

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	43,798	35,829	7,969	27,386	40,975	28,093
Sex of producers:						
Male	28,453	25,834	2,619	21,116	29,141	24,636
Female	15,345	9,995	5,350	6,270	11,834	3,457
Hired managers (see text)	1,556	1,170	386	784	(NA)	848
Primary occupation:						
Farming	16,690	14,524	2,166	11,833	16,578	12,136
Other	27,108	21,305	5,803	15,553	24,397	15,957
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	30,088	24,977	5,111	19,254	29,089	20,115
Not on farm operated	13,710	10,852	2,858	8,132	11,886	7,978
Days of work off farm:						
None	16,113	13,422	2,691	11,000	14,928	10,482
Any	27,685	22,407	5,278	16,386	26,047	17,611
1 to 49 days	3,238	2,561	677	1,939	2,999	1,923
50 to 99 days	2,115	1,610	505	1,295	1,951	1,237
100 to 199 days	4,508	3,725	783	2,891	4,371	3,004
200 days or more	17,824	14,511	3,313	10,261	16,726	11,447
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2,925	2,165	760	1,590	1,827	968
3 or 4 years	3,744	2,892	852	2,106	2,923	1,799
5 to 9 years	6,985	5,515	1,470	4,006	6,931	4,327
10 years or more	30,144	25,257	4,887	19,684	29,294	20,999
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	6,904	5,122	1,782	3,670	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	6,193	4,905	1,288	3,584	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	30,701	25,802	4,899	20,132	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	535	188	347	109	551	147
25 to 34 years	2,818	2,050	768	1,416	2,580	1,338
35 to 44 years	5,288	4,052	1,236	2,804	4,988	3,019
45 to 54 years	8,382	6,770	1,612	5,016	9,210	5,874
55 to 64 years	12,332	10,203	2,129	7,827	11,745	8,222
65 to 74 years	9,528	8,133	1,395	6,497	7,790	5,990
75 years and over	4,915	4,433	482	3,717	4,111	3,503
Average age	57.4	58.4	52.7	59.3	56.5	58.5
Young producers (see text)	3,807	2,574	1,233	1,788	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	910	749	317	522	849	538
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	275	223	52	173	357	204
Asian	83	64	19	41	115	64
Black or African American	3,126	2,543	583	2,167	3,038	2,359
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	20	20	-	20	26	10
White	39,956	32,701	7,255	24,764	37,219	25,305
More than one race reported	338	278	60	221	220	151
Military service (see text):						
Never served	39,047	31,484	7,563	23,800	(NA)	(NA)
Served	4,751	4,345	406	3,586	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	84,843	76,224	8,619	60,719	83,078	69,665
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	37,945	33,145	4,800	26,105	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	31,612	28,184	3,428	22,487	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	28,432	25,075	3,357	19,979	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	32,133	27,980	4,153	22,477	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	21,570	19,050	2,520	15,124	(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.