

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	7,198	5,847	1,351	4,123	7,195	4,391
Sex of producers:						
Male	3,921	3,326	595	2,441	4,143	3,033
Female	3,277	2,521	756	1,682	3,052	1,358
Hired managers (see text)	369	250	119	144	(NA)	158
Primary occupation:						
Farming	2,839	2,482	357	1,986	3,057	2,107
Other	4,359	3,365	994	2,137	4,138	2,284
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	6,134	5,083	1,051	3,625	6,308	3,917
Not on farm operated	1,064	764	300	498	887	474
Days of work off farm:						
None	2,462	2,102	360	1,620	2,408	1,572
Any	4,736	3,745	991	2,503	4,787	2,819
1 to 49 days	700	554	146	431	606	354
50 to 99 days	379	313	66	242	462	306
100 to 199 days	713	581	132	404	811	495
200 days or more	2,944	2,297	647	1,426	2,908	1,664
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	402	298	104	199	431	211
3 or 4 years	565	423	142	289	556	276
5 to 9 years	1,295	991	304	663	1,156	664
10 years or more	4,936	4,135	801	2,972	5,052	3,240
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	949	705	244	439	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	1,258	947	311	659	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	4,991	4,195	796	3,025	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	125	56	69	26	146	15
25 to 34 years	392	273	119	150	434	186
35 to 44 years	798	620	178	432	760	449
45 to 54 years	1,223	1,009	214	703	1,871	1,108
55 to 64 years	2,211	1,826	385	1,257	2,110	1,295
65 to 74 years	1,815	1,505	310	1,103	1,349	938
75 years and over	634	558	76	452	525	400
Average age	57.5	58.4	53.9	59.3	55.7	57.8
Young producers (see text)	607	394	213	212	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	68	49	17	36	27	15
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	13	11	2	11	4	3
Asian	14	11	3	7	9	6
Black or African American	38	38	-	37	45	28
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	7,072	5,747	1,325	4,032	7,088	4,325
More than one race reported	61	40	21	36	49	29
Military service (see text):						
Never served	6,433	5,189	1,244	3,628	(NA)	(NA)
Served	765	658	107	495	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	12,680	11,212	1,468	8,677	13,454	11,537
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	6,439	5,565	874	4,067	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	5,327	4,651	676	3,448	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	4,341	3,784	557	2,793	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	5,347	4,721	626	3,640	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	3,919	3,468	451	2,515	(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.