

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	38,970	32,238	6,732	24,791	36,588	25,266
Sex of producers:						
Male	25,428	22,926	2,502	18,724	25,996	21,257
Female	13,542	9,312	4,230	6,067	10,592	4,009
Hired managers (see text)	1,174	851	323	580	(NA)	651
Primary occupation:						
Farming	14,213	12,426	1,787	10,339	14,093	10,361
Other	24,757	19,812	4,945	14,452	22,495	14,905
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	29,519	24,776	4,743	19,242	27,604	19,430
Not on farm operated	9,451	7,462	1,989	5,549	8,984	5,836
Days of work off farm:						
None	14,154	11,934	2,220	9,945	13,224	9,395
Any	24,816	20,304	4,512	14,846	23,364	15,871
1 to 49 days	3,081	2,522	559	2,005	2,925	1,971
50 to 99 days	1,817	1,548	269	1,174	1,657	1,055
100 to 199 days	3,223	2,648	575	2,088	3,185	2,126
200 days or more	16,695	13,586	3,109	9,579	15,597	10,719
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	2,652	1,945	707	1,415	1,761	988
3 or 4 years	3,172	2,448	724	1,730	2,125	1,145
5 to 9 years	5,861	4,574	1,287	3,304	5,946	3,475
10 years or more	27,285	23,271	4,014	18,342	26,756	19,658
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	5,969	4,499	1,470	3,199	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	5,354	4,171	1,183	2,947	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	27,647	23,568	4,079	18,645	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	499	205	294	93	486	84
25 to 34 years	2,238	1,559	679	1,044	1,964	1,013
35 to 44 years	4,256	3,247	1,009	2,308	4,126	2,350
45 to 54 years	7,290	5,938	1,352	4,278	7,825	5,097
55 to 64 years	10,693	8,924	1,769	6,857	10,658	7,628
65 to 74 years	9,411	8,284	1,127	6,753	7,748	5,880
75 years and over	4,583	4,081	502	3,458	3,781	3,214
Average age	58.2	59.3	53.0	60.3	57.4	59.5
Young producers (see text)	3,138	2,014	1,124	1,290	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	423	356	153	272	382	270
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	161	137	24	105	198	128
Asian	114	84	30	63	133	67
Black or African American	2,570	2,187	383	1,789	2,647	2,025
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	22	21	1	19	9	-
White	35,876	29,600	6,276	22,648	33,455	22,954
More than one race reported	227	209	18	167	146	92
Military service (see text):						
Never served	33,639	27,342	6,297	20,799	(NA)	(NA)
Served	5,331	4,896	435	3,992	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	75,417	67,407	8,010	54,208	73,538	61,757
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	34,288	30,241	4,047	23,939	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	29,348	26,123	3,225	20,976	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	24,118	21,327	2,791	17,098	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	28,296	25,105	3,191	20,522	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	21,712	19,331	2,381	15,391	(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.