

Table 13.5. TENURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF OPERATIONS:  
1980, 1990, AND 1999

Item	1999	1990	1980
Tenure of operator			
Number of farms operated by all operators	6,473	1,126	1,331
Number of acres 1/	19,736	7,966	6,000
Number of cropland farms			
Number of cropland acres 1/	13,375	5,687	4,678
Number of full own, farms			
Number of acres	19,184	7,720	5,160
Cropland farms	6,340	975	1,133
Cropland acres	13,019	5,490	4,054
Number of part own farms			
Number of acres	59	44	121
Number of cropland farms	430	159	701
Number of acres	59	36	121
Number of acres	274	118	518
Number of tenant farms			
Number of acres	69	25	67
Number of acres	122	88	141
Number of cropland farms	69	22	65
Number of acres	83	79	109
Operators by age group			
Under 25 years	31	9	28
25 to 34 years	567	32	186
35 to 44 years	1,526	81	355
45 to 54 years	1,777	130	353
55 to 64 years	1,493	78	255
65 years and over	1,079	54	128
Not reported	..	..	26
Average age	51	50	47
Operators by years on farm			
Less than 2 years	22	20	102
2 to 4 years	59	73	238
5 to 9 years	1,789	69	274
10 years or more	318	222	705
Not reported	..	..	12

NOTE: 1/ Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Agriculture Census; U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1999 Agriculture Census.