

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
Producers number	12,170	9,851	2,319	7,328	10,655	7,000
Sex of producers:						
Male	7,126	6,260	866	4,819	6,847	5,426
Female	5,044	3,591	1,453	2,509	3,808	1,574
Hired managers (see text)	890	656	234	443	(NA)	504
Primary occupation:						
Farming	5,780	4,877	903	3,828	5,323	3,642
Other	6,390	4,974	1,416	3,500	5,332	3,358
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	8,384	6,937	1,447	5,158	7,046	4,649
Not on farm operated	3,786	2,914	872	2,170	3,609	2,351
Days of work off farm:						
None	4,063	3,454	609	2,704	3,408	2,223
Any	8,107	6,397	1,710	4,624	7,247	4,777
1 to 49 days	1,512	1,165	347	874	1,249	690
50 to 99 days	884	689	195	529	878	562
100 to 199 days	1,443	1,181	262	866	1,354	927
200 days or more	4,268	3,362	906	2,355	3,766	2,598
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	750	462	288	346	585	290
3 or 4 years	1,142	869	273	580	757	418
5 to 9 years	2,269	1,819	450	1,319	2,186	1,338
10 years or more	8,009	6,701	1,308	5,083	7,127	4,954
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	2,022	1,443	579	984	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	1,853	1,471	382	1,073	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	8,295	6,937	1,358	5,271	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	112	17	95	10	72	8
25 to 34 years	645	414	231	272	487	184
35 to 44 years	1,037	689	348	506	855	486
45 to 54 years	1,675	1,353	322	1,005	2,223	1,390
55 to 64 years	3,540	2,928	612	2,113	3,712	2,534
65 to 74 years	3,705	3,176	529	2,432	2,096	1,505
75 years and over	1,456	1,274	182	990	1,210	893
Average age	60.1	61.4	54.6	61.8	58.7	60.4
Young producers (see text)	852	504	348	316	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	767	629	242	458	568	383
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	56	33	23	28	57	32
Asian	3,219	2,648	571	2,092	4,077	2,824
Black or African American	22	19	3	10	22	18
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1,121	884	237	667	999	689
White	6,302	5,193	1,109	3,726	4,348	2,749
More than one race reported	1,450	1,074	376	805	1,152	688
Military service (see text):						
Never served	10,597	8,428	2,169	6,232	(NA)	(NA)
Served	1,573	1,423	150	1,096	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	22,338	19,845	2,493	15,677	21,184	18,115
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	10,470	9,103	1,367	7,032	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	9,534	8,297	1,237	6,402	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	4,678	4,103	575	3,243	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	8,512	7,454	1,058	6,132	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	6,243	5,529	714	4,285	(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.