

**Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 <sup>1</sup>				2012 <sup>2</sup>	
	All producers (see text)	All principal producers (see text)	All non-principal producers (see text)	Primary producer (see text)	All operators	Principal operator
Producers .....number	5,957	4,797	1,160	3,423	6,727	4,137
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	3,433	2,973	460	2,241	4,090	3,243
Female .....	2,524	1,824	700	1,182	2,637	894
Hired managers (see text) .....	567	371	196	248	(NA)	211
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	3,051	2,534	517	1,907	3,475	2,194
Other .....	2,906	2,263	643	1,516	3,252	1,943
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	4,877	3,984	893	2,869	5,791	3,588
Not on farm operated .....	1,080	813	267	554	936	549
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	2,264	1,839	425	1,409	2,564	1,590
Any .....	3,693	2,958	735	2,014	4,163	2,547
1 to 49 days .....	576	448	128	335	645	308
50 to 99 days .....	351	285	66	203	351	196
100 to 199 days .....	606	480	126	358	640	418
200 days or more .....	2,160	1,745	415	1,118	2,527	1,625
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	416	324	92	198	276	120
3 or 4 years .....	452	351	101	266	452	231
5 to 9 years .....	1,005	772	233	543	1,220	664
10 years or more .....	4,084	3,350	734	2,416	4,779	3,122
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	857	650	207	440	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	785	606	179	403	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	4,315	3,541	774	2,580	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	109	63	46	30	89	9
25 to 34 years .....	389	249	140	163	351	160
35 to 44 years .....	581	430	151	289	558	281
45 to 54 years .....	1,098	885	213	576	1,643	930
55 to 64 years .....	1,725	1,405	320	1,006	2,025	1,250
65 to 74 years .....	1,416	1,198	218	899	1,499	1,045
75 years and over .....	639	567	72	460	562	462
Average age .....	57.8	58.9	53.0	59.9	57.5	59.8
Young producers (see text) .....	547	352	195	225	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	322	232	104	159	290	192
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	260	237	23	204	439	344
Asian .....	24	18	6	5	29	13
Black or African American .....	9	9	-	9	11	9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	-	-	2	1
White .....	5,597	4,483	1,114	3,169	6,194	3,749
More than one race reported .....	67	50	17	36	52	21
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	5,372	4,280	1,092	3,031	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	585	517	68	392	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	10,898	9,480	1,418	7,178	12,689	10,424
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	5,252	4,479	773	3,315	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	4,487	3,857	630	2,908	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	4,273	3,668	605	2,759	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	4,433	3,809	624	2,927	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	3,521	3,030	491	2,214	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>2</sup> All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.