 7 779    | 37 335   | 46 935   | 38 608   | 19 409      |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                                                    |                         |          |          |          |          |          |             |
| 1 to 24 acres .....                                                                          | 2 747                   | 10       | 123      | 652      | 841      | 660      | 461         |
| 25 to 99 acres .....                                                                         | 1 521                   | 7        | 79       | 339      | 492      | 382      | 222         |
| 100 to 249 acres .....                                                                       | 342                     | 3        | 21       | 94       | 109      | 85       | 30          |
| 250 to 499 acres .....                                                                       | 53                      | —        | 2        | 18       | 16       | 9        | 8           |
| 500 acres or more .....                                                                      | 14                      | —        | —        | 3        | 3        | 5        | 3           |
| Alfalfa hay .....                                                                            | farms.. 4 030           | 13       | 193      | 948      | 1 260    | 993      | 623         |
| acres..                                                                                      | 132 885                 | 514      | 6 467    | 32 402   | 42 752   | 32 506   | 18 244      |
| Irrigated .....                                                                              | tons, dry.. 428 367     | 1 091    | 22 974   | 106 392  | 143 313  | 97 959   | 56 638      |
| farms..                                                                                      | 3 711                   | 10       | 176      | 872      | 1 162    | 915      | 576         |
| acres..                                                                                      | 114 706                 | 394      | 5 699    | 27 501   | 37 605   | 28 320   | 15 187      |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                     | Total farming<br>and other<br>occupations | Farming    |                         |          |           |            |           |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                          |                                           | Total      | Age of operator (years) |          |           |            |           |             |
|                                                          |                                           |            | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44  | 45 to 54   | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| <b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—<br/>Con.</b>                |                                           |            |                         |          |           |            |           |             |
| Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . . farms.. | 294                                       | 166        | 1                       | 8        | 27        | 32         | 32        | 66          |
| acres..                                                  | 6 695                                     | 5 460      | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 311     | 1 097      | 1 662     | 1 002       |
| Irrigated . . . . . farms..                              | 294                                       | 166        | 1                       | 8        | 27        | 32         | 32        | 66          |
| acres..                                                  | 6 695                                     | 5 460      | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 311     | 1 097      | 1 662     | 1 002       |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                |                                           |            |                         |          |           |            |           |             |
| 0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .                               | 134                                       | 58         | —                       | 3        | 9         | 3          | 7         | 36          |
| 5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .                              | 95                                        | 52         | —                       | 4        | 7         | 11         | 11        | 19          |
| 25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .                             | 50                                        | 43         | —                       | —        | 7         | 17         | 8         | 11          |
| 100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .                           | 13                                        | 11         | 1                       | 1        | 3         | 1          | 5         | —           |
| 250.0 acres or more . . . . .                            | 2                                         | 2          | —                       | —        | 1         | —          | 1         | —           |
| Land in orchards . . . . . farms..                       | 631                                       | 257        | 1                       | 4        | 23        | 35         | 55        | 139         |
| acres..                                                  | 10 162                                    | 7 550      | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 831     | 1 938      | 1 541     | 1 851       |
| Irrigated . . . . . farms..                              | 607                                       | 251        | 1                       | 4        | 23        | 32         | 54        | 137         |
| acres..                                                  | 10 055                                    | 7 499      | (D)                     | (D)      | 1 831     | 1 929      | 1 503     | 1 847       |
| Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:                   |                                           |            |                         |          |           |            |           |             |
| 0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .                               | 370                                       | 110        | —                       | 2        | 4         | 4          | 26        | 74          |
| 5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .                              | 189                                       | 88         | 1                       | —        | 11        | 14         | 15        | 47          |
| 25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .                             | 49                                        | 40         | —                       | —        | 3         | 10         | 11        | 16          |
| 100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .                           | 17                                        | 14         | —                       | 1        | 3         | 6          | 2         | 2           |
| 250.0 acres or more . . . . .                            | 6                                         | 5          | —                       | 1        | 2         | 1          | 1         | —           |
| Apples . . . . . farms..                                 | 431                                       | 194        | 1                       | 4        | 18        | 28         | 41        | 102         |
| Bearing and nonbearing..acres..                          | 3 699                                     | 2 902      | (D)                     | (D)      | 535       | 857        | 559       | 674         |
| pounds..                                                 | 41 867 610                                | 36 159 733 | (D)                     | (D)      | 7 781 730 | 11 499 896 | 7 362 025 | 5 554 414   |

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Table 48. **Summary by Age and Principal Occupation of Operator: 1997—Con.**

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

| Item                                                     | Other occupations |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                          | Total             | Age of operator (years) |          |          |           |           |             |
|                                                          |                   | Under 25                | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54  | 55 to 64  | 65 and over |
| <b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED—</b>                         |                   |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| <b>Con.</b>                                              |                   |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) . . . . farms.. | 128               | —                       | 7        | 23       | 40        | 30        | 28          |
| acres..                                                  | 1 234             | —                       | 51       | 138      | 432       | 444       | 170         |
| Irrigated . . . . . farms..                              | 128               | —                       | 7        | 23       | 40        | 30        | 28          |
| acres..                                                  | 1 234             | —                       | 51       | 138      | 432       | 444       | 170         |
| Farms by acres harvested:                                |                   |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| 0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .                               | 76                | —                       | 4        | 14       | 22        | 18        | 18          |
| 5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .                              | 43                | —                       | 3        | 9        | 16        | 7         | 8           |
| 25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .                             | 7                 | —                       | —        | —        | 1         | 4         | 2           |
| 100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .                           | 2                 | —                       | —        | —        | 1         | 1         | —           |
| 250.0 acres or more . . . . .                            | —                 | —                       | —        | —        | —         | —         | —           |
| Land in orchards . . . . . farms..                       | 374               | —                       | 7        | 71       | 97        | 112       | 87          |
| acres..                                                  | 2 613             | —                       | 37       | 301      | 608       | 1 144     | 522         |
| Irrigated . . . . . farms..                              | 356               | —                       | 7        | 66       | 90        | 109       | 84          |
| acres..                                                  | 2 557             | —                       | 37       | 295      | 599       | 1 138     | 488         |
| Farms by bearing and nonbearing acres:                   |                   |                         |          |          |           |           |             |
| 0.1 to 4.9 acres . . . . .                               | 260               | —                       | 3        | 52       | 65        | 76        | 64          |
| 5.0 to 24.9 acres . . . . .                              | 101               | —                       | 4        | 17       | 27        | 32        | 21          |
| 25.0 to 99.9 acres . . . . .                             | 9                 | —                       | —        | 2        | 4         | 2         | 1           |
| 100.0 to 249.9 acres . . . . .                           | 3                 | —                       | —        | —        | 1         | 1         | 1           |
| 250.0 acres or more . . . . .                            | 1                 | —                       | —        | —        | —         | 1         | —           |
| Apples . . . . . farms..                                 | 237               | —                       | 6        | 52       | 58        | 74        | 47          |
| Bearing and nonbearing..acres..                          | 797               | —                       | 27       | 140      | 210       | 234       | 187         |
| pounds..                                                 | 5 707 877         | —                       | 57 100   | 746 250  | 2 058 600 | 1 330 809 | 1 515 118   |

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.