

**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	14,152	9,071	4,345	736
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	9,229	7,239	1,563	427
Spouse of principal operator .....	662	(X)	648	14
Female .....	4,923	1,832	2,782	309
Spouse of principal operator .....	2,453	(X)	2,406	47
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	6,596	4,493	1,753	350
Other .....	7,556	4,578	2,592	386
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	11,306	7,408	3,470	428
Not on farm operated .....	2,846	1,663	875	308
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	5,146	3,369	1,538	239
Any .....	9,006	5,702	2,807	497
1 to 49 days .....	1,342	855	394	93
50 to 99 days .....	797	460	279	58
100 to 199 days .....	1,585	1,018	487	80
200 days or more .....	5,282	3,369	1,647	266
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	416	178	149	89
3 or 4 years .....	661	336	250	75
5 to 9 years .....	2,178	1,241	761	176
10 years or more .....	10,897	7,316	3,185	396
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	325	129	116	80
3 or 4 years .....	553	269	215	69
5 to 9 years .....	1,906	1,071	664	171
10 years or more .....	11,368	7,602	3,350	416
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	225	9	83	133
25 to 34 years .....	550	199	200	151
35 to 44 years .....	1,373	690	571	112
45 to 54 years .....	3,638	2,266	1,230	142
55 to 64 years .....	4,309	2,843	1,356	110
65 to 74 years .....	2,750	2,002	687	61
75 years and over .....	1,307	1,062	218	27
Average age .....	57.1	59.5	54.5	43.0
Number of persons living in household .....	29,090	24,743	3,338	1,009

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