

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	55,970	35,537	17,460	2,973
Sex of operator:				
Male	37,220	29,078	6,390	1,752
Spouse of principal operator	2,635	(X)	2,569	66
Female	18,750	6,459	11,070	1,221
Spouse of principal operator	9,974	(X)	9,687	287
Primary occupation:				
Farming	29,880	20,400	7,850	1,630
Other	26,090	15,137	9,610	1,343
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	46,896	30,665	14,423	1,808
Not on farm operated	9,074	4,872	3,037	1,165
Days worked off farm:				
None	24,200	15,751	7,100	1,349
Any	31,770	19,786	10,360	1,624
1 to 49 days	4,374	2,794	1,345	235
50 to 99 days	2,388	1,384	851	153
100 to 199 days	5,226	3,194	1,757	275
200 days or more	19,782	12,414	6,407	961
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	2,409	1,150	935	324
3 or 4 years	3,494	1,828	1,274	392
5 to 9 years	8,865	5,038	3,219	608
10 years or more	41,202	27,521	12,032	1,649
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	1,689	735	686	268
3 or 4 years	2,835	1,412	1,085	338
5 to 9 years	7,782	4,253	2,928	601
10 years or more	43,664	29,137	12,761	1,766
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,079	185	452	442
25 to 34 years	4,261	1,964	1,648	649
35 to 44 years	6,879	3,796	2,587	496
45 to 54 years	14,297	8,774	4,975	548
55 to 64 years	15,625	10,504	4,693	428
65 to 74 years	9,603	7,001	2,348	254
75 years and over	4,226	3,313	757	156
Average age	54.8	57.1	52.0	43.9
Number of persons living in household	119,992	100,646	14,462	4,884

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