

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
Operators number	28,130	18,027	8,519	1,584
Sex of operator:				
Male	19,948	16,009	2,896	1,043
Spouse of principal operator	663	(X)	646	17
Female	8,182	2,018	5,623	541
Spouse of principal operator	5,239	(X)	5,072	167
Primary occupation:				
Farming	10,062	6,939	2,602	521
Other	18,068	11,088	5,917	1,063
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	19,812	12,861	6,160	791
Not on farm operated	8,318	5,166	2,359	793
Days worked off farm:				
None	8,440	5,741	2,278	421
Any	19,690	12,286	6,241	1,163
1 to 49 days	2,711	1,472	1,076	163
50 to 99 days	1,405	810	495	100
100 to 199 days	2,523	1,460	843	220
200 days or more	13,051	8,544	3,827	680
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	1,274	615	462	197
3 or 4 years	1,663	893	583	187
5 to 9 years	4,846	2,816	1,760	270
10 years or more	20,347	13,703	5,714	930
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	955	432	357	166
3 or 4 years	1,458	742	546	170
5 to 9 years	4,159	2,299	1,609	251
10 years or more	21,558	14,554	6,007	997
Age group:				
Under 25 years	471	78	211	182
25 to 34 years	2,319	1,080	942	297
35 to 44 years	3,862	2,069	1,468	325
45 to 54 years	6,057	3,692	2,079	286
55 to 64 years	7,526	4,950	2,289	287
65 to 74 years	4,970	3,740	1,121	109
75 years and over	2,925	2,418	409	98
Average age	55.5	58.3	51.6	45.3
Number of persons living in household	67,233	53,860	9,732	3,641

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