

**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	68,102	55,661	50,194	55,224	40,585
Sex of producers:					
Male .....	42,101	36,048	30,507	31,712	24,233
Female .....	26,001	19,613	19,687	23,512	16,352
Hired managers (see text) .....	4,599	3,810	1,990	3,542	2,150
Primary occupation:					
Farming .....	30,351	25,645	21,817	24,456	18,015
Other .....	37,751	30,016	28,377	30,768	22,570
Place of residence:					
On farm operated .....	50,009	40,270	39,273	40,094	30,098
Not on farm operated .....	18,093	15,391	10,921	15,130	10,487
Days of work off farm:					
None .....	25,991	21,140	18,286	20,945	15,865
Any .....	42,111	34,521	31,908	34,279	24,720
1 to 49 days .....	5,973	4,769	4,093	4,805	3,397
50 to 99 days .....	3,401	2,759	2,579	2,785	1,954
100 to 199 days .....	6,275	5,268	4,697	5,260	3,804
200 days or more .....	26,462	21,725	20,539	21,429	15,565
Years on present farm:					
2 years or less .....	4,235	3,277	3,140	3,295	2,118
3 or 4 years .....	6,710	5,486	5,194	5,297	3,628
5 to 9 years .....	11,494	9,274	8,607	9,266	6,401
10 years or more .....	45,663	37,624	33,253	37,366	28,438
Years operating any farm (see text):					
5 years or less .....	10,963	8,683	8,317	8,531	5,673
6 to 10 years .....	9,945	8,017	7,509	8,074	5,507
11 years or more .....	47,194	38,961	34,368	38,619	29,405
Age group:					
Under 25 years .....	586	417	533	316	179
25 to 34 years .....	3,383	2,675	2,669	2,563	1,637
35 to 44 years .....	6,254	5,130	4,821	4,937	3,204
45 to 54 years .....	13,047	10,737	9,822	10,586	7,297
55 to 64 years .....	19,740	16,174	14,393	16,378	12,012
65 to 74 years .....	16,364	13,434	11,843	13,474	10,347
75 years and over .....	8,728	7,094	6,113	6,970	5,909
Average age .....	59.1	59.2	58.6	59.3	60.4
Young producers (see text) .....	4,478	3,520	3,577	3,292	2,082
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	6,094	4,701	3,787	4,631	3,233
Producers by race:					
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	460	363	392	403	310
Asian .....	1,094	945	530	906	634
Black or African American .....	1,955	1,625	1,495	1,581	1,184
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	86	89	78	91	64
White .....	63,898	52,094	47,204	51,743	37,993
More than one race reported .....	609	545	495	500	400
Military service (see text):					
Never served .....	58,448	47,404	42,879	47,742	34,522
Served .....	9,654	8,257	7,315	7,482	6,063
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	131,268	110,436	96,260	105,351	76,673