

**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	33,883	24,317	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	515	434
Male .....	20,724	16,764	Average age .....	43.4	45.2
Female .....	13,159	7,553	Young producers (see text) .....	11,250	7,243
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,163	589	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	389	269
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	8,020	5,708	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	54	38
Other .....	25,863	18,609	Asian .....	81	65
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	57	40
On farm operated .....	24,419	17,725	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	15	13
Not on farm operated .....	9,464	6,592	White .....	33,492	24,036
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	170	125
None .....	7,034	4,756	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	26,849	19,561	Never served .....	31,879	22,647
1 to 49 days .....	3,084	2,063	Served .....	2,004	1,670
50 to 99 days .....	1,466	965	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	3,129	2,248	households (see text) .....	73,213	62,842
200 days or more .....	19,170	14,285	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	28,524	22,417
Under 25 years .....	2,473	820	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	24,219	19,468
25 to 34 years .....	8,419	5,788	Livestock decisions .....	19,475	15,245
35 to 44 years .....	7,936	5,960	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	23,693	19,210
45 to 54 years .....	6,543	5,067	Estate planning or succession planning .....	15,326	12,500
55 to 64 years .....	5,706	4,405			
65 to 74 years .....	2,291	1,843			