

Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012

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

Characteristics	2017 ¹				2012 ²	
	All producers (see text)	All principal producers (see text)	All non-principal producers (see text)	Primary producer (see text)	All operators	Principal operator
Producersnumber	1,718	1,374	344	990	1,197	762
Sex of producers:						
Male	916	757	159	554	683	512
Female	802	617	185	436	514	250
Hired managers (see text)	143	96	47	58	(NA)	53
Primary occupation:						
Farming	774	667	107	537	609	412
Other	944	707	237	453	588	350
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	1,368	1,130	238	819	963	616
Not on farm operated	350	244	106	171	234	146
Days of work off farm:						
None	604	497	107	401	477	322
Any	1,114	877	237	589	720	440
1 to 49 days	181	145	36	110	119	63
50 to 99 days	108	87	21	65	62	40
100 to 199 days	243	199	44	141	162	105
200 days or more	582	446	136	273	377	232
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	162	97	65	71	77	39
3 or 4 years	236	193	43	119	147	79
5 to 9 years	434	341	93	240	236	146
10 years or more	886	743	143	560	737	498
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	426	315	111	201	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	361	279	82	198	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	931	780	151	591	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	10	5	5	3	16	6
25 to 34 years	130	80	50	39	80	31
35 to 44 years	265	193	72	128	145	81
45 to 54 years	339	281	58	212	281	169
55 to 64 years	533	446	87	322	426	287
65 to 74 years	329	268	61	209	167	120
75 years and over	112	101	11	77	82	68
Average age	55.2	56.2	50.9	57.3	55.1	57.1
Young producers (see text)	181	107	74	52	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	38	26	9	15	25	12
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	65	46	19	35	50	28
Asian	13	6	7	4	6	4
Black or African American	6	5	1	4	-	-
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	-	-	1	-
White	1,604	1,290	314	928	1,128	725
More than one race reported	30	27	3	19	12	5
Military service (see text):						
Never served	1,483	1,167	316	825	(NA)	(NA)
Served	235	207	28	165	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	3,399	2,976	423	2,214	2,393	2,019
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	1,501	1,291	210	968	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	1,387	1,198	189	897	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	864	758	106	570	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	1,332	1,160	172	890	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	923	806	117	604	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

² All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.