

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
Producers number	40,850	33,378	7,472	25,044	37,166	24,721
Sex of producers:						
Male	24,273	21,331	2,942	16,982	24,582	19,944
Female	16,577	12,047	4,530	8,062	12,584	4,777
Hired managers (see text)	1,269	905	364	543	(NA)	1,046
Primary occupation:						
Farming	17,553	15,119	2,434	12,156	17,094	12,392
Other	23,297	18,259	5,038	12,888	20,072	12,329
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	28,930	24,125	4,805	18,285	26,775	18,152
Not on farm operated	11,920	9,253	2,667	6,759	10,391	6,569
Days of work off farm:						
None	15,343	12,902	2,441	10,322	13,175	8,933
Any	25,507	20,476	5,031	14,722	23,991	15,788
1 to 49 days	4,488	3,500	988	2,676	3,860	2,416
50 to 99 days	2,671	2,109	562	1,597	2,504	1,587
100 to 199 days	3,690	3,037	653	2,281	4,068	2,811
200 days or more	14,658	11,830	2,828	8,168	13,559	8,974
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2,639	1,987	652	1,428	1,715	897
3 or 4 years	2,900	2,156	744	1,590	2,127	1,188
5 to 9 years	5,806	4,375	1,431	3,152	5,619	3,307
10 years or more	29,505	24,860	4,645	18,874	27,705	19,329
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	5,489	4,016	1,473	2,901	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	5,139	3,875	1,264	2,752	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	30,222	25,487	4,735	19,391	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	550	223	327	100	663	218
25 to 34 years	2,008	1,284	724	872	2,069	982
35 to 44 years	3,762	2,677	1,085	1,813	3,423	1,896
45 to 54 years	6,459	5,121	1,338	3,702	7,672	4,662
55 to 64 years	11,605	9,748	1,857	7,311	10,507	7,070
65 to 74 years	10,396	8,984	1,412	6,942	7,921	5,916
75 years and over	6,070	5,341	729	4,304	4,911	3,977
Average age	59.8	61.1	54.1	61.9	58.3	60.5
Young producers (see text)	2,848	1,686	1,162	1,076	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	12,212	10,220	2,981	7,671	13,195	9,377
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	8,523	6,988	1,535	5,829	7,439	5,202
Asian	156	100	56	74	71	29
Black or African American	60	53	7	45	51	39
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	29	25	4	13	21	9
White	31,768	25,975	5,793	18,901	29,363	19,293
More than one race reported	314	237	77	182	221	149
Military service (see text):						
Never served	35,484	28,585	6,899	21,197	(NA)	(NA)
Served	5,366	4,793	573	3,847	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	77,774	68,924	8,850	55,029	74,027	61,982
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	35,080	30,809	4,271	23,928	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	30,131	26,571	3,560	20,889	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	27,817	24,391	3,426	19,045	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	28,873	25,324	3,549	19,945	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	22,046	19,587	2,459	15,008	(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.