

**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	123,995	100,889	23,106	75,966	113,037	77,064
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	81,049	73,677	7,372	59,663	81,618	68,864
Female .....	42,946	27,212	15,734	16,303	31,419	8,200
Hired managers (see text) .....	2,338	1,512	826	1,028	(NA)	1,214
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	45,545	39,268	6,277	32,195	43,430	32,137
Other .....	78,450	61,621	16,829	43,771	69,607	44,927
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	96,853	79,937	16,916	60,676	89,259	61,992
Not on farm operated .....	27,142	20,952	6,190	15,290	23,778	15,072
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	44,228	36,574	7,654	29,818	39,057	27,516
Any .....	79,767	64,315	15,452	46,148	73,980	49,548
1 to 49 days .....	10,096	7,893	2,203	6,178	8,947	5,862
50 to 99 days .....	5,726	4,564	1,162	3,617	5,252	3,329
100 to 199 days .....	10,866	8,910	1,956	6,728	10,654	7,062
200 days or more .....	53,079	42,948	10,131	29,625	49,127	33,295
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	9,264	6,703	2,561	4,729	5,325	2,866
3 or 4 years .....	10,779	8,148	2,631	5,733	6,566	3,752
5 to 9 years .....	18,560	14,453	4,107	10,187	17,650	10,639
10 years or more .....	85,392	71,585	13,807	55,317	83,496	59,807
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	19,869	14,620	5,249	10,084	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	15,564	12,089	3,475	8,482	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	88,562	74,180	14,382	57,400	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	2,391	1,075	1,316	595	1,780	406
25 to 34 years .....	9,806	7,119	2,687	4,906	7,631	4,073
35 to 44 years .....	15,630	12,159	3,471	8,465	14,687	8,909
45 to 54 years .....	24,215	19,520	4,695	14,114	26,859	17,130
55 to 64 years .....	33,388	27,574	5,814	20,884	31,377	22,067
65 to 74 years .....	26,016	22,221	3,795	17,752	20,921	16,131
75 years and over .....	12,549	11,221	1,328	9,250	9,782	8,348
Average age .....	56.2	57.3	51.6	58.2	55.6	57.6
Young producers (see text) .....	13,643	9,334	4,309	6,255	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	789	593	283	402	708	482
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	227	182	45	145	252	178
Asian .....	140	94	46	69	166	71
Black or African American .....	585	493	92	385	564	437
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	41	33	8	21	21	9
White .....	122,505	99,659	22,846	75,020	111,641	76,116
More than one race reported .....	497	428	69	326	393	253
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	110,997	88,886	22,111	66,048	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	12,998	12,003	995	9,918	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	240,841	217,543	23,298	173,800	232,468	198,179
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	108,804	94,287	14,517	73,152	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	92,488	81,938	10,550	64,748	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	84,913	74,164	10,749	58,162	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	92,356	80,293	12,063	63,805	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	67,891	59,862	8,029	46,758	(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.