

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

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

Characteristics	All operators <sup>1</sup>	Principal operator	Second operator	Third operator
Operators .....number	39,747	24,816	13,020	1,911
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	26,704	21,821	3,651	1,232
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,200	(X)	1,190	10
Female .....	13,043	2,995	9,369	679
Spouse of principal operator .....	8,961	(X)	8,774	187
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	18,057	12,349	4,732	976
Other .....	21,690	12,467	8,288	935
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	32,569	20,556	10,848	1,165
Not on farm operated .....	7,178	4,260	2,172	746
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	14,812	9,473	4,593	746
Any .....	24,935	15,343	8,427	1,165
1 to 49 days .....	3,797	2,297	1,290	210
50 to 99 days .....	2,028	1,123	780	125
100 to 199 days .....	3,542	2,066	1,293	183
200 days or more .....	15,568	9,857	5,064	647
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	1,905	921	722	262
3 or 4 years .....	2,306	1,187	872	247
5 to 9 years .....	6,853	3,995	2,495	363
10 years or more .....	28,683	18,713	8,931	1,039
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	1,393	623	542	228
3 or 4 years .....	1,806	897	684	225
5 to 9 years .....	5,745	3,279	2,134	332
10 years or more .....	30,803	20,017	9,660	1,126
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	620	111	175	334
25 to 34 years .....	2,957	1,436	1,169	352
35 to 44 years .....	4,899	2,559	2,056	284
45 to 54 years .....	9,208	5,499	3,354	355
55 to 64 years .....	11,922	7,765	3,854	303
65 to 74 years .....	6,769	4,783	1,824	162
75 years and over .....	3,372	2,663	588	121
Average age .....	55.4	57.6	52.9	44.3
Number of persons living in household .....	82,992	68,212	10,955	3,825

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.