

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	129,619	106,276	23,343	78,531	120,448	80,245
Sex of producers:						
Male	79,858	73,437	6,421	58,851	81,775	71,169
Female	49,761	32,839	16,922	19,680	38,673	9,076
Hired managers (see text)	2,312	1,533	779	1,055	(NA)	1,495
Primary occupation:						
Farming	48,874	42,554	6,320	34,472	46,391	33,790
Other	80,745	63,722	17,023	44,059	74,057	46,455
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	99,352	82,630	16,722	61,045	93,060	61,952
Not on farm operated	30,267	23,646	6,621	17,486	27,388	18,293
Days of work off farm:						
None	45,814	38,387	7,427	30,785	40,189	27,846
Any	83,805	67,889	15,916	47,746	80,259	52,399
1 to 49 days	8,257	6,524	1,733	5,061	8,342	5,126
50 to 99 days	5,617	4,567	1,050	3,505	5,209	3,147
100 to 199 days	11,797	9,620	2,177	7,114	11,355	7,156
200 days or more	58,134	47,178	10,956	32,066	55,353	36,970
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	9,221	6,842	2,379	4,710	5,083	2,629
3 or 4 years	12,106	9,385	2,721	6,479	8,080	4,617
5 to 9 years	20,275	15,980	4,295	11,377	20,939	12,627
10 years or more	88,017	74,069	13,948	55,965	86,346	60,372
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	20,954	15,801	5,153	10,885	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	17,723	13,877	3,846	9,867	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	90,942	76,598	14,344	57,779	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	2,226	1,044	1,182	533	1,847	436
25 to 34 years	9,739	7,220	2,519	4,921	8,936	4,989
35 to 44 years	16,382	12,853	3,529	9,075	15,387	9,009
45 to 54 years	23,384	18,826	4,558	13,527	26,905	16,895
55 to 64 years	34,215	28,216	5,999	20,600	30,689	20,669
65 to 74 years	27,795	23,852	3,943	18,289	23,687	17,484
75 years and over	15,878	14,265	1,613	11,586	12,997	10,763
Average age	57.0	58.0	52.4	58.9	56.2	58.3
Young producers (see text)	13,500	9,444	4,056	6,271	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	2,621	2,160	690	1,521	1,749	1,173
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	11,912	9,629	2,283	7,090	11,536	7,489
Asian	490	386	104	261	483	285
Black or African American	1,769	1,479	290	1,175	1,784	1,337
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	60	44	16	25	50	32
White	110,035	90,276	19,759	66,729	103,766	69,288
More than one race reported	5,353	4,462	891	3,251	2,829	1,814
Military service (see text):						
Never served	115,077	92,837	22,240	67,799	(NA)	(NA)
Served	14,542	13,439	1,103	10,732	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	235,801	215,224	20,577	168,877	230,881	200,958
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	114,633	99,790	14,843	76,019	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	97,986	87,301	10,685	67,721	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	101,676	89,181	12,495	68,354	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	101,274	88,112	13,162	68,508	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	79,817	70,480	9,337	53,824	(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.