

**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	91,656	61,773	25,909	3,974
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	66,045	54,990	8,564	2,491
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,801	(X)	1,763	38
Female .....	25,611	6,783	17,345	1,483
Spouse of principal operator .....	16,459	(X)	15,944	515
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	40,717	29,857	9,195	1,665
Other .....	50,939	31,916	16,714	2,309
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	61,834	42,122	17,871	1,841
Not on farm operated .....	29,822	19,651	8,038	2,133
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	34,215	24,010	8,800	1,405
Any .....	57,441	37,763	17,109	2,569
1 to 49 days .....	7,566	4,963	2,170	433
50 to 99 days .....	3,709	2,323	1,201	185
100 to 199 days .....	6,802	4,264	2,198	340
200 days or more .....	39,364	26,213	11,540	1,611
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	3,533	1,845	1,253	435
3 or 4 years .....	5,288	2,940	1,872	476
5 to 9 years .....	12,695	7,643	4,298	754
10 years or more .....	70,140	49,345	18,486	2,309
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	2,581	1,220	983	378
3 or 4 years .....	4,375	2,369	1,615	391
5 to 9 years .....	11,062	6,578	3,839	645
10 years or more .....	73,638	51,606	19,472	2,560
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	1,185	352	434	399
25 to 34 years .....	7,086	3,975	2,471	640
35 to 44 years .....	10,550	6,383	3,585	582
45 to 54 years .....	20,649	13,215	6,705	729
55 to 64 years .....	25,319	17,351	7,109	859
65 to 74 years .....	16,120	11,762	3,946	412
75 years and over .....	10,747	8,735	1,659	353
Average age .....	56.5	58.2	53.6	48.9
Number of persons living in household .....	188,085	157,290	23,652	7,143

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