

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	2,020	1,243	662	115
Sex of operator:				
Male	1,258	937	259	62
Spouse of principal operator	143	(X)	136	7
Female	762	306	403	53
Spouse of principal operator	352	(X)	338	14
Primary occupation:				
Farming	894	619	223	52
Other	1,126	624	439	63
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	1,512	963	475	74
Not on farm operated	508	280	187	41
Days worked off farm:				
None	680	454	188	38
Any	1,340	789	474	77
1 to 49 days	142	84	46	12
50 to 99 days	104	51	44	9
100 to 199 days	206	133	63	10
200 days or more	888	521	321	46
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	154	72	64	18
3 or 4 years	171	90	57	24
5 to 9 years	415	221	169	25
10 years or more	1,280	860	372	48
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	117	53	50	14
3 or 4 years	174	92	54	28
5 to 9 years	382	204	157	21
10 years or more	1,347	894	401	52
Age group:				
Under 25 years	51	10	13	28
25 to 34 years	132	57	52	23
35 to 44 years	248	115	119	14
45 to 54 years	599	361	216	22
55 to 64 years	518	337	167	14
65 to 74 years	343	261	74	8
75 years and over	129	102	21	6
Average age	54.0	56.7	51.1	42.1
Number of persons living in household	4,051	3,362	531	158

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