

**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	57,865	45,777	12,088	33,438	55,970	35,537
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	35,985	31,175	4,810	24,156	37,220	29,078
Female .....	21,880	14,602	7,278	9,282	18,750	6,459
Hired managers (see text) .....	4,066	2,765	1,301	1,614	(NA)	1,152
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	28,343	23,681	4,662	18,340	29,880	20,400
Other .....	29,522	22,096	7,426	15,098	26,090	15,137
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	47,333	38,405	8,928	28,539	46,896	30,665
Not on farm operated .....	10,532	7,372	3,160	4,899	9,074	4,872
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	24,400	19,600	4,800	15,039	24,200	15,751
Any .....	33,465	26,177	7,288	18,399	31,770	19,786
1 to 49 days .....	4,673	3,601	1,072	2,843	4,374	2,794
50 to 99 days .....	2,586	2,039	547	1,544	2,388	1,384
100 to 199 days .....	5,153	4,126	1,027	3,061	5,226	3,194
200 days or more .....	21,053	16,411	4,642	10,951	19,782	12,414
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	3,153	2,002	1,151	1,383	2,409	1,150
3 or 4 years .....	4,647	3,308	1,339	2,206	3,494	1,828
5 to 9 years .....	8,722	6,431	2,291	4,606	8,865	5,038
10 years or more .....	41,343	34,036	7,307	25,243	41,202	27,521
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	7,955	5,335	2,620	3,591	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	7,647	5,635	2,012	4,014	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	42,263	34,807	7,456	25,833	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	1,167	357	810	216	1,079	185
25 to 34 years .....	4,859	3,095	1,764	2,039	4,261	1,964
35 to 44 years .....	6,999	5,148	1,851	3,459	6,879	3,796
45 to 54 years .....	11,458	9,157	2,301	6,600	14,297	8,774
55 to 64 years .....	16,432	13,519	2,913	9,789	15,625	10,504
65 to 74 years .....	11,647	9,910	1,737	7,692	9,603	7,001
75 years and over .....	5,303	4,591	712	3,643	4,226	3,313
Average age .....	55.8	57.3	50.1	58.1	54.8	57.1
Young producers (see text) .....	6,718	3,925	2,793	2,587	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	606	457	182	318	481	281
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	125	95	30	69	143	85
Asian .....	166	120	46	76	163	90
Black or African American .....	139	96	43	72	113	70
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	40	35	5	26	14	12
White .....	57,155	45,220	11,935	33,049	55,346	35,179
More than one race reported .....	240	211	29	146	191	101
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	53,059	41,542	11,517	30,022	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	4,806	4,235	571	3,416	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	117,108	103,470	13,638	81,540	119,992	100,646
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	51,501	43,527	7,974	32,752	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	43,732	37,763	5,969	29,256	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	35,931	30,706	5,225	23,540	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	42,901	36,989	5,912	29,079	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	31,466	27,434	4,032	20,820	(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.