

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	41,904	34,411	7,493	26,364	44,377	30,961
Sex of producers:						
Male	29,588	27,105	2,483	22,343	33,045	27,728
Female	12,316	7,306	5,010	4,021	11,332	3,233
Hired managers (see text)	1,890	1,404	486	903	(NA)	649
Primary occupation:						
Farming	23,103	20,184	2,919	15,985	23,761	17,509
Other	18,801	14,227	4,574	10,379	20,616	13,452
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	26,807	22,217	4,590	17,169	28,709	19,918
Not on farm operated	15,097	12,194	2,903	9,195	15,668	11,043
Days of work off farm:						
None	20,244	17,448	2,796	14,033	19,660	14,496
Any	21,660	16,963	4,697	12,331	24,717	16,465
1 to 49 days	3,521	2,934	587	2,249	3,885	2,548
50 to 99 days	1,611	1,278	333	952	1,903	1,233
100 to 199 days	2,818	2,208	610	1,653	3,736	2,418
200 days or more	13,710	10,543	3,167	7,477	15,193	10,266
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1,556	1,039	517	760	1,555	850
3 or 4 years	2,377	1,760	617	1,231	1,936	1,197
5 to 9 years	5,276	4,067	1,209	2,947	5,430	3,241
10 years or more	32,695	27,545	5,150	21,426	35,456	25,673
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	4,059	2,889	1,170	2,012	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	4,712	3,569	1,143	2,591	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	33,133	27,953	5,180	21,761	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	644	352	292	211	746	330
25 to 34 years	4,000	2,964	1,036	2,105	4,010	2,432
35 to 44 years	5,129	4,030	1,099	2,973	5,648	3,572
45 to 54 years	7,428	6,040	1,388	4,467	10,120	6,603
55 to 64 years	12,292	10,275	2,017	7,879	12,132	8,626
65 to 74 years	8,274	7,108	1,166	5,689	7,069	5,438
75 years and over	4,137	3,642	495	3,040	4,652	3,960
Average age	56.0	56.9	52.0	57.6	55.3	57.0
Young producers (see text)	5,214	3,758	1,456	2,613	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	225	190	54	154	184	122
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	315	260	55	193	563	348
Asian	21	12	9	6	29	16
Black or African American	8	4	4	1	9	3
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	7	2	5	-	9	4
White	41,389	34,013	7,376	26,073	43,670	30,539
More than one race reported	164	120	44	91	97	51
Military service (see text):						
Never served	38,069	30,851	7,218	23,387	(NA)	(NA)
Served	3,835	3,560	275	2,977	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	84,091	75,880	8,211	60,990	92,443	77,738
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	35,861	31,474	4,387	24,708	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	31,563	28,158	3,405	22,304	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	19,746	17,305	2,441	13,680	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	33,127	28,869	4,258	23,000	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	24,672	21,528	3,144	16,871	(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.