

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	110,347	88,022	22,325	64,793	108,900	69,754
Sex of producers:						
Male	71,838	64,515	7,323	51,661	75,716	62,408
Female	38,509	23,507	15,002	13,132	33,184	7,346
Hired managers (see text)	7,678	5,333	2,345	3,019	(NA)	2,097
Primary occupation:						
Farming	51,078	42,678	8,400	33,338	51,027	34,760
Other	59,269	45,344	13,925	31,455	57,873	34,994
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	88,288	71,356	16,932	53,399	88,305	57,611
Not on farm operated	22,059	16,666	5,393	11,394	20,595	12,143
Days of work off farm:						
None	46,196	37,553	8,643	29,167	43,666	28,900
Any	64,151	50,469	13,682	35,626	65,234	40,854
1 to 49 days	8,584	6,818	1,766	5,281	8,130	5,118
50 to 99 days	3,992	3,234	758	2,448	4,058	2,374
100 to 199 days	8,304	6,389	1,915	4,683	8,792	5,316
200 days or more	43,271	34,028	9,243	23,214	44,254	28,046
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	5,433	3,764	1,669	2,592	4,478	2,260
3 or 4 years	6,723	4,882	1,841	3,366	5,349	2,828
5 to 9 years	13,343	9,873	3,470	6,962	14,311	8,107
10 years or more	84,848	69,503	15,345	51,873	84,762	56,559
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	11,994	8,292	3,702	5,643	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	11,993	8,889	3,104	6,184	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	86,360	70,841	15,519	52,966	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,969	722	1,247	390	1,865	346
25 to 34 years	8,320	5,660	2,660	3,837	7,689	3,739
35 to 44 years	13,256	9,971	3,285	7,015	13,521	7,751
45 to 54 years	21,984	17,522	4,462	12,613	29,976	18,508
55 to 64 years	33,277	27,232	6,045	19,997	31,163	21,208
65 to 74 years	22,214	18,743	3,471	14,518	17,127	12,248
75 years and over	9,327	8,172	1,155	6,423	7,559	5,954
Average age	56.0	57.1	51.4	57.8	54.5	56.5
Young producers (see text)	11,543	7,296	4,247	4,833	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	649	472	218	309	503	283
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	178	144	34	86	144	63
Asian	512	371	141	278	342	177
Black or African American	73	62	11	39	70	42
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	22	11	11	9	26	9
White	109,383	87,325	22,058	64,298	108,161	69,374
More than one race reported	179	109	70	83	157	89
Military service (see text):						
Never served	101,143	79,544	21,599	57,896	(NA)	(NA)
Served	9,204	8,478	726	6,897	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	216,013	193,668	22,345	153,541	227,365	191,969
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	97,482	82,654	14,828	62,667	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	83,113	72,911	10,202	57,034	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	66,641	56,963	9,678	43,705	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	83,086	70,958	12,128	55,612	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	64,110	54,867	9,243	41,685	(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.