

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 | 3,907 | 3,138 | 769 | 2,302 | 3,789 | 2,451 |
| Sex of producers: | | | | | | |
| Male | 2,555 | 2,214 | 341 | 1,669 | 2,582 | 2,006 |
| Female | 1,352 | 924 | 428 | 633 | 1,207 | 445 |
| Hired managers (see text) | 481 | 373 | 108 | 238 | (NA) | 125 |
| Primary occupation: | | | | | | |
| Farming | 2,091 | 1,784 | 307 | 1,372 | 2,243 | 1,565 |
| Other | 1,816 | 1,354 | 462 | 930 | 1,546 | 886 |
| Place of residence: | | | | | | |
| On farm operated | 3,065 | 2,509 | 556 | 1,873 | 2,992 | 1,954 |
| Not on farm operated | 842 | 629 | 213 | 429 | 797 | 497 |
| Days of work off farm: | | | | | | |
| None | 1,861 | 1,550 | 311 | 1,199 | 2,002 | 1,366 |
| Any | 2,046 | 1,588 | 458 | 1,103 | 1,787 | 1,085 |
| 1 to 49 days | 253 | 194 | 59 | 141 | 248 | 143 |
| 50 to 99 days | 148 | 115 | 33 | 97 | 103 | 50 |
| 100 to 199 days | 251 | 208 | 43 | 147 | 230 | 136 |
| 200 days or more | 1,394 | 1,071 | 323 | 718 | 1,206 | 756 |
| Years on present farm: | | | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 148 | 93 | 55 | 57 | 112 | 54 |
| 3 or 4 years | 252 | 179 | 73 | 123 | 203 | 88 |
| 5 to 9 years | 526 | 367 | 159 | 265 | 508 | 302 |
| 10 years or more | 2,981 | 2,499 | 482 | 1,857 | 2,966 | 2,007 |
| Years operating any farm (see text): | | | | | | |
| 5 years or less | 398 | 264 | 134 | 176 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 6 to 10 years | 453 | 313 | 140 | 227 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 11 years or more | 3,056 | 2,561 | 495 | 1,899 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Age group: | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 56 | 23 | 33 | 10 | 56 | 5 |
| 25 to 34 years | 270 | 176 | 94 | 108 | 242 | 105 |
| 35 to 44 years | 379 | 260 | 119 | 198 | 438 | 233 |
| 45 to 54 years | 758 | 584 | 174 | 395 | 872 | 575 |
| 55 to 64 years | 1,132 | 939 | 193 | 700 | 1,060 | 713 |
| 65 to 74 years | 917 | 802 | 115 | 604 | 806 | 595 |
| 75 years and over | 395 | 354 | 41 | 287 | 315 | 225 |
| Average age | 57.4 | 58.9 | 51.5 | 59.7 | 56.3 | 58.4 |
| Young producers (see text) | 351 | 223 | 128 | 136 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin | 33 | 29 | 9 | 20 | 40 | 23 |
| Producers by race: | | | | | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Asian | 55 | 41 | 14 | 33 | 52 | 30 |
| Black or African American | 24 | 23 | 1 | 19 | 30 | 22 |
| Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander..... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| White | 3,811 | 3,059 | 752 | 2,243 | 3,689 | 2,392 |
| More than one race reported | 15 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Military service (see text): | | | | | | |
| Never served | 3,517 | 2,803 | 714 | 2,031 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Served | 390 | 335 | 55 | 271 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) | 7,761 | 6,871 | 890 | 5,312 | 7,843 | 6,458 |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text): | | | | | | |
| Day-to-day decisions | 3,443 | 2,976 | 467 | 2,235 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Land use and/or crop decisions | 2,563 | 2,279 | 284 | 1,759 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Livestock decisions | 1,882 | 1,671 | 211 | 1,294 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Record keeping and/or financial management | 2,860 | 2,495 | 365 | 1,986 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Estate planning or succession planning | 2,128 | 1,871 | 257 | 1,444 | (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.