

**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	13,414	10,705	2,709	7,600	13,168	8,173
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	7,555	6,440	1,115	4,770	7,770	5,792
Female .....	5,859	4,265	1,594	2,830	5,398	2,381
Hired managers (see text) .....	981	703	278	427	(NA)	296
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	5,916	5,092	824	3,862	5,803	3,964
Other .....	7,498	5,613	1,885	3,738	7,365	4,209
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	10,908	8,928	1,980	6,385	11,024	6,941
Not on farm operated .....	2,506	1,777	729	1,215	2,144	1,232
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	4,645	3,799	846	2,940	4,657	3,060
Any .....	8,769	6,906	1,863	4,660	8,511	5,113
1 to 49 days .....	1,411	1,205	206	898	1,137	750
50 to 99 days .....	844	694	150	508	718	398
100 to 199 days .....	1,348	1,100	248	765	1,473	897
200 days or more .....	5,166	3,907	1,259	2,489	5,183	3,068
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	852	580	272	404	736	373
3 or 4 years .....	1,187	882	305	594	1,170	620
5 to 9 years .....	2,458	1,898	560	1,285	2,550	1,432
10 years or more .....	8,917	7,345	1,572	5,317	8,712	5,748
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	2,151	1,514	637	1,027	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	2,247	1,755	492	1,187	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	9,016	7,436	1,580	5,386	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	185	72	113	39	201	62
25 to 34 years .....	1,068	731	337	460	1,005	488
35 to 44 years .....	1,780	1,400	380	925	1,562	834
45 to 54 years .....	2,277	1,783	494	1,245	3,255	1,938
55 to 64 years .....	3,857	3,133	724	2,272	3,879	2,484
65 to 74 years .....	2,977	2,481	496	1,799	2,346	1,652
75 years and over .....	1,270	1,105	165	860	920	715
Average age .....	56.5	57.4	52.7	58.2	55.1	57.0
Young producers (see text) .....	1,412	935	477	579	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	124	103	32	71	134	58
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	39	27	12	21	55	17
Asian .....	33	28	5	17	17	15
Black or African American .....	146	128	18	120	78	68
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	8	8	-	3	4	-
White .....	13,086	10,418	2,668	7,366	12,921	8,018
More than one race reported .....	102	96	6	73	93	55
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	11,883	9,370	2,513	6,617	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	1,531	1,335	196	983	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	25,080	22,086	2,994	16,775	25,466	21,495
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	11,916	10,186	1,730	7,444	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	10,227	8,860	1,367	6,581	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	7,312	6,208	1,104	4,609	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	9,747	8,606	1,141	6,641	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	6,885	6,097	788	4,456	(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.