

**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	78,899	64,455	14,444	47,590	73,155	47,740
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	46,777	41,095	5,682	31,710	47,022	37,745
Female .....	32,122	23,360	8,762	15,880	26,133	9,995
Hired managers (see text) .....	5,099	3,686	1,413	2,417	(NA)	2,290
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	33,004	28,052	4,952	22,270	33,094	22,902
Other .....	45,895	36,403	9,492	25,320	40,061	24,838
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	55,813	46,397	9,416	34,587	53,257	35,109
Not on farm operated .....	23,086	18,058	5,028	13,003	19,898	12,631
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	29,733	24,526	5,207	19,607	28,296	19,233
Any .....	49,166	39,929	9,237	27,983	44,859	28,507
1 to 49 days .....	7,173	5,776	1,397	4,293	6,945	4,445
50 to 99 days .....	3,912	3,172	740	2,424	4,154	2,509
100 to 199 days .....	7,090	5,820	1,270	4,296	6,424	4,218
200 days or more .....	30,991	25,161	5,830	16,970	27,336	17,335
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	5,092	3,876	1,216	2,691	3,234	1,559
3 or 4 years .....	7,951	6,177	1,774	4,389	4,913	2,842
5 to 9 years .....	13,344	10,482	2,862	7,656	14,354	8,685
10 years or more .....	52,512	43,920	8,592	32,854	50,654	34,654
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	13,102	10,010	3,092	6,992	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	11,636	9,093	2,543	6,632	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	54,161	45,352	8,809	33,966	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	881	331	550	162	940	135
25 to 34 years .....	4,157	2,838	1,319	1,794	3,313	1,529
35 to 44 years .....	7,288	5,543	1,745	3,742	7,642	4,094
45 to 54 years .....	15,132	12,138	2,994	8,688	17,472	10,793
55 to 64 years .....	22,521	18,743	3,778	13,818	20,547	13,658
65 to 74 years .....	18,874	16,006	2,868	12,198	15,463	11,196
75 years and over .....	10,046	8,856	1,190	7,188	7,778	6,335
Average age .....	58.9	59.8	54.5	60.7	57.7	59.8
Young producers (see text) .....	5,634	3,597	2,037	2,242	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	7,121	5,805	1,841	4,335	6,668	4,459
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	539	447	92	331	618	386
Asian .....	1,384	1,093	291	780	1,310	829
Black or African American .....	2,299	1,938	361	1,493	1,980	1,481
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	112	84	28	75	85	48
White .....	73,864	60,313	13,551	44,486	68,753	44,793
More than one race reported .....	701	580	121	425	409	203
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	68,235	54,813	13,422	40,004	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	10,664	9,642	1,022	7,586	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	146,920	130,243	16,677	100,687	142,284	117,777
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	68,102	59,375	8,727	45,343	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	55,661	49,131	6,530	38,208	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	50,194	43,905	6,289	33,822	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	55,224	48,497	6,727	38,498	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	40,585	36,101	4,484	27,901	(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.