

**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	109,349	74,542	30,040	4,767
Sex of operator:				
Male .....	81,547	68,172	10,158	3,217
Spouse of principal operator .....	1,965	(X)	1,925	40
Female .....	27,802	6,370	19,882	1,550
Spouse of principal operator .....	19,035	(X)	18,450	585
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....	54,426	39,423	12,664	2,339
Other .....	54,923	35,119	17,376	2,428
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....	84,642	58,768	23,387	2,487
Not on farm operated .....	24,707	15,774	6,653	2,280
Days worked off farm:				
None .....	44,054	30,907	11,247	1,900
Any .....	65,295	43,635	18,793	2,867
1 to 49 days .....	8,814	5,901	2,459	454
50 to 99 days .....	4,754	3,069	1,409	276
100 to 199 days .....	9,341	5,976	2,988	377
200 days or more .....	42,386	28,689	11,937	1,760
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....	3,458	1,882	1,142	434
3 or 4 years .....	4,813	2,721	1,593	499
5 to 9 years .....	12,905	7,707	4,254	944
10 years or more .....	88,173	62,232	23,051	2,890
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less .....	2,564	1,315	870	379
3 or 4 years .....	4,054	2,193	1,398	463
5 to 9 years .....	11,290	6,629	3,795	866
10 years or more .....	91,441	64,405	23,977	3,059
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....	1,427	419	481	527
25 to 34 years .....	8,064	4,485	2,632	947
35 to 44 years .....	13,983	8,647	4,576	760
45 to 54 years .....	28,583	19,005	8,608	970
55 to 64 years .....	30,829	21,731	8,219	879
65 to 74 years .....	17,606	12,946	4,221	439
75 years and over .....	8,857	7,309	1,303	245
Average age .....	55.0	56.6	52.6	45.9
Number of persons living in household .....	236,043	198,408	28,707	8,928

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