

**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	31,183	22,700	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	695	585
Male .....	19,076	15,361	Average age .....	43.7	44.8
Female .....	12,107	7,339	Young producers (see text) .....	11,265	7,760
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,632	893	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	242	165
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	7,660	5,731	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	22	15
Other .....	23,523	16,969	Asian .....	72	45
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	56	54
On farm operated .....	16,459	12,196	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	12	4
Not on farm operated .....	14,724	10,504	White .....	30,955	22,544
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	53	37
None .....	6,411	4,640	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	24,772	18,060	Never served .....	29,708	21,500
1 to 49 days .....	2,641	1,929	Served .....	1,475	1,200
50 to 99 days .....	1,157	809	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	2,214	1,582	households (see text) .....	65,650	55,224
200 days or more .....	18,760	13,740	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	24,960	20,198
Under 25 years .....	1,832	859	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	21,799	17,797
25 to 34 years .....	8,914	6,269	Livestock decisions .....	14,025	11,076
35 to 44 years .....	7,007	5,191	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	22,515	18,254
45 to 54 years .....	5,107	3,857	Estate planning or succession planning .....	13,246	10,677
55 to 64 years .....	5,102	3,922			
65 to 74 years .....	2,526	2,017			