

**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	54,778	38,076	14,371	2,331
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	38,931	32,794	4,740	1,397
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,236	(X)	1,204	32
Female .....	15,847	5,282	9,631	934
Spouse of principal operator .....	8,714	(X)	8,496	218
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	22,165	16,355	4,985	825
Other .....	32,613	21,721	9,386	1,506
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	38,403	27,054	10,270	1,079
Not on farm operated .....	16,375	11,022	4,101	1,252
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	21,096	15,119	5,167	810
Any .....	33,682	22,957	9,204	1,521
1 to 49 days .....	4,228	2,668	1,313	247
50 to 99 days .....	2,564	1,706	731	127
100 to 199 days .....	5,280	3,757	1,339	184
200 days or more .....	21,610	14,826	5,821	963
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	2,254	1,247	766	241
3 or 4 years .....	3,159	1,844	1,069	246
5 to 9 years .....	8,579	5,258	2,766	555
10 years or more .....	40,786	29,727	9,770	1,289
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	1,694	864	621	209
3 or 4 years .....	2,592	1,448	929	215
5 to 9 years .....	7,716	4,663	2,542	511
10 years or more .....	42,776	31,101	10,279	1,396
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	689	159	260	270
25 to 34 years .....	2,877	1,442	1,084	351
35 to 44 years .....	5,779	3,458	1,974	347
45 to 54 years .....	10,915	6,965	3,491	459
55 to 64 years .....	15,675	10,981	4,197	497
65 to 74 years .....	11,914	9,125	2,508	281
75 years and over .....	6,929	5,946	857	126
Average age .....	58.3	60.4	54.4	47.6
Number of persons living in household .....	110,451	92,523	13,801	4,127

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