

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	47,236	37,682	9,554	27,048	44,249	28,008
Sex of producers:						
Male	28,563	25,202	3,361	19,360	29,184	23,765
Female	18,673	12,480	6,193	7,688	15,065	4,243
Hired managers (see text)	3,810	2,871	939	1,826	(NA)	1,394
Primary occupation:						
Farming	23,348	19,498	3,850	14,816	22,769	15,434
Other	23,888	18,184	5,704	12,232	21,480	12,574
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	37,012	30,049	6,963	21,689	35,035	22,057
Not on farm operated	10,224	7,633	2,591	5,359	9,214	5,951
Days of work off farm:						
None	20,605	16,928	3,677	12,979	18,418	12,116
Any	26,631	20,754	5,877	14,069	25,831	15,892
1 to 49 days	4,434	3,397	1,037	2,469	4,415	2,688
50 to 99 days	2,092	1,600	492	1,177	2,104	1,232
100 to 199 days	4,033	3,172	861	2,115	3,968	2,383
200 days or more	16,072	12,585	3,487	8,308	15,344	9,589
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2,498	1,760	738	1,217	1,755	962
3 or 4 years	3,255	2,283	972	1,602	2,247	1,195
5 to 9 years	6,189	4,739	1,450	3,259	6,519	3,851
10 years or more	35,294	28,900	6,394	20,970	33,728	22,000
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	5,425	3,772	1,653	2,570	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	5,495	4,170	1,325	2,788	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	36,316	29,740	6,576	21,690	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	570	240	330	132	504	123
25 to 34 years	3,285	2,166	1,119	1,430	2,592	1,264
35 to 44 years	5,179	3,831	1,348	2,537	4,837	2,690
45 to 54 years	7,309	5,666	1,643	3,964	9,902	5,867
55 to 64 years	13,838	11,228	2,610	7,981	13,682	8,746
65 to 74 years	11,469	9,665	1,804	7,192	8,314	5,825
75 years and over	5,586	4,886	700	3,812	4,418	3,493
Average age	58.2	59.4	53.5	60.1	57.0	58.9
Young producers (see text)	4,289	2,706	1,583	1,761	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	474	341	112	272	430	246
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,764	1,513	251	1,185	1,787	1,318
Asian	83	46	37	32	79	31
Black or African American	24	21	3	20	20	10
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	30	30	-	23	13	7
White	44,921	35,720	9,201	25,541	42,092	26,494
More than one race reported	414	352	62	247	258	148
Military service (see text):						
Never served	42,104	33,075	9,029	23,424	(NA)	(NA)
Served	5,132	4,607	525	3,624	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	84,913	74,354	10,559	56,454	84,215	68,921
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	41,259	34,916	6,343	25,914	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	36,847	31,700	5,147	23,764	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	31,937	27,201	4,736	20,184	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	36,288	30,950	5,338	23,518	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	28,717	24,643	4,074	18,177	(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.