

**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	12,275	7,755	3,818	702
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	7,196	5,248	1,566	382
Spouse of principal operator .....	813	(X)	797	16
Female .....	5,079	2,507	2,252	320
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,783	(X)	1,737	46
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	5,777	3,878	1,551	348
Other .....	6,498	3,877	2,267	354
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	9,138	6,038	2,811	289
Not on farm operated .....	3,137	1,717	1,007	413
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	4,195	2,736	1,198	261
Any .....	8,080	5,019	2,620	441
1 to 49 days .....	1,145	743	335	67
50 to 99 days .....	744	447	247	50
100 to 199 days .....	1,287	759	470	58
200 days or more .....	4,904	3,070	1,568	266
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	644	328	230	86
3 or 4 years .....	915	507	331	77
5 to 9 years .....	2,021	1,119	750	152
10 years or more .....	8,695	5,801	2,507	387
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	475	223	183	69
3 or 4 years .....	809	433	303	73
5 to 9 years .....	1,848	993	706	149
10 years or more .....	9,143	6,106	2,626	411
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	254	60	101	93
25 to 34 years .....	801	359	305	137
35 to 44 years .....	1,241	655	465	121
45 to 54 years .....	3,133	1,933	1,025	175
55 to 64 years .....	3,657	2,415	1,138	104
65 to 74 years .....	2,195	1,556	590	49
75 years and over .....	994	777	194	23
Average age .....	55.7	57.8	53.5	43.7
Number of persons living in household .....	24,454	20,126	3,101	1,227

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