

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	9,526	7,592	1,934	5,521	9,589	5,977
Sex of producers:						
Male	5,634	4,729	905	3,571	5,855	4,472
Female	3,892	2,863	1,029	1,950	3,734	1,505
Hired managers (see text)	819	549	270	325	(NA)	292
Primary occupation:						
Farming	3,814	3,217	597	2,480	4,142	2,766
Other	5,712	4,375	1,337	3,041	5,447	3,211
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	7,251	5,979	1,272	4,447	7,592	4,863
Not on farm operated	2,275	1,613	662	1,074	1,997	1,114
Days of work off farm:						
None	3,220	2,602	618	2,014	3,186	2,101
Any	6,306	4,990	1,316	3,507	6,403	3,876
1 to 49 days	895	700	195	519	815	478
50 to 99 days	549	422	127	298	537	304
100 to 199 days	924	784	140	580	951	558
200 days or more	3,938	3,084	854	2,110	4,100	2,536
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	581	426	155	317	551	267
3 or 4 years	722	524	198	362	608	319
5 to 9 years	1,527	1,118	409	762	1,678	920
10 years or more	6,696	5,524	1,172	4,080	6,752	4,471
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	1,429	1,024	405	733	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	1,468	1,108	360	732	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	6,629	5,460	1,169	4,056	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	221	93	128	37	220	55
25 to 34 years	705	445	260	279	565	226
35 to 44 years	964	697	267	451	851	431
45 to 54 years	1,667	1,327	340	943	2,409	1,470
55 to 64 years	2,923	2,399	524	1,779	2,960	1,903
65 to 74 years	2,034	1,722	312	1,330	1,768	1,225
75 years and over	1,012	909	103	702	816	667
Average age	57.1	58.6	50.9	59.6	56.3	58.7
Young producers (see text)	1,026	609	417	360	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	134	111	44	72	129	81
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	12	-	7	23	21
Asian	44	26	18	14	24	13
Black or African American	25	19	6	16	11	7
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	6	2	4	2	-	-
White	9,392	7,490	1,902	5,445	9,474	5,902
More than one race reported	47	43	4	37	57	34
Military service (see text):						
Never served	8,586	6,754	1,832	4,893	(NA)	(NA)
Served	940	838	102	628	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	17,934	15,569	2,365	11,972	19,063	15,837
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	8,401	7,125	1,276	5,375	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	7,034	6,042	992	4,654	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	5,286	4,563	723	3,537	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	6,688	5,859	829	4,667	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	4,757	4,215	542	3,270	(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.