

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	108,900	69,754	33,906	5,240
Sex of operator:				
Male	75,716	62,408	9,988	3,320
Spouse of principal operator	2,864	(X)	2,791	73
Female	33,184	7,346	23,918	1,920
Spouse of principal operator	22,806	(X)	22,094	712
Primary occupation:				
Farming	51,027	34,760	13,523	2,744
Other	57,873	34,994	20,383	2,496
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	88,305	57,611	27,618	3,076
Not on farm operated	20,595	12,143	6,288	2,164
Days worked off farm:				
None	43,666	28,900	12,518	2,248
Any	65,234	40,854	21,388	2,992
1 to 49 days	8,130	5,118	2,596	416
50 to 99 days	4,058	2,374	1,440	244
100 to 199 days	8,792	5,316	3,099	377
200 days or more	44,254	28,046	14,253	1,955
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	4,478	2,260	1,627	591
3 or 4 years	5,349	2,828	2,000	521
5 to 9 years	14,311	8,107	5,157	1,047
10 years or more	84,762	56,559	25,122	3,081
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	3,361	1,576	1,299	486
3 or 4 years	4,285	2,155	1,619	511
5 to 9 years	12,596	6,977	4,640	979
10 years or more	88,658	59,046	26,348	3,264
Age group:				
Under 25 years	1,865	346	750	769
25 to 34 years	7,689	3,739	2,912	1,038
35 to 44 years	13,521	7,751	4,922	848
45 to 54 years	29,976	18,508	10,397	1,071
55 to 64 years	31,163	21,208	9,155	800
65 to 74 years	17,127	12,248	4,383	496
75 years and over	7,559	5,954	1,387	218
Average age	54.5	56.5	52.2	44.2
Number of persons living in household	227,365	191,969	26,615	8,781

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