

**Table 70. New and Beginning Producers - Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017**

[Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	All producers	All principal producers	Characteristics	All producers	All principal producers
Producers ..... number	21,157	15,889	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	588	496
Male .....	11,671	9,510	Average age .....	47.7	49.1
Female .....	9,486	6,379	Young producers (see text) .....	4,684	3,072
Hired managers (see text) .....	956	495	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	1,301	1,053
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	5,872	4,431	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	108	85
Other .....	15,285	11,458	Asian .....	179	134
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	50	50
On farm operated .....	15,082	11,582	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	23	19
Not on farm operated .....	6,075	4,307	White .....	20,574	15,429
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	204	163
None .....	4,805	3,564	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	16,352	12,325	Never served .....	19,228	14,252
1 to 49 days .....	2,424	1,728	Served .....	1,929	1,637
50 to 99 days .....	1,177	893	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	1,994	1,485	households (see text) .....	40,244	33,775
200 days or more .....	10,757	8,219	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	17,816	14,440
Under 25 years .....	900	323	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	15,507	12,723
25 to 34 years .....	3,631	2,509	Livestock decisions .....	14,069	11,397
35 to 44 years .....	4,748	3,609	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	14,712	12,199
45 to 54 years .....	4,373	3,414	Estate planning or succession planning .....	10,042	8,422
55 to 64 years .....	4,645	3,691			
65 to 74 years .....	2,272	1,847			