

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	32,796	25,358	7,438	19,086	32,592	20,005
Sex of producers:						
Male	16,828	13,236	3,592	9,895	17,938	12,170
Female	15,968	12,122	3,846	9,191	14,654	7,835
Hired managers (see text)	1,174	841	333	531	(NA)	958
Primary occupation:						
Farming	18,047	14,486	3,561	11,321	20,224	13,219
Other	14,749	10,872	3,877	7,765	12,368	6,786
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	25,811	20,479	5,332	15,614	26,445	16,512
Not on farm operated	6,985	4,879	2,106	3,472	6,147	3,493
Days of work off farm:						
None	13,742	10,968	2,774	8,712	14,767	9,186
Any	19,054	14,390	4,664	10,374	17,825	10,819
1 to 49 days	2,712	1,957	755	1,414	2,636	1,435
50 to 99 days	2,109	1,492	617	1,102	2,194	1,191
100 to 199 days	3,020	2,245	775	1,713	3,085	1,894
200 days or more	11,213	8,696	2,517	6,145	9,910	6,299
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1,636	1,098	538	755	1,312	612
3 or 4 years	1,989	1,466	523	977	1,871	882
5 to 9 years	4,301	3,190	1,111	2,357	4,290	2,350
10 years or more	24,870	19,604	5,266	14,997	25,119	16,161
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	3,557	2,479	1,078	1,685	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	3,755	2,725	1,030	1,942	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	25,484	20,154	5,330	15,459	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	587	216	371	66	720	136
25 to 34 years	1,640	888	752	515	1,450	425
35 to 44 years	3,271	2,171	1,100	1,505	3,130	1,472
45 to 54 years	5,719	4,346	1,373	3,231	6,928	3,997
55 to 64 years	8,892	7,050	1,842	5,415	9,242	5,917
65 to 74 years	7,563	6,439	1,124	5,028	6,838	4,838
75 years and over	5,124	4,248	876	3,326	4,284	3,220
Average age	59.4	61.0	53.8	61.8	58.2	61.1
Young producers (see text)	2,493	1,245	1,248	677	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1,482	1,153	460	775	1,181	716
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	19,279	14,565	4,714	11,540	18,375	11,190
Asian	122	112	10	72	130	97
Black or African American	54	42	12	20	64	25
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	90	59	31	37	26	-
White	13,011	10,400	2,611	7,315	13,884	8,621
More than one race reported	240	180	60	102	113	72
Military service (see text):						
Never served	29,935	23,045	6,890	17,348	(NA)	(NA)
Served	2,861	2,313	548	1,738	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	70,928	60,239	10,689	48,902	67,564	56,678
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	27,686	23,492	4,194	18,439	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	22,095	18,792	3,303	14,896	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	23,100	19,727	3,373	15,535	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	20,594	17,793	2,801	14,436	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	15,477	13,468	2,009	10,763	(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.