

**Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 <sup>1</sup>				2012 <sup>2</sup>	
	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	69,032	55,739	13,293	38,893	58,189	36,180
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	40,193	35,334	4,859	25,978	36,746	29,320
Female .....	28,839	20,405	8,434	12,915	21,443	6,860
Hired managers (see text) .....	3,397	2,354	1,043	1,459	(NA)	1,613
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	26,837	22,628	4,209	17,110	26,671	17,962
Other .....	42,195	33,111	9,084	21,783	31,518	18,218
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	52,667	43,388	9,279	30,421	46,720	29,176
Not on farm operated .....	16,365	12,351	4,014	8,472	11,469	7,004
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	24,446	20,147	4,299	15,294	21,001	13,721
Any .....	44,586	35,592	8,994	23,599	37,188	22,459
1 to 49 days .....	7,058	5,508	1,550	3,976	5,298	3,153
50 to 99 days .....	3,410	2,762	648	2,028	3,049	1,765
100 to 199 days .....	5,970	4,704	1,266	3,325	6,195	3,819
200 days or more .....	28,148	22,618	5,530	14,270	22,646	13,722
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	4,955	3,721	1,234	2,522	2,163	982
3 or 4 years .....	6,586	4,983	1,603	3,297	3,469	1,828
5 to 9 years .....	10,846	8,326	2,520	5,601	10,248	5,834
10 years or more .....	46,645	38,709	7,936	27,473	42,309	27,536
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	11,536	8,584	2,952	5,629	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	9,621	7,305	2,316	4,879	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	47,875	39,850	8,025	28,385	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	900	323	577	148	738	147
25 to 34 years .....	4,527	3,116	1,411	1,901	3,619	1,762
35 to 44 years .....	8,042	6,076	1,966	4,023	6,108	3,182
45 to 54 years .....	12,163	9,631	2,532	6,469	13,737	7,890
55 to 64 years .....	20,116	16,576	3,540	11,543	16,990	10,873
65 to 74 years .....	15,650	13,310	2,340	9,685	11,341	7,829
75 years and over .....	7,634	6,707	927	5,124	5,656	4,497
Average age .....	57.6	58.7	52.8	59.5	56.8	58.9
Young producers (see text) .....	6,221	3,978	2,243	2,383	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	3,765	3,192	967	2,215	3,255	2,318
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	486	411	75	300	442	270
Asian .....	374	288	86	177	262	170
Black or African American .....	96	93	3	71	72	47
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	70	54	16	42	54	32
White .....	67,431	54,420	13,011	37,943	57,068	35,498
More than one race reported .....	575	473	102	360	291	163
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	60,937	48,444	12,493	33,464	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	8,095	7,295	800	5,429	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	123,943	108,973	14,970	80,058	107,320	87,829
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	59,740	51,053	8,687	36,970	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	52,120	44,974	7,146	33,026	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	45,561	39,084	6,477	28,249	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	50,839	43,941	6,898	33,062	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	38,701	33,589	5,112	24,458	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>2</sup> All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.