

**Table 54. Involvement in Decisionmaking by Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017**

[Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Day-to-day decisions	Land use and/or crop decisions	Livestock decisions	Record keeping and financial management	Estate or succession planning
Producers .....number	59,740	52,120	45,561	50,839	38,701
Sex of producers:					
Male .....	36,090	32,917	27,324	28,863	22,411
Female .....	23,650	19,203	18,237	21,976	16,290
Hired managers (see text) .....	3,007	2,676	1,799	2,423	1,600
Primary occupation:					
Farming .....	24,971	22,252	19,100	21,170	16,198
Other .....	34,769	29,868	26,461	29,669	22,503
Place of residence:					
On farm operated .....	47,854	41,305	37,959	40,087	30,972
Not on farm operated .....	11,886	10,815	7,602	10,752	7,729
Days of work off farm:					
None .....	21,452	18,512	15,427	18,239	14,278
Any .....	38,288	33,608	30,134	32,600	24,423
1 to 49 days .....	6,125	5,248	4,359	5,043	3,790
50 to 99 days .....	3,110	2,661	2,339	2,639	1,921
100 to 199 days .....	5,334	4,775	4,349	4,612	3,430
200 days or more .....	23,719	20,924	19,087	20,306	15,282
Years on present farm:					
2 years or less .....	4,247	3,574	3,336	3,470	2,396
3 or 4 years .....	5,603	5,010	4,621	4,699	3,060
5 to 9 years .....	9,176	8,075	7,205	7,723	5,569
10 years or more .....	40,714	35,461	30,399	34,947	27,676
Years operating any farm (see text):					
5 years or less .....	9,747	8,421	7,802	7,959	5,272
6 to 10 years .....	8,069	7,086	6,267	6,753	4,770
11 years or more .....	41,924	36,613	31,492	36,127	28,659
Age group:					
Under 25 years .....	644	529	574	381	216
25 to 34 years .....	3,834	3,445	3,279	3,220	2,078
35 to 44 years .....	7,080	6,202	5,832	6,021	3,902
45 to 54 years .....	10,645	9,321	8,573	8,948	6,448
55 to 64 years .....	17,582	15,318	13,140	15,053	11,605
65 to 74 years .....	13,542	11,796	9,761	11,617	9,508
75 years and over .....	6,413	5,509	4,402	5,599	4,944
Average age .....	57.6	57.5	56.6	57.8	59.2
Young producers (see text) .....	5,142	4,573	4,445	4,193	2,634
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	3,366	2,890	2,647	2,671	2,032
Producers by race:					
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	449	377	394	392	298
Asian .....	302	265	175	262	209
Black or African American .....	95	86	65	85	58
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	68	44	50	49	41
White .....	58,292	50,895	44,454	49,615	37,738
More than one race reported .....	534	453	423	436	357
Military service (see text):					
Never served .....	52,474	45,680	40,101	44,980	33,855
Served .....	7,266	6,440	5,460	5,859	4,846
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	110,781	99,091	84,826	92,446	69,247