

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
Producers number	71,771	58,346	13,425	42,625	68,740	45,071
Sex of producers:						
Male	44,854	40,773	4,081	32,469	46,512	39,586
Female	26,917	17,573	9,344	10,156	22,228	5,485
Hired managers (see text)	2,486	1,860	626	1,214	(NA)	1,189
Primary occupation:						
Farming	30,258	25,983	4,275	20,686	29,815	21,315
Other	41,513	32,363	9,150	21,939	38,925	23,756
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	54,532	44,772	9,760	32,944	53,986	35,537
Not on farm operated	17,239	13,574	3,665	9,681	14,754	9,534
Days of work off farm:						
None	28,880	23,938	4,942	18,931	26,821	18,308
Any	42,891	34,408	8,483	23,694	41,919	26,763
1 to 49 days	4,649	3,632	1,017	2,743	4,163	2,492
50 to 99 days	2,928	2,325	603	1,706	2,879	1,766
100 to 199 days	5,598	4,546	1,052	3,307	5,848	3,648
200 days or more	29,716	23,905	5,811	15,938	29,029	18,857
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	5,545	4,117	1,428	2,824	2,974	1,550
3 or 4 years	6,256	4,794	1,462	3,290	4,313	2,394
5 to 9 years	10,495	8,293	2,202	5,825	11,386	6,724
10 years or more	49,475	41,142	8,333	30,686	50,067	34,403
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	11,457	8,553	2,904	5,789	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	9,290	7,280	2,010	5,026	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	51,024	42,513	8,511	31,810	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,144	522	622	278	1,094	192
25 to 34 years	4,921	3,541	1,380	2,396	4,636	2,401
35 to 44 years	8,760	6,759	2,001	4,601	8,442	4,958
45 to 54 years	14,173	11,311	2,862	7,889	15,866	9,786
55 to 64 years	18,909	15,540	3,369	11,324	18,692	12,434
65 to 74 years	15,911	13,620	2,291	10,499	13,776	10,205
75 years and over	7,953	7,053	900	5,638	6,234	5,095
Average age	57.0	58.0	52.7	58.8	56.1	58.1
Young producers (see text)	6,878	4,702	2,176	3,098	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1,065	862	310	619	761	509
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	613	480	133	343	821	507
Asian	616	470	146	316	608	354
Black or African American	1,463	1,271	192	1,003	1,395	1,064
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	10	9	1	5	5	-
White	68,308	55,457	12,851	40,484	65,437	42,866
More than one race reported	761	659	102	474	474	280
Military service (see text):						
Never served	63,936	51,144	12,792	36,831	(NA)	(NA)
Served	7,835	7,202	633	5,794	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	132,262	118,907	13,355	92,431	131,395	112,110
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	62,949	54,598	8,351	41,223	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	52,933	46,789	6,144	36,184	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	50,164	43,708	6,456	33,348	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	54,822	47,469	7,353	36,619	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	40,779	35,794	4,985	27,093	(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.