

**Table 806. Farm Operators—Tenure and Characteristics: 2002 and 2007**

[In thousands, except as indicated (3,054 represents 3,054,000). An “operator” is a person who operates a farm, either doing the work or making day-to-day decisions. A family operation may have more than one operator. A principal operator is the person primarily responsible for the on-site, day-to-day operation of the farm or ranch business. Data on operator characteristics were collected up to a maximum of three operators per farm, though operations were asked to report the total number of operators. Data have been adjusted for coverage; see text, this section and Appendix III]

Characteristic	Total operators, 2002	2007			Characteristic	Total operators, 2002	2007		
		Total operators	Principal operators	Other operators			Total operators	Principal operators	Other operators
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3,054</b>	<b>3,282</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>1,077</b>	Full owner .....	(NA)	(NA)	1,522	(NA)
White .....	2,966	3,141	2,114	1,026	Part owner .....	(NA)	(NA)	542	(NA)
Black or					Tenant .....	(NA)	(NA)	141	(NA)
African American .....	36	40	31	9	Principal occupation:				
American Indian or					Farming .....	1,658	1,400	994	406
Alaska Native .....	24	56	35	21	Other .....	1,396	1,882	1,211	671
Asian .....	13	18	11	7	Place of residence:				
Native Hawaiian or					On farm operated .....	2,391	2,492	1,693	799
Other Pacific Islander .....	2	2	1	1	Not on farm operated .....	662	789	511	278
More than one race reported .....	12	25	13	12	Years on present farm:				
Operators of Hispanic origin <sup>1</sup> .....	72	82	56	27	2 years or less .....	143	163	85	78
Female .....	822	985	306	679	3 to 4 years .....	251	240	139	101
Under 25 years old .....	60	54	12	42	5 to 9 years .....	587	593	360	233
25 to 34 years old .....	201	209	107	103	10 years or more .....	2,073	2,286	1,622	664
35 to 44 years old .....	590	469	269	200	Average years on present farm .....	(NA)	(NA)	22	(NA)
45 to 54 years old .....	838	878	565	312	Days worked off farm:				
55 to 64 years old .....	690	848	596	252	None .....	1,354	1,118	778	340
65 to 74 years old .....	439	533	412	121	1 to 49 days .....	183	364	238	125
75 years old and over .....	236	290	243	47	50 to 99 days .....	102	181	116	65
Average age (years) .....	53.2	54.9	57.1	(NA)	100 to 199 days .....	224	305	197	108
					200 days or more .....	1,190	1,314	876	438

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Operators of Hispanic origin may be any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, *2007 Census of Agriculture*, Vol. 1.