

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
Operatorsnumber	58,189	36,180	19,104	2,905
Sex of operator:				
Male	36,746	29,320	5,772	1,654
Spouse of principal operator	2,267	(X)	2,216	51
Female	21,443	6,860	13,332	1,251
Spouse of principal operator	12,421	(X)	12,101	320
Primary occupation:				
Farming	26,671	17,962	7,272	1,437
Other	31,518	18,218	11,832	1,468
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	46,720	29,176	15,739	1,805
Not on farm operated	11,469	7,004	3,365	1,100
Days worked off farm:				
None	21,001	13,721	6,259	1,021
Any	37,188	22,459	12,845	1,884
1 to 49 days	5,298	3,153	1,812	333
50 to 99 days	3,049	1,765	1,075	209
100 to 199 days	6,195	3,819	2,055	321
200 days or more	22,646	13,722	7,903	1,021
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	2,163	982	796	385
3 or 4 years	3,469	1,828	1,303	338
5 to 9 years	10,248	5,834	3,796	618
10 years or more	42,309	27,536	13,209	1,564
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	1,639	669	614	356
3 or 4 years	2,759	1,427	1,043	289
5 to 9 years	8,579	4,737	3,268	574
10 years or more	45,212	29,347	14,179	1,686
Age group:				
Under 25 years	738	147	232	359
25 to 34 years	3,619	1,762	1,312	545
35 to 44 years	6,108	3,182	2,493	433
45 to 54 years	13,737	7,890	5,212	635
55 to 64 years	16,990	10,873	5,630	487
65 to 74 years	11,341	7,829	3,250	262
75 years and over	5,656	4,497	975	184
Average age	56.8	58.9	54.4	46.0
Number of persons living in household	107,320	87,829	14,900	4,591

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