

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	116,417	93,937	22,480	72,651	107,284	75,087
Sex of producers:						
Male	83,222	74,443	8,779	61,063	83,019	68,196
Female	33,195	19,494	13,701	11,588	24,265	6,891
Hired managers (see text)	5,767	4,172	1,595	2,654	(NA)	2,556
Primary occupation:						
Farming	51,281	43,877	7,404	35,631	51,272	37,835
Other	65,136	50,060	15,076	37,020	56,012	37,252
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	74,788	61,771	13,017	49,086	72,350	52,037
Not on farm operated	41,629	32,166	9,463	23,565	34,934	23,050
Days of work off farm:						
None	49,598	41,178	8,420	33,184	44,036	31,838
Any	66,819	52,759	14,060	39,467	63,248	43,249
1 to 49 days	9,804	7,908	1,896	6,318	10,162	7,028
50 to 99 days	4,332	3,373	959	2,667	4,543	3,029
100 to 199 days	7,814	6,134	1,680	4,754	8,301	5,510
200 days or more	44,869	35,344	9,525	25,728	40,242	27,682
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	5,363	3,805	1,558	2,817	3,901	2,135
3 or 4 years	7,294	5,357	1,937	3,832	5,446	3,191
5 to 9 years	15,473	11,647	3,826	8,522	13,693	8,270
10 years or more	88,287	73,128	15,159	57,480	84,244	61,491
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	13,442	9,643	3,799	6,956	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	13,553	10,160	3,393	7,328	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	89,422	74,134	15,288	58,367	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,406	556	850	356	1,449	515
25 to 34 years	8,452	5,991	2,461	4,261	7,802	4,552
35 to 44 years	12,764	9,784	2,980	7,113	12,261	7,677
45 to 54 years	19,959	15,849	4,110	11,919	24,933	16,888
55 to 64 years	32,986	27,070	5,916	21,133	30,260	21,753
65 to 74 years	26,087	21,864	4,223	17,405	19,704	14,732
75 years and over	14,763	12,823	1,940	10,464	10,875	8,970
Average age	58.0	58.9	54.0	59.5	56.3	57.8
Young producers (see text)	11,102	7,470	3,632	5,248	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	934	686	222	517	777	475
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	108	93	15	72	141	102
Asian	160	100	60	65	171	94
Black or African American	229	183	46	142	172	110
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	21	11	10	10	24	16
White	115,605	93,315	22,290	72,179	106,554	74,631
More than one race reported	294	235	59	183	222	134
Military service (see text):						
Never served	104,357	82,911	21,446	63,393	(NA)	(NA)
Served	12,060	11,026	1,034	9,258	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	239,204	210,589	28,615	169,201	232,050	190,989
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	97,565	84,775	12,790	67,819	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	86,509	76,149	10,360	61,533	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	45,017	39,326	5,691	31,841	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	88,135	76,047	12,088	62,057	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	63,055	54,530	8,525	43,539	(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.