

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	44,249	28,008	13,979	2,262
Sex of operator:				
Male	29,184	23,765	4,137	1,282
Spouse of principal operator	1,219	(X)	1,196	23
Female	15,065	4,243	9,842	980
Spouse of principal operator	9,195	(X)	8,890	305
Primary occupation:				
Farming	22,769	15,434	6,106	1,229
Other	21,480	12,574	7,873	1,033
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	35,035	22,057	11,436	1,542
Not on farm operated	9,214	5,951	2,543	720
Days worked off farm:				
None	18,418	12,116	5,329	973
Any	25,831	15,892	8,650	1,289
1 to 49 days	4,415	2,688	1,486	241
50 to 99 days	2,104	1,232	752	120
100 to 199 days	3,968	2,383	1,359	226
200 days or more	15,344	9,589	5,053	702
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	1,755	962	588	205
3 or 4 years	2,247	1,195	831	221
5 to 9 years	6,519	3,851	2,324	344
10 years or more	33,728	22,000	10,236	1,492
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	1,308	690	447	171
3 or 4 years	1,724	882	654	188
5 to 9 years	5,468	3,141	1,989	338
10 years or more	35,749	23,295	10,889	1,565
Age group:				
Under 25 years	504	123	195	186
25 to 34 years	2,592	1,264	954	374
35 to 44 years	4,837	2,690	1,826	321
45 to 54 years	9,902	5,867	3,567	468
55 to 64 years	13,682	8,746	4,435	501
65 to 74 years	8,314	5,825	2,263	226
75 years and over	4,418	3,493	739	186
Average age	57.0	58.9	54.4	49.1
Number of persons living in household	84,215	68,921	11,305	3,989

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