

Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012

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

Characteristics	2017 ¹				2012 ²	
	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	79,404	63,627	15,777	47,641	78,948	52,194
Sex of producers:						
Male	51,449	45,860	5,589	36,502	54,865	44,785
Female	27,955	17,767	10,188	11,139	24,083	7,409
Hired managers (see text)	4,499	3,133	1,366	1,884	(NA)	1,551
Primary occupation:						
Farming	34,706	29,347	5,359	23,068	35,808	25,285
Other	44,698	34,280	10,418	24,573	43,140	26,909
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	63,913	52,218	11,695	39,652	64,522	43,740
Not on farm operated	15,491	11,409	4,082	7,989	14,426	8,454
Days of work off farm:						
None	33,132	26,954	6,178	21,165	32,025	21,550
Any	46,272	36,673	9,599	26,476	46,923	30,644
1 to 49 days	6,652	5,241	1,411	4,076	6,390	4,147
50 to 99 days	3,277	2,619	658	2,027	3,293	2,069
100 to 199 days	5,906	4,604	1,302	3,470	6,643	4,223
200 days or more	30,437	24,209	6,228	16,903	30,597	20,205
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	4,559	3,162	1,397	2,233	3,137	1,512
3 or 4 years	5,759	4,185	1,574	2,951	4,222	2,350
5 to 9 years	11,170	8,431	2,739	6,003	10,934	6,318
10 years or more	57,916	47,849	10,067	36,454	60,655	42,014
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	10,752	7,582	3,170	5,292	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	9,496	7,135	2,361	5,128	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	59,156	48,910	10,246	37,221	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,488	636	852	272	1,270	244
25 to 34 years	5,697	3,762	1,935	2,679	5,193	2,736
35 to 44 years	9,612	7,283	2,329	5,230	9,993	5,761
45 to 54 years	14,706	11,612	3,094	8,335	19,524	12,259
55 to 64 years	23,131	19,013	4,118	14,307	22,120	15,153
65 to 74 years	16,495	14,060	2,435	10,995	14,067	10,490
75 years and over	8,275	7,261	1,014	5,823	6,781	5,551
Average age	56.6	57.9	51.6	58.6	55.5	57.6
Young producers (see text)	8,012	5,021	2,991	3,373	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1,024	782	290	584	989	674
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	351	285	66	171	349	204
Asian	155	119	36	76	109	54
Black or African American	342	296	46	196	323	216
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	8	8	-	5	23	16
White	78,010	62,503	15,507	46,904	77,842	51,539
More than one race reported	538	416	122	289	302	165
Military service (see text):						
Never served	71,988	56,809	15,179	42,170	(NA)	(NA)
Served	7,416	6,818	598	5,471	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	158,308	141,581	16,727	112,769	167,949	142,363
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	69,711	59,503	10,208	45,822	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	60,124	52,579	7,545	41,355	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	42,028	36,078	5,950	27,977	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	58,779	50,586	8,193	40,379	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	44,474	38,404	6,070	29,673	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

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