

**Table 49. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2007**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

| Characteristics                             | All operators <sup>1</sup> | Principal operator | Second operator | Third operator |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Operators .....number                       | 25,726                     | 16,700             | 7,486           | 1,540          |
| Sex of operator:                            |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Male .....                                  | 18,866                     | 14,903             | 2,903           | 1,060          |
| Female .....                                | 6,860                      | 1,797              | 4,583           | 480            |
| Primary occupation:                         |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Farming .....                               | 9,210                      | 6,340              | 2,313           | 557            |
| Other .....                                 | 16,516                     | 10,360             | 5,173           | 983            |
| Place of residence:                         |                            |                    |                 |                |
| On farm operated .....                      | 17,707                     | 11,721             | 5,241           | 745            |
| Not on farm operated .....                  | 8,019                      | 4,979              | 2,245           | 795            |
| Days worked off farm:                       |                            |                    |                 |                |
| None .....                                  | 7,417                      | 4,969              | 2,068           | 380            |
| Any .....                                   | 18,309                     | 11,731             | 5,418           | 1,160          |
| 1 to 49 days .....                          | 3,341                      | 2,079              | 1,021           | 241            |
| 50 to 99 days .....                         | 1,629                      | 960                | 535             | 134            |
| 100 to 199 days .....                       | 2,506                      | 1,504              | 856             | 146            |
| 200 days or more .....                      | 10,833                     | 7,188              | 3,006           | 639            |
| Years on present farm:                      |                            |                    |                 |                |
| 2 years or less .....                       | 1,345                      | 650                | 478             | 217            |
| 3 or 4 years .....                          | 1,723                      | 975                | 589             | 159            |
| 5 to 9 years .....                          | 4,698                      | 2,681              | 1,655           | 362            |
| 10 years or more .....                      | 17,960                     | 12,394             | 4,764           | 802            |
| Age group:                                  |                            |                    |                 |                |
| Under 25 years .....                        | 453                        | 54                 | 175             | 224            |
| 25 to 34 years .....                        | 2,116                      | 964                | 871             | 281            |
| 35 to 44 years .....                        | 3,400                      | 1,771              | 1,341           | 288            |
| 45 to 54 years .....                        | 6,936                      | 4,310              | 2,282           | 344            |
| 55 to 64 years .....                        | 6,226                      | 4,346              | 1,665           | 215            |
| 65 to 74 years .....                        | 4,134                      | 3,260              | 774             | 100            |
| 75 years and over .....                     | 2,461                      | 1,995              | 378             | 88             |
| Average age .....                           | 54.6                       | 57.4               | 50.5            | 43.8           |
| Number of persons living in household ..... | 63,981                     | 50,817             | 9,492           | 3,672          |

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