

**Table 15.3-- TENURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF FARM OPERATOR AND
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION, HAWAII COUNTY:
1997 AND 2002**

Subject	Number	
	1997	2002
FARMS		
Land in farms		
Farms	3,319	3,216
Acres	870,012	821,276
TENURE OF OPERATOR		
Full owners		
Farms	1,859	1,946
Acres	68,306	98,905
Part owners		
Farms	445	338
Acres	638,486	520,822
Owned land in farms (acres)	326,689	308,400
Rented land in farms (acres)	311,797	212,422
Tenants		
Farms	1,015	932
Acres	163,220	201,549
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS		
Place of residence:		
On farm operated	1,930	2,058
Not on farm operated	1,077	1,158
Principal occupation:		
Farming	1,830	1,830
Other	1,489	1,386
Days of work off farm:		
None	1,231	1,579
Any	1,771	1,637
1 to 49 days	252	215
50 to 99 days	171	150
100 to 199 days	187	254
200 days or more	940	1,018

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OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS		
Years on present farm:		
2 years or less	272	207
3 or 4 years	298	356
5 to 9 years	647	711
10 years or more	1,419	1,942
Average years on present farm	13.8	15.2
Age group:		
Under 25 years	20	5
25 to 34 years	144	83
35 to 44 years	641	439
45 to 54 years	975	1,029
55 to 59 years	625	481
60 to 64 years	306	280
65 to 69 years	304	281
70 years and over	610	618
Average age	55	56.7
Sex:		
Male		
Farms	2,752	2,598
Acres	838,602	780,379
Female		
Farms	567	618
Acres	31,410	40,897

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION		
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)		
Farms	2,827	2,795
Acres	166,133	D
Partnership		
Farms	202	132
Acres	52,113	101,935
Corporation		
Family held		
Farms	198	217
Acres	D	172,679
Other than family held		
Farms	55	39
Acres	325,406	242,755
Other (cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.)		
Farms	37	33
Acres	D	D

D = Data not shown separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1997 Census of Agriculture, Geographic Area Series, Hawaii, State and County Data, AC97-A-11 (March 1999), chapter 2, table 11; and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Part 11, Hawaii (June 2004) pp.231-232.