

**Table 70. New and Beginning Producers - Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017**

[Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	All producers	All principal producers	Characteristics	All producers	All principal producers
Producers ..... number	23,262	16,710	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	427	333
Male .....	14,259	11,724	Average age .....	42.4	43.8
Female .....	9,003	4,986	Young producers (see text) .....	8,612	5,684
Hired managers (see text) .....	956	526	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	235	198
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	5,501	3,979	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	42	38
Other .....	17,761	12,731	Asian .....	47	39
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	51	41
On farm operated .....	16,197	11,806	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	4	4
Not on farm operated .....	7,065	4,904	White .....	23,035	16,532
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	75	55
None .....	5,115	3,397	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	18,147	13,313	Never served .....	22,067	15,699
1 to 49 days .....	2,078	1,448	Served .....	1,195	1,011
50 to 99 days .....	821	530	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	1,833	1,320	households (see text) .....	52,233	45,240
200 days or more .....	13,415	10,015	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	19,223	15,171
Under 25 years .....	1,734	648	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	15,997	12,996
25 to 34 years .....	6,699	4,641	Livestock decisions .....	12,546	9,843
35 to 44 years .....	5,601	4,312	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	16,554	13,369
45 to 54 years .....	3,903	2,989	Estate planning or succession planning .....	10,446	8,542
55 to 64 years .....	3,372	2,577			
65 to 74 years .....	1,526	1,210			