

**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	67,595	54,450	13,145	37,616	58,020	35,439
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	37,727	32,903	4,824	23,599	35,248	28,426
Female .....	29,868	21,547	8,321	14,017	22,772	7,013
Hired managers (see text) .....	3,835	2,601	1,234	1,605	(NA)	1,386
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	27,726	23,534	4,192	17,875	26,217	17,684
Other .....	39,869	30,916	8,953	19,741	31,803	17,755
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	57,886	47,595	10,291	33,069	50,608	31,405
Not on farm operated .....	9,709	6,855	2,854	4,547	7,412	4,034
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	25,702	21,042	4,660	15,798	22,479	14,180
Any .....	41,893	33,408	8,485	21,818	35,541	21,259
1 to 49 days .....	6,622	5,234	1,388	3,774	5,666	3,414
50 to 99 days .....	3,367	2,692	675	1,864	3,098	1,769
100 to 199 days .....	9,991	4,855	1,136	3,416	5,745	3,309
200 days or more .....	25,913	20,627	5,286	12,764	21,032	12,767
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	4,148	3,011	1,137	1,996	2,387	1,059
3 or 4 years .....	6,333	4,869	1,464	3,139	3,259	1,661
5 to 9 years .....	9,955	7,513	2,442	4,974	10,061	5,619
10 years or more .....	47,159	39,057	8,102	27,507	42,313	27,100
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	10,553	7,844	2,709	5,011	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	8,640	6,394	2,246	4,262	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	48,402	40,212	8,190	28,343	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	810	254	556	120	742	92
25 to 34 years .....	4,181	2,825	1,356	1,767	2,942	1,327
35 to 44 years .....	8,320	6,319	2,001	4,053	6,028	3,029
45 to 54 years .....	11,166	9,008	2,158	5,986	12,322	7,066
55 to 64 years .....	19,099	15,536	3,563	10,744	18,410	11,348
65 to 74 years .....	16,531	13,997	2,534	9,957	12,182	8,364
75 years and over .....	7,488	6,511	977	4,989	5,394	4,213
Average age .....	57.9	58.9	53.5	59.7	57.4	59.6
Young producers (see text) .....	5,766	3,604	2,162	2,198	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	2,083	1,612	686	1,060	1,489	882
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	622	510	112	351	623	403
Asian .....	644	507	137	325	484	286
Black or African American .....	64	42	22	27	49	31
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	112	71	41	44	53	29
White .....	65,364	52,692	12,672	36,439	56,352	34,449
More than one race reported .....	789	628	161	430	459	241
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	59,368	47,111	12,257	32,221	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	8,227	7,339	888	5,395	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	119,469	105,682	13,787	77,561	107,318	89,689
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	59,507	50,996	8,511	36,468	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	52,339	45,310	7,029	32,911	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	42,706	36,653	6,053	26,525	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	50,153	43,408	6,745	32,611	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	38,243	33,142	5,101	23,775	(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.