

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	12,309	9,845	2,464	6,808	12,012	7,338
Sex of producers:						
Male	7,189	6,147	1,042	4,497	7,310	5,696
Female	5,120	3,698	1,422	2,311	4,702	1,642
Hired managers (see text)	880	587	293	346	(NA)	270
Primary occupation:						
Farming	5,276	4,513	763	3,418	5,587	3,779
Other	7,033	5,332	1,701	3,390	6,425	3,559
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	10,247	8,421	1,826	5,900	10,363	6,487
Not on farm operated	2,062	1,424	638	908	1,649	851
Days of work off farm:						
None	4,474	3,798	676	2,896	4,352	2,845
Any	7,835	6,047	1,788	3,912	7,660	4,493
1 to 49 days	1,079	832	247	562	1,124	663
50 to 99 days	696	574	122	422	677	419
100 to 199 days	1,304	1,049	255	741	1,264	725
200 days or more	4,756	3,592	1,164	2,187	4,595	2,686
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	689	473	216	316	726	346
3 or 4 years	1,226	922	304	592	911	486
5 to 9 years	2,128	1,633	495	1,054	2,216	1,233
10 years or more	8,266	6,817	1,449	4,846	8,159	5,273
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	1,856	1,322	534	838	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	1,898	1,440	458	946	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	8,555	7,083	1,472	5,024	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	237	83	154	49	147	20
25 to 34 years	968	616	352	363	954	398
35 to 44 years	1,601	1,189	412	776	1,480	788
45 to 54 years	2,321	1,870	451	1,287	2,841	1,709
55 to 64 years	3,424	2,883	541	1,950	3,676	2,347
65 to 74 years	2,643	2,245	398	1,654	1,987	1,357
75 years and over	1,115	959	156	729	927	719
Average age	55.9	57.3	50.2	58.2	55.1	57.3
Young producers (see text)	1,381	831	550	497	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	124	105	51	67	114	58
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	23	23	-	12	38	21
Asian	14	9	5	8	34	15
Black or African American	17	15	2	11	28	23
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	6	3	3	3	5	4
White	12,148	9,713	2,435	6,721	11,837	7,234
More than one race reported	101	82	19	53	70	41
Military service (see text):						
Never served	11,298	8,918	2,380	6,086	(NA)	(NA)
Served	1,011	927	84	722	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	22,243	19,399	2,844	14,626	23,220	19,192
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	10,896	9,306	1,590	6,684	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	9,007	7,840	1,167	5,754	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	7,238	6,269	969	4,628	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	8,935	7,777	1,158	5,943	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	6,382	5,576	806	4,016	(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.