

**Table 54. Involvement in Decisionmaking by Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017**

[Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Day-to-day decisions	Land use and/or crop decisions	Livestock decisions	Record keeping and financial management	Estate or succession planning
Producers .....number	139,713	119,844	107,542	122,544	95,637
Sex of producers:					
Male .....	94,734	86,095	73,915	78,978	61,729
Female .....	44,979	33,749	33,627	43,566	33,908
Hired managers (see text) .....	3,250	2,810	2,100	2,532	1,841
Primary occupation:					
Farming .....	58,214	51,643	45,828	50,704	40,321
Other .....	81,499	68,201	61,714	71,840	55,316
Place of residence:					
On farm operated .....	110,395	93,251	89,806	97,044	77,299
Not on farm operated .....	29,318	26,593	17,736	25,500	18,338
Days of work off farm:					
None .....	54,347	46,348	39,830	47,302	38,638
Any .....	85,366	73,496	67,712	75,242	56,999
1 to 49 days .....	10,261	8,776	7,413	8,861	6,824
50 to 99 days .....	5,581	4,720	4,417	4,873	3,662
100 to 199 days .....	10,742	9,277	8,738	9,498	7,276
200 days or more .....	58,782	50,723	47,144	52,010	39,237
Years on present farm:					
2 years or less .....	8,451	6,977	6,852	7,201	4,821
3 or 4 years .....	10,665	9,011	8,727	9,131	6,371
5 to 9 years .....	18,846	16,205	14,799	16,351	11,725
10 years or more .....	101,751	87,651	77,164	89,861	72,720
Years operating any farm (see text):					
5 years or less .....	18,475	15,308	14,987	15,803	10,733
6 to 10 years .....	16,223	13,940	12,551	14,189	10,123
11 years or more .....	105,015	90,596	80,004	92,552	74,781
Age group:					
Under 25 years .....	1,939	1,528	1,908	1,399	743
25 to 34 years .....	10,428	8,873	8,939	9,165	6,116
35 to 44 years .....	16,064	13,803	13,153	14,186	9,662
45 to 54 years .....	24,950	21,447	19,651	21,960	16,252
55 to 64 years .....	38,173	33,142	29,102	33,575	26,764
65 to 74 years .....	30,792	26,380	22,602	27,174	22,699
75 years and over .....	17,367	14,671	12,187	15,085	13,401
Average age .....	57.5	57.5	56.6	57.6	59.0
Young producers (see text) .....	13,891	11,755	12,064	11,957	7,731
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	1,210	994	978	1,012	805
Producers by race:					
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	617	531	485	543	444
Asian .....	393	296	300	340	259
Black or African American .....	181	173	123	150	114
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	40	35	33	32	32
White .....	137,533	117,985	105,828	120,656	94,132
More than one race reported .....	949	824	773	823	656
Military service (see text):					
Never served .....	121,855	103,992	93,985	107,556	83,060
Served .....	17,858	15,852	13,557	14,988	12,577
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	277,977	248,855	217,763	238,754	181,645