

**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	16,740	12,133	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	298	259
Male .....	10,633	8,702	Average age .....	42.0	43.0
Female .....	6,107	3,431	Young producers (see text) .....	6,755	4,706
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,117	591	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	196	150
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	5,720	4,366	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	32	24
Other .....	11,020	7,767	Asian .....	12	5
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	6	2
On farm operated .....	9,423	6,812	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	1	-
Not on farm operated .....	7,317	5,321	White .....	16,639	12,062
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	41	35
None .....	4,005	2,884	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	12,735	9,249	Never served .....	15,937	11,459
1 to 49 days .....	1,671	1,254	Served .....	803	674
50 to 99 days .....	702	461	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	1,193	866	households (see text) .....	34,999	29,427
200 days or more .....	9,169	6,668	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	13,809	11,070
Under 25 years .....	1,199	631	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	11,866	9,661
25 to 34 years .....	5,374	3,764	Livestock decisions .....	9,451	7,445
35 to 44 years .....	3,709	2,854	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	12,533	10,120
45 to 54 years .....	2,709	1,961	Estate planning or succession planning .....	7,693	6,265
55 to 64 years .....	2,389	1,800			
65 to 74 years .....	1,062	864			