

**Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Characteristics  | 2017 <sup>1</sup>        |                                    |  |                             | 2012 <sup>2</sup> |                    |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|  | 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   | 96,352                   | 76,693                             | 19,659                                 | 58,569                      | 91,656            | 61,773             |
| Sex of producers:  |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| Male .....   | 63,670                   | 57,356                             | 6,314                                  | 47,022                      | 66,045            | 54,990             |
| Female .....   | 32,682                   | 19,337                             | 13,345                                 | 11,547                      | 25,611            | 6,783              |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 4,383                    | 3,197                              | 1,186                                  | 2,111                       | (NA)              | 1,949              |
| Primary occupation:  |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| Farming .....  | 40,901                   | 35,024                             | 5,877                                  | 28,440                      | 40,717            | 29,857             |
| Other .....  | 55,451                   | 41,669                             | 13,782                                 | 30,129                      | 50,939            | 31,916             |
| Place of residence:  |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| On farm operated .....   | 63,105                   | 51,129                             | 11,976                                 | 39,405                      | 61,834            | 42,122             |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 33,247                   | 25,564                             | 7,683                                  | 19,164                      | 29,822            | 19,651             |
| Days of work off farm:   |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| None .....   | 38,523                   | 31,690                             | 6,833                                  | 25,684                      | 34,215            | 24,010             |
| Any .....  | 57,829                   | 45,003                             | 12,826                                 | 32,885                      | 57,441            | 37,763             |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 7,694                    | 6,054                              | 1,640                                  | 4,805                       | 7,566             | 4,963              |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 3,526                    | 2,731                              | 795                                    | 2,102                       | 3,709             | 2,323              |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 6,503                    | 5,063                              | 1,440                                  | 3,833                       | 6,802             | 4,264              |
| 200 days or more .....   | 40,106                   | 31,155                             | 8,951                                  | 22,145                      | 39,364            | 26,213             |
| Years on present farm:   |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| 2 years or less .....  | 4,905                    | 3,452                              | 1,453                                  | 2,495                       | 3,533             | 1,845              |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 57,829                   | 45,003                             | 12,826                                 | 32,885                      | 57,441            | 37,763             |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 13,369                   | 10,048                             | 3,321                                  | 7,274                       | 12,695            | 7,643              |
| 10 years or more .....   | 71,863                   | 58,674                             | 13,189                                 | 45,634                      | 70,140            | 49,345             |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| 5 years or less .....  | 11,104                   | 7,870                              | 3,234                                  | 5,523                       | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 12,007                   | 9,052                              | 2,955                                  | 6,546                       | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| 11 years or more .....   | 73,241                   | 59,771                             | 13,470                                 | 46,500                      | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Age group:   |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| Under 25 years .....   | 1,276                    | 560                                | 716                                    | 352                         | 1,185             | 352                |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 7,319                    | 5,288                              | 2,031                                  | 3,812                       | 7,086             | 3,975              |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 10,576                   | 7,934                              | 2,642                                  | 5,746                       | 10,550            | 6,383              |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 15,803                   | 12,339                             | 3,464                                  | 9,095                       | 20,649            | 13,215             |
| 55 to 64 years .....   | 27,116                   | 21,633                             | 5,483                                  | 16,429                      | 25,319            | 17,351             |
| 65 to 74 years .....   | 21,232                   | 17,695                             | 3,537                                  | 13,953                      | 16,120            | 11,762             |
| 75 years and over .....  | 13,030                   | 11,244                             | 1,786                                  | 9,182                       | 10,747            | 8,735              |
| Average age .....  | 58.1                     | 59.1                               | 54.2                                   | 59.7                        | 56.5              | 58.2               |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 9,616                    | 6,557                              | 3,059                                  | 4,635                       | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....             | 1,253                    | 1,016                              | 348                                    | 733                         | 990               | 693                |
| Producers by race:   |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | 485                      | 401                                | 84                                     | 288                         | 594               | 395                |
| Asian .....  | 107                      | 66                                 | 41                                     | 48                          | 120               | 71                 |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 228                      | 181                                | 47                                     | 147                         | 228               | 165                |
| Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....                    | 22                       | 17                                 | 5                                      | 17                          | 21                | 17                 |
| White .....  | 94,921                   | 75,570                             | 19,351                                 | 57,734                      | 90,269            | 60,853             |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 589                      | 458                                | 131                                    | 335                         | 424               | 272                |
| Military service (see text):                                       |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| Never served .....   | 86,688                   | 67,825                             | 18,863                                 | 51,265                      | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Served .....   | 9,664                    | 8,868                              | 796                                    | 7,304                       | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 186,172                  | 164,612                            | 21,560                                 | 132,471                     | 188,085           | 157,290            |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |                          |                                    |  |                             |                   |                    |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 80,689                   | 69,351                             | 11,338                                 | 54,641                      | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 71,740                   | 62,720                             | 9,020                                  | 50,136                      | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 55,577                   | 48,046                             | 7,531                                  | 38,027                      | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 74,348                   | 63,390                             | 10,958                                 | 50,652                      | (NA)              | (NA)               |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 55,251                   | 47,061                             | 8,190                                  | 36,968                      | (NA)              | (NA)               |

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>2</sup> All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.