

**Table 64. Selected Principal Producer Characteristics by Race: 2017**

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| Characteristics  | All principal producers - |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
|  | All principal producers   | American Indian or Alaska Native only | American Indian or Alaska Native alone or in combination with other races | Asian only | Asian alone or in combination with other races | Black or African American only | Black or African American alone or in combination with other races |
| Producers ..... number   | 89,383                    | 126                                   | 313   | 286        | 318  | 29                             | 49   |
| Sex of producers:  |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| Male .....   | 70,448                    | 87                                    | 222   | 132        | 152  | 19                             | 35   |
| Female .....   | 18,935                    | 39                                    | 91  | 154        | 166  | 10                             | 14   |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 4,539                     | 7                                     | 7   | 7          | 10   | 2                              | 2  |
| Primary occupation:  |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| Farming .....  | 44,455                    | 35                                    | 119   | 111        | 122  | 15                             | 21   |
| Other .....  | 44,928                    | 91                                    | 194   | 175        | 196  | 14                             | 28   |
| Place of residence:  |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| On farm operated .....   | 68,144                    | 102                                   | 260   | 112        | 135  | 20                             | 30   |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 21,239                    | 24                                    | 53  | 174        | 183  | 9                              | 19   |
| Days of work off farm:   |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| None .....   | 37,784                    | 32                                    | 98  | 53         | 56   | 13                             | 20   |
| Any .....  | 51,599                    | 94                                    | 215   | 233        | 262  | 16                             | 29   |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 7,307                     | 5                                     | 17  | 22         | 32   | 5                              | 9  |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 3,464                     | 8                                     | 12  | 64         | 64   | -                              | 2  |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 6,756                     | 14                                    | 25  | 63         | 69   | 1                              | 2  |
| 200 days or more .....   | 34,072                    | 67                                    | 161   | 84         | 97   | 10                             | 16   |
| Years on present farm:   |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| 2 years or less .....  | 3,292                     | 3                                     | 11  | 43         | 49   | 11                             | 13   |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 4,800                     | 4                                     | 23  | 61         | 61   | 3                              | 6  |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 9,773                     | 7                                     | 39  | 72         | 80   | 8                              | 10   |
| 10 years or more .....   | 71,518                    | 112                                   | 240   | 110        | 128  | 7                              | 20   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| 5 years or less .....  | 8,386                     | 3                                     | 28  | 100        | 106  | 16                             | 21   |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 8,524                     | 5                                     | 27  | 52         | 60   | 4                              | 6  |
| 11 years or more .....   | 72,473                    | 118                                   | 258   | 134        | 152  | 9                              | 22   |
| Age group:   |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| Under 25 years .....   | 620                       | -                                     | 2   | 6          | 8  | -                              | -  |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 6,181                     | -                                     | 18  | 32         | 36   | 8                              | 12   |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 10,173                    | 3                                     | 48  | 52         | 58   | 6                              | 8  |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 16,825                    | 26                                    | 49  | 75         | 85   | 6                              | 7  |
| 55 to 64 years .....   | 27,371                    | 54                                    | 108   | 86         | 91   | 1                              | 5  |
| 65 to 74 years .....   | 18,598                    | 38                                    | 70  | 31         | 32   | 7                              | 11   |
| 75 years and over .....  | 9,615                     | 5                                     | 18  | 4          | 8  | 1                              | 6  |
| Average age .....  | 57.4                      | 60.4                                  | 56.2  | 50.8       | 50.7   | 48.7                           | 52.4   |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 7,751                     | -                                     | 30  | 40         | 48   | 8                              | 12   |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....             | 527                       | 7                                     | 9   | -          | -  | 8                              | 8  |
| Military service (see text):                                       |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| Never served .....   | 79,025                    | 108                                   | 270   | 274        | 306  | 19                             | 33   |
| Served .....   | 10,358                    | 18                                    | 43  | 12         | 12   | 10                             | 16   |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 201,231                   | 286                                   | 740   | 862        | 932  | 69                             | 108  |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |                           |                                       |   |            |  |                                |  |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 83,313                    | 117                                   | 296   | 272        | 302  | 27                             | 47   |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 74,108                    | 111                                   | 283   | 246        | 274  | 24                             | 38   |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 47,660                    | 83                                    | 217   | 140        | 149  | 6                              | 16   |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 73,721                    | 105                                   | 263   | 221        | 251  | 21                             | 38   |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 56,195                    | 85                                    | 212   | 166        | 182  | 16                             | 27   |

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| Characteristics  | All principal producers - con.                 |  |            |  |                             |
|--|--|--|------------|--|-----------------------------|
|  | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander alone or in combination with other races | White only | White alone or in combination with other races | More than one race reported |
| Producers ..... number   | 17   | 30   | 88,679     | 88,922   | 246                         |
| Sex of producers:  |  |  |            |  |                             |
| Male .....   | 9  | 15   | 70,027     | 70,199   | 174                         |
| Female .....   | 8  | 15   | 18,652     | 18,723   | 72                          |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | -  | -  | 4,520      | 4,523  | 3                           |
| Primary occupation:  |  |  |            |  |                             |
| Farming .....  | 4  | 7  | 44,190     | 44,289   | 100                         |
| Other .....  | 13   | 23   | 44,489     | 44,633   | 146                         |
| Place of residence:  |  |  |            |  |                             |
| On farm operated .....   | 12   | 17   | 67,707     | 67,896   | 191                         |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 5  | 13   | 20,972     | 21,026   | 55                          |
| Days of work off farm:   |  |  |            |  |                             |
| None .....   | 7  | 11   | 37,602     | 37,678   | 77                          |
| Any .....  | 10   | 19   | 51,077     | 51,244   | 169                         |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 2  | 10   | 7,241      | 7,271  | 32                          |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | -  | -  | 3,386      | 3,392  | 6                           |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | -  | 1  | 6,659      | 6,678  | 19                          |
| 200 days or more .....   | 8  | 8  | 33,791     | 33,903   | 112                         |
| Years on present farm:   |  |  |            |  |                             |
| 2 years or less .....  | -  | -  | 3,219      | 3,235  | 16                          |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 1  | 1  | 4,709      | 4,731  | 22                          |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 2  | 10   | 9,634      | 9,684  | 50                          |
| 10 years or more .....   | 14   | 19   | 71,117     | 71,272   | 158                         |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |  |  |            |  |                             |
| 5 years or less .....  | 3  | 3  | 8,228      | 8,264  | 36                          |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | -  | 8  | 8,423      | 8,463  | 40                          |
| 11 years or more .....   | 14   | 19   | 72,028     | 72,195   | 170                         |
| Age group:   |  |  |            |  |                             |
| Under 25 years .....   | -  | -  | 610        | 614  | 4                           |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 6  | 7  | 6,108      | 6,135  | 27                          |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 3  | 3  | 10,057     | 10,108   | 52                          |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | -  | 5  | 16,679     | 16,718   | 39                          |
| 55 to 64 years .....   | 2  | 8  | 27,161     | 27,226   | 67                          |
| 65 to 74 years .....   | 3  | 4  | 18,484     | 18,519   | 35                          |
| 75 years and over .....  | 3  | 3  | 9,580      | 9,602  | 22                          |
| Average age .....  | 52.4   | 53.1   | 57.4       | 57.4   | 53.2                        |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 6  | 7  | 7,654      | 7,697  | 43                          |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....             | 2  | 2  | 508        | 510  | 2                           |
| Military service (see text):                                       |  |  |            |  |                             |
| Never served .....   | 17   | 30   | 78,391     | 78,604   | 216                         |
| Served .....   | -  | -  | 10,288     | 10,318   | 30                          |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 13   | 36   | 199,427    | 199,991  | 574                         |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |  |  |            |  |                             |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 13   | 18   | 82,656     | 82,881   | 228                         |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 10   | 18   | 73,498     | 73,716   | 219                         |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 9  | 13   | 47,268     | 47,421   | 154                         |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 12   | 25   | 73,150     | 73,359   | 212                         |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 12   | 16   | 55,761     | 55,914   | 155                         |