

**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	77,097	60,849	16,248	46,332	74,786	49,969
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	52,367	47,183	5,184	38,925	54,935	45,878
Female .....	24,730	13,666	11,064	7,407	19,851	4,091
Hired managers (see text) .....	5,801	4,222	1,579	2,712	(NA)	2,187
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	40,226	34,122	6,104	27,488	40,916	29,819
Other .....	36,871	26,727	10,144	18,844	33,870	20,150
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	53,818	43,217	10,601	33,214	54,263	36,652
Not on farm operated .....	23,279	17,632	5,647	13,118	20,523	13,317
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	33,185	27,297	5,888	22,021	30,776	21,662
Any .....	43,912	33,552	10,360	24,311	44,010	28,307
1 to 49 days .....	6,587	5,165	1,422	4,002	6,672	4,440
50 to 99 days .....	2,941	2,266	675	1,717	2,740	1,586
100 to 199 days .....	5,062	3,864	1,198	2,847	5,541	3,353
200 days or more .....	29,322	22,257	7,065	15,745	29,057	18,928
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	3,445	2,389	1,056	1,702	3,128	1,710
3 or 4 years .....	4,334	3,180	1,154	2,293	4,019	2,289
5 to 9 years .....	10,282	7,696	2,586	5,565	10,106	5,977
10 years or more .....	59,036	47,584	11,452	36,772	57,533	39,993
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	7,634	5,267	2,367	3,750	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	9,106	6,866	2,240	4,930	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	60,357	48,716	11,641	37,652	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	1,199	631	568	384	1,176	456
25 to 34 years .....	7,027	5,021	2,006	3,680	7,240	4,291
35 to 44 years .....	9,277	7,113	2,164	5,161	10,120	6,199
45 to 54 years .....	13,290	10,142	3,148	7,483	18,220	11,943
55 to 64 years .....	22,517	18,152	4,365	13,922	20,539	13,903
65 to 74 years .....	15,676	12,903	2,773	10,157	11,066	8,068
75 years and over .....	8,111	6,887	1,224	5,545	6,425	5,109
Average age .....	56.4	57.2	53.2	57.8	54.3	55.7
Young producers (see text) .....	9,141	6,374	2,767	4,622	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	540	410	177	291	494	316
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	94	67	27	50	114	66
Asian .....	40	25	15	22	34	16
Black or African American .....	22	17	5	13	32	25
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	11	8	3	8	-	-
White .....	76,801	60,623	16,178	46,141	74,514	49,807
More than one race reported .....	129	109	20	98	92	55
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	70,132	54,476	15,656	41,019	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	6,965	6,373	592	5,313	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	151,421	133,496	17,925	108,021	158,158	131,538
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	66,091	56,316	9,775	44,278	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	58,079	50,622	7,457	40,572	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	43,091	37,016	6,075	29,295	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	60,739	51,154	9,585	40,662	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	45,635	38,465	7,170	30,189	(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.