

**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	23,347	16,910	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	261	228
Male .....	15,227	12,617	Average age .....	42.4	43.5
Female .....	8,120	4,293	Young producers (see text) .....	8,501	5,830
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,266	623	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	139	100
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	6,289	4,686	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	21	8
Other .....	17,058	12,224	Asian .....	220	152
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	26	20
On farm operated .....	14,176	10,394	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	4	3
Not on farm operated .....	9,171	6,516	White .....	22,982	16,651
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	83	72
None .....	4,641	3,240	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	18,706	13,670	Never served .....	21,989	15,738
1 to 49 days .....	2,067	1,461	Served .....	1,358	1,172
50 to 99 days .....	983	705	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	2,109	1,515	households (see text) .....	51,055	43,625
200 days or more .....	13,547	9,989	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	19,521	15,626
Under 25 years .....	1,418	620	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	16,888	13,764
25 to 34 years .....	6,810	4,777	Livestock decisions .....	11,543	9,138
35 to 44 years .....	5,730	4,337	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	16,903	13,675
45 to 54 years .....	4,102	3,103	Estate planning or succession planning .....	10,558	8,547
55 to 64 years .....	3,643	2,755			
65 to 74 years .....	1,383	1,090			