

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	68,087	55,425	12,662	42,439	61,053	42,257
Sex of producers:						
Male	44,839	39,840	4,999	32,722	43,274	35,853
Female	23,248	15,585	7,663	9,717	17,779	6,404
Hired managers (see text)	2,881	1,947	934	1,318	(NA)	1,164
Primary occupation:						
Farming	27,062	23,274	3,788	19,201	26,795	19,858
Other	41,025	32,151	8,874	23,238	34,258	22,399
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	49,985	41,402	8,583	32,163	46,594	32,751
Not on farm operated	18,102	14,023	4,079	10,276	14,459	9,506
Days of work off farm:						
None	25,750	21,361	4,389	17,456	24,822	17,798
Any	42,337	34,064	8,273	24,983	36,231	24,459
1 to 49 days	5,439	4,389	1,050	3,500	4,467	3,017
50 to 99 days	3,111	2,527	584	1,985	2,720	1,804
100 to 199 days	5,781	4,779	1,002	3,660	5,172	3,439
200 days or more	28,006	22,369	5,637	15,838	23,872	16,199
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	5,072	3,769	1,303	2,745	2,745	1,397
3 or 4 years	7,494	5,776	1,718	4,137	3,849	2,255
5 to 9 years	11,218	8,848	2,370	6,403	10,431	6,331
10 years or more	44,303	37,032	7,271	29,154	44,028	32,274
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	13,091	9,898	3,193	7,028	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	9,652	7,587	2,065	5,487	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	45,344	37,940	7,404	29,924	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	832	345	487	151	813	153
25 to 34 years	4,272	3,074	1,198	2,037	3,237	1,689
35 to 44 years	7,619	5,778	1,841	4,191	6,387	3,649
45 to 54 years	13,143	10,475	2,668	7,699	12,995	8,343
55 to 64 years	18,071	14,854	3,217	11,301	17,321	12,264
65 to 74 years	15,983	13,642	2,341	10,942	13,649	10,458
75 years and over	8,167	7,257	910	6,118	6,651	5,701
Average age	57.9	58.9	53.4	59.8	57.7	59.9
Young producers (see text)	5,721	3,885	1,836	2,482	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	922	758	277	525	665	443
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	211	171	40	130	185	127
Asian	461	326	135	241	407	239
Black or African American	2,773	2,391	382	1,878	2,569	1,986
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	30	22	8	16	16	12
White	64,202	52,186	12,016	39,909	57,633	39,736
More than one race reported	410	329	81	265	243	157
Military service (see text):						
Never served	59,252	47,336	11,916	35,676	(NA)	(NA)
Served	8,835	8,089	746	6,763	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	133,648	118,426	15,222	95,951	123,727	104,529
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	59,377	51,673	7,704	40,948	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	49,603	43,738	5,865	35,208	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	41,112	35,939	5,173	28,974	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	50,139	43,732	6,407	35,497	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	37,128	32,736	4,392	26,026	(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.