

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	94,350	74,834	19,516	56,649	87,959	58,695
Sex of producers:						
Male	63,125	56,578	6,547	46,063	63,970	52,950
Female	31,225	18,256	12,969	10,586	23,989	5,745
Hired managers (see text)	4,356	3,207	1,149	2,030	(NA)	1,509
Primary occupation:						
Farming	36,485	30,662	5,823	24,509	36,395	25,630
Other	57,865	44,172	13,693	32,140	51,564	33,065
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	72,559	58,680	13,879	45,191	69,641	47,869
Not on farm operated	21,791	16,154	5,637	11,458	18,318	10,826
Days of work off farm:						
None	36,189	28,879	7,310	22,843	31,612	20,864
Any	58,161	45,955	12,206	33,806	56,347	37,831
1 to 49 days	7,281	5,605	1,676	4,385	6,852	4,451
50 to 99 days	3,327	2,535	792	2,000	3,268	1,992
100 to 199 days	6,947	5,528	1,419	4,104	7,515	4,657
200 days or more	40,606	32,287	8,319	23,317	38,712	26,731
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	5,255	3,567	1,688	2,558	3,524	1,739
3 or 4 years	6,470	4,566	1,904	3,239	4,567	2,457
5 to 9 years	12,917	9,703	3,214	6,934	12,191	7,100
10 years or more	69,708	56,998	12,710	43,918	67,677	47,399
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	11,934	8,191	3,743	5,786	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	11,328	8,519	2,809	6,055	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	71,088	58,124	12,964	44,808	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,734	648	1,086	363	1,649	315
25 to 34 years	8,604	5,900	2,704	4,275	7,974	4,449
35 to 44 years	13,526	10,322	3,204	7,564	13,004	7,818
45 to 54 years	17,710	14,035	3,675	10,311	21,216	13,761
55 to 64 years	24,858	20,246	4,612	15,378	23,508	16,433
65 to 74 years	18,300	15,316	2,984	11,921	13,865	10,407
75 years and over	9,618	8,367	1,251	6,837	6,743	5,512
Average age	55.5	56.7	50.9	57.3	53.9	55.8
Young producers (see text)	11,603	7,459	4,144	5,308	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	753	618	200	479	450	276
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	131	110	21	87	153	91
Asian	102	82	20	41	66	30
Black or African American	134	114	20	70	83	53
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	20	14	6	10	5	3
White	93,702	74,297	19,405	56,266	87,460	58,408
More than one race reported	261	217	44	175	192	110
Military service (see text):						
Never served	86,429	67,588	18,841	50,645	(NA)	(NA)
Served	7,921	7,246	675	6,004	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	205,222	184,259	20,963	148,578	203,330	173,195
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	80,354	68,510	11,844	53,490	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	68,505	59,818	8,687	47,780	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	48,246	41,321	6,925	32,580	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	70,352	60,197	10,155	48,103	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	50,842	43,668	7,174	33,953	(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.