

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	113,037	77,064	31,703	4,270
Sex of operator:				
Male	81,618	68,864	10,134	2,620
Spouse of principal operator	2,566	(X)	2,501	65
Female	31,419	8,200	21,569	1,650
Spouse of principal operator	20,316	(X)	19,797	519
Primary occupation:				
Farming	43,430	32,137	9,689	1,604
Other	69,607	44,927	22,014	2,666
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	89,259	61,992	24,817	2,450
Not on farm operated	23,778	15,072	6,886	1,820
Days worked off farm:				
None	39,057	27,516	10,171	1,370
Any	73,980	49,548	21,532	2,900
1 to 49 days	8,947	5,862	2,704	381
50 to 99 days	5,252	3,329	1,636	287
100 to 199 days	10,654	7,062	3,141	451
200 days or more	49,127	33,295	14,051	1,781
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	5,325	2,866	1,947	512
3 or 4 years	6,566	3,752	2,315	499
5 to 9 years	17,650	10,639	6,062	949
10 years or more	83,496	59,807	21,379	2,310
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	3,858	1,901	1,493	464
3 or 4 years	5,357	2,956	1,965	436
5 to 9 years	14,939	8,738	5,345	856
10 years or more	88,883	63,469	22,900	2,514
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,780	406	709	665
25 to 34 years	7,631	4,073	2,837	721
35 to 44 years	14,687	8,909	5,130	648
45 to 54 years	26,859	17,130	8,908	821
55 to 64 years	31,377	22,067	8,524	786
65 to 74 years	20,921	16,131	4,366	424
75 years and over	9,782	8,348	1,229	205
Average age	55.6	57.6	52.1	45.4
Number of persons living in household	232,468	198,179	27,341	6,948

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