

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
Producersnumber	54,997	45,465	9,532	34,988	54,778	38,076
Sex of producers:						
Male	36,714	33,589	3,125	27,722	38,931	32,794
Female	18,283	11,876	6,407	7,266	15,847	5,282
Hired managers (see text)	1,781	1,340	441	889	(NA)	1,051
Primary occupation:						
Farming	21,105	18,347	2,758	14,961	22,165	16,355
Other	33,892	27,118	6,774	20,027	32,613	21,721
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	38,171	31,954	6,217	24,831	38,403	27,054
Not on farm operated	16,826	13,511	3,315	10,157	16,375	11,022
Days of work off farm:						
None	21,700	18,185	3,515	14,834	21,096	15,119
Any	33,297	27,280	6,017	20,154	33,682	22,957
1 to 49 days	4,160	3,334	826	2,576	4,228	2,668
50 to 99 days	2,515	2,059	456	1,601	2,564	1,706
100 to 199 days	4,969	4,103	866	3,216	5,280	3,757
200 days or more	21,653	17,784	3,869	12,761	21,610	14,826
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	3,610	2,664	946	1,922	2,254	1,247
3 or 4 years	4,835	3,817	1,018	2,763	3,159	1,844
5 to 9 years	7,968	6,322	1,646	4,691	8,579	5,258
10 years or more	38,584	32,662	5,922	25,612	40,786	29,727
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	8,719	6,646	2,073	4,758	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	6,655	5,234	1,421	3,892	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	39,623	33,585	6,038	26,338	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	679	253	426	132	689	159
25 to 34 years	3,067	2,250	817	1,541	2,877	1,442
35 to 44 years	5,643	4,352	1,291	3,153	5,779	3,458
45 to 54 years	9,568	7,752	1,816	5,786	10,915	6,965
55 to 64 years	15,236	12,630	2,606	9,585	15,675	10,981
65 to 74 years	13,582	11,798	1,784	9,410	11,914	9,125
75 years and over	7,222	6,430	792	5,381	6,929	5,946
Average age	58.9	59.9	54.2	60.7	58.3	60.4
Young producers (see text)	4,249	2,903	1,346	1,953	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	551	472	120	334	564	397
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	144	123	21	84	216	133
Asian	151	98	53	67	129	66
Black or African American	6,927	5,947	980	4,834	6,576	5,029
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	24	24	-	23	16	9
White	47,490	39,044	8,446	29,794	47,654	32,756
More than one race reported	261	229	32	186	187	83
Military service (see text):						
Never served	48,813	39,709	9,104	30,122	(NA)	(NA)
Served	6,184	5,756	428	4,866	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	105,271	94,458	10,813	76,434	110,451	92,523
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	47,401	42,029	5,372	33,419	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	40,038	36,124	3,914	29,109	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	33,467	30,046	3,421	24,418	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	40,723	36,044	4,679	29,215	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	30,446	27,242	3,204	21,631	(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.