

Table 55. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2012

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

Characteristics	All operators ¹	Principal operator	Second operator	Third operator
Operators number	1,197	762	375	60
Sex of operator:				
Male	683	512	136	35
Spouse of principal operator	92	(X)	87	5
Female	514	250	239	25
Spouse of principal operator	202	(X)	194	8
Primary occupation:				
Farming	609	412	168	29
Other	588	350	207	31
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	963	616	311	36
Not on farm operated	234	146	64	24
Days worked off farm:				
None	477	322	129	26
Any	720	440	246	34
1 to 49 days	119	63	51	5
50 to 99 days	62	40	18	4
100 to 199 days	162	105	52	5
200 days or more	377	232	125	20
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	77	39	32	6
3 or 4 years	147	79	57	11
5 to 9 years	236	146	78	12
10 years or more	737	498	208	31
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	61	28	28	5
3 or 4 years	126	70	45	11
5 to 9 years	190	113	68	9
10 years or more	820	551	234	35
Age group:				
Under 25 years	16	6	4	6
25 to 34 years	80	31	34	15
35 to 44 years	145	81	51	13
45 to 54 years	281	169	99	13
55 to 64 years	426	287	129	10
65 to 74 years	167	120	44	3
75 years and over	82	68	14	-
Average age	55.1	57.1	53.0	42.0
Number of persons living in household	2,393	2,019	295	79

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