

**Table 70. New and Beginning Producers - Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017**

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

Characteristics	All producers	All principal producers	Characteristics	All producers	All principal producers
Producers ..... number	41,416	30,713	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	794	654
Male .....	24,650	20,512	Average age .....	45.2	46.5
Female .....	16,766	10,201	Young producers (see text) .....	12,475	8,358
Hired managers (see text) .....	946	477	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	538	376
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	9,684	7,533	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	219	197
Other .....	31,732	23,180	Asian .....	205	118
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	68	45
On farm operated .....	27,920	21,013	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	14	9
Not on farm operated .....	13,496	9,700	White .....	40,602	30,114
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	286	220
None .....	8,957	6,559	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	32,459	24,154	Never served .....	38,008	27,755
1 to 49 days .....	3,462	2,458	Served .....	3,408	2,958
50 to 99 days .....	1,835	1,293	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	3,393	2,499	households (see text) .....	83,099	72,147
200 days or more .....	23,769	17,904	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	34,698	28,190
Under 25 years .....	2,713	1,080	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	29,248	24,227
25 to 34 years .....	9,317	6,615	Livestock decisions .....	27,538	22,055
35 to 44 years .....	8,823	6,777	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	29,992	24,617
45 to 54 years .....	8,191	6,393	Estate planning or succession planning .....	20,856	17,415
55 to 64 years .....	7,767	6,109			
65 to 74 years .....	3,811	3,085			