

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	160,715	129,039	31,676	95,320	150,514	99,171
Sex of producers:						
Male	102,551	92,899	9,652	74,390	104,575	88,044
Female	58,164	36,140	22,024	20,930	45,939	11,127
Hired managers (see text)	3,696	2,599	1,097	1,670	(NA)	1,886
Primary occupation:						
Farming	62,935	53,890	9,045	43,331	60,554	43,788
Other	97,780	75,149	22,631	51,989	89,960	55,383
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	122,879	100,135	22,744	74,954	115,496	77,331
Not on farm operated	37,836	28,904	8,932	20,366	35,018	21,840
Days of work off farm:						
None	61,900	50,792	11,108	40,421	54,912	37,495
Any	98,815	78,247	20,568	54,899	95,602	61,676
1 to 49 days	11,856	9,304	2,552	7,139	11,669	7,239
50 to 99 days	6,319	4,972	1,347	3,846	6,340	4,037
100 to 199 days	12,106	9,681	2,425	7,184	12,349	7,938
200 days or more	68,534	54,290	14,244	36,730	65,244	42,462
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	10,225	7,512	2,713	5,202	6,369	3,397
3 or 4 years	12,468	9,382	3,086	6,484	8,382	4,588
5 to 9 years	22,155	16,726	5,429	11,837	22,918	13,560
10 years or more	115,867	95,419	20,448	71,797	112,845	77,626
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	22,296	16,263	6,033	11,018	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	19,120	14,450	4,670	10,160	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	119,299	98,326	20,973	74,142	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	2,713	1,080	1,633	624	2,401	636
25 to 34 years	12,061	8,625	3,436	5,980	10,202	5,594
35 to 44 years	18,522	14,173	4,349	9,817	17,559	10,182
45 to 54 years	28,633	22,672	5,961	16,120	35,108	22,064
55 to 64 years	43,628	35,508	8,120	25,914	40,813	27,041
65 to 74 years	34,938	29,224	5,714	22,494	28,248	20,552
75 years and over	20,220	17,757	2,463	14,371	16,183	13,102
Average age	57.4	58.5	53.0	59.3	56.4	58.3
Young producers (see text)	16,570	11,024	5,546	7,474	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1,407	1,097	374	820	883	548
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	667	600	67	427	711	442
Asian	498	335	163	221	419	235
Black or African American	207	174	33	139	239	176
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	44	33	11	22	61	27
White	158,212	126,995	31,217	93,862	148,324	97,826
More than one race reported	1,087	902	185	649	760	465
Military service (see text):						
Never served	141,296	111,082	30,214	80,646	(NA)	(NA)
Served	19,419	17,957	1,462	14,674	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	304,469	273,908	30,561	214,781	300,642	255,029
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	139,713	119,950	19,763	91,588	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	119,844	105,018	14,826	81,705	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	107,542	92,542	15,000	71,359	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	122,544	105,048	17,496	82,393	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	95,637	82,546	13,091	63,211	(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.