

**Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 <sup>1</sup>				2012 <sup>2</sup>	
	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	12,778	10,154	2,624	7,241	12,275	7,755
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	7,206	6,016	1,190	4,451	7,196	5,248
Female .....	5,572	4,138	1,434	2,790	5,079	2,507
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,325	902	423	540	(NA)	490
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	5,722	4,833	889	3,677	5,777	3,878
Other .....	7,056	5,321	1,735	3,564	6,498	3,877
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	9,268	7,568	1,700	5,531	9,138	6,038
Not on farm operated .....	3,510	2,586	924	1,710	3,137	1,717
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	4,685	3,856	829	2,874	4,195	2,736
Any .....	8,093	6,298	1,795	4,367	8,080	5,019
1 to 49 days .....	1,127	857	270	689	1,145	743
50 to 99 days .....	673	519	154	379	744	447
100 to 199 days .....	1,234	982	252	693	1,287	759
200 days or more .....	5,059	3,940	1,119	2,606	4,904	3,070
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	736	502	234	345	644	328
3 or 4 years .....	989	656	333	459	915	507
5 to 9 years .....	1,955	1,480	475	1,022	2,021	1,119
10 years or more .....	9,098	7,516	1,582	5,415	8,695	5,801
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	1,731	1,165	566	802	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	1,807	1,371	436	932	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	9,240	7,618	1,622	5,507	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	236	47	189	26	254	60
25 to 34 years .....	846	557	289	337	801	359
35 to 44 years .....	1,318	945	373	642	1,241	655
45 to 54 years .....	2,222	1,703	519	1,211	3,133	1,933
55 to 64 years .....	3,841	3,183	658	2,293	3,657	2,415
65 to 74 years .....	3,008	2,583	425	1,874	2,195	1,556
75 years and over .....	1,307	1,136	171	858	994	777
Average age .....	57.6	59.1	51.5	59.7	55.7	57.8
Young producers (see text) .....	1,238	705	533	428	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	207	154	67	126	203	142
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	29	23	6	13	24	15
Asian .....	95	68	27	41	134	71
Black or African American .....	166	145	21	130	110	80
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	6	6	-	4	1	1
White .....	12,402	9,849	2,553	7,000	11,967	7,559
More than one race reported .....	80	63	17	53	39	29
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	11,676	9,207	2,469	6,517	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	1,102	947	155	724	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	24,832	21,641	3,191	16,366	24,454	20,126
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	11,199	9,538	1,661	7,068	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	9,287	8,008	1,279	6,097	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	6,976	6,057	919	4,592	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	9,212	8,100	1,112	6,257	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	6,664	5,878	786	4,372	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>2</sup> All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.