Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012

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<th>Characteristics</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<td>All producers (see text)</td>
<td>All principal producers (see text)</td>
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<td>Producers number</td>
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<td>Sex of producers:</td>
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<td>Male</td>
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<td>Female</td>
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<td>Hired managers (see text)</td>
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<td>Farming</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Place of residence:</td>
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<td>On farm operated</td>
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<td>Not on farm operated</td>
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<td>Days of work off farm:</td>
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<td>None</td>
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<td>Any</td>
<td>42,891</td>
<td>34,408</td>
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<td>1 to 49 days</td>
<td>4,649</td>
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<td>50 to 99 days</td>
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<td>100 to 199 days</td>
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<td>200 days or more</td>
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<td>Years on present farm:</td>
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<td>2 years or less</td>
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<td>3 or 4 years</td>
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<td>5 to 9 years</td>
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<td>10 years or more</td>
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<td>Years operating any farm (see text):</td>
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<td>5 years or less</td>
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<td>6 to 10 years</td>
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<td>11 years or more</td>
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<td>Age group:</td>
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<td>Under 25 years</td>
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<td>25 to 34 years</td>
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<td>35 to 44 years</td>
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<td>45 to 54 years</td>
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<td>75 years and over</td>
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<td>Average age</td>
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<td>Young producers (see text)</td>
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<td>Producers of Hispanic, Latino,</td>
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<td>or Spanish origin</td>
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<td>Producers by race:</td>
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<td>American Indian or Alaska Native</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
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<td>Black or African American</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian or</td>
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<td>other Pacific Islander</td>
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<td>White</td>
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<td>More than one race reported</td>
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<td>Military service (see text):</td>
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<td>Never served</td>
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<td>Served</td>
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<td>Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)</td>
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<td>On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):</td>
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<td>Day-to-day decisions</td>
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<td>Land use and/or crop decisions</td>
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<td>Livestock decisions</td>
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<td>Record keeping and/or financial management</td>
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<td>Estate planning or succession planning</td>
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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.