

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	44,355	35,097	9,258	24,996	39,747	24,816
Sex of producers:						
Male	27,125	24,201	2,924	18,568	26,704	21,821
Female	17,230	10,896	6,334	6,428	13,043	2,995
Hired managers (see text)	3,253	2,359	894	1,468	(NA)	1,036
Primary occupation:						
Farming	18,390	15,394	2,996	11,764	18,057	12,349
Other	25,965	19,703	6,262	13,232	21,690	12,467
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	35,823	28,881	6,942	20,694	32,569	20,556
Not on farm operated	8,532	6,216	2,316	4,302	7,178	4,260
Days of work off farm:						
None	16,755	13,349	3,406	10,184	14,812	9,473
Any	27,600	21,748	5,852	14,812	24,935	15,343
1 to 49 days	4,261	3,297	964	2,435	3,797	2,297
50 to 99 days	2,044	1,564	480	1,151	2,028	1,123
100 to 199 days	3,894	3,089	805	2,179	3,542	2,066
200 days or more	17,401	13,798	3,603	9,047	15,568	9,857
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	3,565	2,631	934	1,715	1,905	921
3 or 4 years	4,127	3,051	1,076	2,138	2,306	1,187
5 to 9 years	6,651	5,107	1,544	3,450	6,853	3,995
10 years or more	30,012	24,308	5,704	17,693	28,683	18,713
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	7,379	5,419	1,960	3,601	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	5,654	4,293	1,361	2,936	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	31,322	25,385	5,937	18,459	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	613	286	327	123	620	111
25 to 34 years	3,269	2,237	1,032	1,379	2,957	1,436
35 to 44 years	6,241	4,730	1,511	3,166	4,899	2,559
45 to 54 years	7,947	6,134	1,813	4,231	9,208	5,499
55 to 64 years	12,333	9,990	2,343	7,136	11,922	7,765
65 to 74 years	9,484	7,921	1,563	6,010	6,769	4,783
75 years and over	4,468	3,799	669	2,951	3,372	2,663
Average age	56.4	57.4	52.7	58.4	55.4	57.6
Young producers (see text)	4,386	2,889	1,497	1,735	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1,258	1,002	357	693	1,113	695
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	241	204	37	142	229	154
Asian	106	84	22	50	162	85
Black or African American	11	7	4	5	22	14
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	27	25	2	14	27	18
White	43,673	34,551	9,122	24,612	39,122	24,424
More than one race reported	297	226	71	173	185	121
Military service (see text):						
Never served	39,742	30,890	8,852	21,750	(NA)	(NA)
Served	4,613	4,207	406	3,246	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	88,752	78,029	10,723	59,156	82,992	68,212
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	38,434	32,553	5,881	24,027	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	34,157	29,313	4,844	21,965	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	28,051	23,968	4,083	17,770	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	32,900	27,948	4,952	21,328	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	24,508	21,052	3,456	15,469	(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.