

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	90,461	70,531	19,930	53,157	90,595	59,309
Sex of producers:						
Male	59,012	51,865	7,147	41,948	63,265	50,849
Female	31,449	18,666	12,783	11,209	27,330	8,460
Hired managers (see text)	4,800	3,185	1,615	1,908	(NA)	1,410
Primary occupation:						
Farming	41,977	34,210	7,767	27,026	43,884	30,638
Other	48,484	36,321	12,163	26,131	46,711	28,671
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	74,885	59,421	15,464	45,608	75,851	50,860
Not on farm operated	15,576	11,110	4,466	7,549	14,744	8,449
Days of work off farm:						
None	38,737	30,377	8,360	23,910	36,893	24,370
Any	51,724	40,154	11,570	29,247	53,702	34,939
1 to 49 days	7,812	5,946	1,866	4,656	7,655	4,873
50 to 99 days	3,577	2,761	816	2,158	3,956	2,458
100 to 199 days	7,112	5,484	1,628	4,073	7,358	4,595
200 days or more	33,223	25,963	7,260	18,360	34,733	23,013
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	5,016	3,229	1,787	2,243	3,608	1,720
3 or 4 years	6,318	4,286	2,032	3,103	5,455	2,828
5 to 9 years	12,611	9,162	3,449	6,597	13,802	8,038
10 years or more	66,516	53,854	12,662	41,214	67,730	46,723
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	11,498	7,551	3,947	5,274	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	11,608	8,239	3,369	5,955	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	67,355	54,741	12,614	41,928	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	2,457	863	1,594	474	2,354	426
25 to 34 years	9,038	5,846	3,192	4,174	8,804	4,483
35 to 44 years	12,180	8,955	3,225	6,577	12,479	7,546
45 to 54 years	17,096	13,337	3,759	9,871	21,719	13,902
55 to 64 years	23,762	19,406	4,356	14,552	23,607	16,227
65 to 74 years	17,269	14,587	2,682	11,333	14,570	10,872
75 years and over	8,659	7,537	1,122	6,176	7,062	5,853
Average age	54.8	56.5	48.9	57.1	53.7	56.1
Young producers (see text)	12,598	7,513	5,085	5,217	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	759	590	246	433	652	373
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	108	102	6	81	114	78
Asian	103	71	32	36	103	62
Black or African American	80	66	14	43	103	61
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	23	21	2	19	19	6
White	89,843	70,025	19,818	52,768	90,012	58,951
More than one race reported	304	246	58	210	244	151
Military service (see text):						
Never served	82,912	63,700	19,212	47,574	(NA)	(NA)
Served	7,549	6,831	718	5,583	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	202,650	180,955	21,695	148,313	213,121	183,627
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	80,170	66,561	13,609	51,664	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	67,060	57,906	9,154	46,384	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	57,623	48,674	8,949	38,544	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	66,554	56,310	10,244	45,333	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	48,872	41,625	7,247	32,469	(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.