

**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	16,556	13,514	3,042	9,883	14,152	9,071
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	9,852	8,447	1,405	6,431	9,229	7,239
Female .....	6,704	5,067	1,637	3,452	4,923	1,832
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,267	897	370	543	(NA)	342
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	6,687	5,696	991	4,434	6,596	4,493
Other .....	9,869	7,818	2,051	5,449	7,556	4,578
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	12,950	10,811	2,139	7,970	11,306	7,408
Not on farm operated .....	3,606	2,703	903	1,913	2,846	1,663
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	5,918	4,855	1,063	3,779	5,146	3,369
Any .....	10,638	8,659	1,979	6,104	9,006	5,702
1 to 49 days .....	1,607	1,279	328	993	1,342	855
50 to 99 days .....	881	749	132	560	797	460
100 to 199 days .....	1,672	1,364	308	1,002	1,585	1,018
200 days or more .....	6,478	5,267	1,211	3,549	5,282	3,369
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	620	422	198	300	416	178
3 or 4 years .....	1,151	850	301	598	661	336
5 to 9 years .....	2,275	1,808	467	1,262	2,178	1,241
10 years or more .....	12,510	10,434	2,076	7,723	10,897	7,316
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	1,913	1,364	549	961	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	2,089	1,666	423	1,131	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	12,554	10,484	2,070	7,791	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	221	62	159	23	225	9
25 to 34 years .....	796	475	321	297	550	199
35 to 44 years .....	1,556	1,165	391	765	1,373	690
45 to 54 years .....	3,227	2,644	583	1,852	3,638	2,266
55 to 64 years .....	5,097	4,234	863	3,090	4,309	2,843
65 to 74 years .....	3,761	3,242	519	2,503	2,750	2,002
75 years and over .....	1,898	1,692	206	1,353	1,307	1,062
Average age .....	58.5	59.7	52.9	60.6	57.1	59.5
Young producers (see text) .....	1,149	624	525	373	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	465	371	144	280	232	144
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	22	17	5	14	23	14
Asian .....	248	201	47	127	196	110
Black or African American .....	76	63	13	51	84	53
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	4	4	-	1	13	8
White .....	16,113	13,149	2,964	9,629	13,787	8,859
More than one race reported .....	93	80	13	61	49	27
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	15,145	12,259	2,886	8,905	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	1,411	1,255	156	978	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	32,108	28,290	3,818	22,169	29,090	24,743
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	14,384	12,550	1,834	9,510	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	12,044	10,640	1,404	8,210	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	8,821	7,744	1,077	5,945	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	11,936	10,561	1,375	8,331	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	8,348	7,421	927	5,720	(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.