

Table 5. Principal Operator Characteristics by Race: 2012

[Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Principal operators	Total	Characteristics by race			
		Black or African American	White	Other	More than one race reported
Principal operators	13,159	1,023	12,051	62	23
Years operating present farm:					
Less than 2 years	773	19	742	12	-
2 to 4 years	1,339	100	1,232	5	2
5 to 9 years	2,437	243	2,189	-	5
10 years or more	8,610	661	7,888	45	16
Place of residence:					
On farm operated	8,287	602	7,627	44	14
Off farm operated	4,872	421	4,424	18	9
Primary occupation:					
Agriculture	5,463	550	4,879	22	12
Nonagriculture	7,696	473	7,172	40	11
Retirement status:					
Retired	5,681	436	5,201	33	11
Not retired	7,478	587	6,850	29	12
Age group:					
Under 25 years	20	-	20	-	-
25 to 34 years	487	13	470	2	2
35 to 44 years	1,369	72	1,291	4	2
45 to 54 years	2,936	271	2,654	11	-
55 to 64 years	3,612	264	3,301	36	11
65 years and over	4,735	403	4,315	9	8
Average age	59	60.2	58.9	54.3	60.7
Gender:					
Male	12,066	924	11,090	31	21
Female	1,093	99	961	31	2
Hispanic origin:					
Of Hispanic or Latino origin	12,940	934	11,951	33	22
Not of Hispanic or Latino origin	219	89	100	29	1
Highest grade or year of school completed:					
None	272	12	257	2	1
Elementary school	2,537	260	2,263	7	7
Secondary school	2,923	259	2,657	5	2
High school diploma or GED	2,643	254	2,371	10	8
Some college	1,959	103	1,823	31	2
College - Bachelor's degree	1,997	91	1,899	5	2
Master's or PhD	828	44	781	2	1
Days worked off farm:					
None	8,332	677	7,593	44	18
Any	4,827	346	4,458	18	5
1 to 49 days	461	20	431	8	2
50 to 99 days	473	106	367	-	-
100 to 199 days	910	57	847	6	-
200 days or more	2,983	163	2,813	4	3
Hired manager status:					
Hired manager	1,974	121	1,844	7	2
Not a hired manager	11,185	902	10,207	55	21
Percent of income from farming:					
Less than 25 percent	7,591	490	7,055	33	13
25 to 49 percent	1,984	242	1,731	9	2
50 to 74 percent	1,379	116	1,252	9	2
75 percent or more	2,205	175	2,013	11	6
Net household income category:					
Less than \$20,000	7,876	698	7,120	42	16
\$20,000 to \$39,999	2,970	248	2,706	13	3
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,023	30	988	3	2
\$60,000 to \$79,999	431	27	404	-	-
\$80,000 to \$99,999	310	5	301	2	2
\$100,000 or more	549	15	532	2	-
Number of persons living in household:					
1 person	4,823	443	4,356	14	10
2 persons	3,421	198	3,211	6	6
3 persons	2,557	225	2,316	11	5
4 persons	1,712	102	1,606	4	-
5 or more persons	646	55	562	27	2
Number of families contributing to the net income of this operation:					
1 family	11,371	893	10,411	52	15
2 families	923	62	855	2	4
3 families	482	28	450	4	-
4 families	187	19	162	4	2
5 or more families	196	21	173	-	2