

**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	113,624	75,462	32,543	5,619
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	82,211	66,760	11,888	3,563
Spouse of principal operator .....	3,068	(X)	3,002	66
Female .....	31,413	8,702	20,655	2,056
Spouse of principal operator .....	19,489	(X)	18,804	685
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	47,032	33,140	11,599	2,293
Other .....	66,592	42,322	20,944	3,326
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	91,476	62,381	25,837	3,258
Not on farm operated .....	22,148	13,081	6,706	2,361
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	40,955	27,678	11,453	1,824
Any .....	72,669	47,784	21,090	3,795
1 to 49 days .....	9,522	6,131	2,811	580
50 to 99 days .....	4,688	2,849	1,522	317
100 to 199 days .....	9,641	5,961	3,191	489
200 days or more .....	48,818	32,843	13,566	2,409
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	4,664	2,216	1,779	669
3 or 4 years .....	6,184	3,287	2,250	647
5 to 9 years .....	16,412	9,595	5,695	1,122
10 years or more .....	86,364	60,364	22,819	3,181
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	3,544	1,579	1,396	569
3 or 4 years .....	5,245	2,689	1,932	624
5 to 9 years .....	14,511	8,230	5,217	1,064
10 years or more .....	90,324	62,964	23,998	3,362
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	2,356	455	957	944
25 to 34 years .....	9,189	4,796	3,380	1,013
35 to 44 years .....	14,837	8,793	5,166	878
45 to 54 years .....	28,388	18,401	8,923	1,064
55 to 64 years .....	30,856	21,380	8,494	982
65 to 74 years .....	18,372	13,773	4,100	499
75 years and over .....	9,626	7,864	1,523	239
Average age .....	54.6	56.8	51.5	44.1
Number of persons living in household .....	254,131	215,942	29,268	8,921

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