

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 | 48,913 | 39,136 | 9,777 | 29,968 | 47,870 | 31,989 |
| Sex of producers: | | | | | | |
| Male | 34,051 | 30,801 | 3,250 | 25,588 | 35,738 | 29,656 |
| Female | 14,862 | 8,335 | 6,527 | 4,380 | 12,132 | 2,333 |
| Hired managers (see text) | 2,737 | 1,972 | 765 | 1,274 | (NA) | 1,168 |
| Primary occupation: | | | | | | |
| Farming | 25,939 | 22,100 | 3,839 | 17,704 | 26,349 | 18,844 |
| Other | 22,974 | 17,036 | 5,938 | 12,264 | 21,521 | 13,145 |
| Place of residence: | | | | | | |
| On farm operated | 35,272 | 28,563 | 6,709 | 22,012 | 36,022 | 24,334 |
| Not on farm operated | 13,641 | 10,573 | 3,068 | 7,956 | 11,848 | 7,655 |
| Days of work off farm: | | | | | | |
| None | 21,854 | 18,204 | 3,650 | 14,706 | 20,135 | 14,049 |
| Any | 27,059 | 20,932 | 6,127 | 15,262 | 27,735 | 17,940 |
| 1 to 49 days | 4,451 | 3,524 | 927 | 2,685 | 4,545 | 2,991 |
| 50 to 99 days | 1,898 | 1,471 | 427 | 1,115 | 1,927 | 1,190 |
| 100 to 199 days | 3,246 | 2,466 | 780 | 1,815 | 3,650 | 2,208 |
| 200 days or more | 17,464 | 13,471 | 3,993 | 9,647 | 17,613 | 11,551 |
| Years on present farm: | | | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 1,940 | 1,362 | 578 | 990 | 1,487 | 787 |
| 3 or 4 years | 2,931 | 2,084 | 847 | 1,494 | 2,250 | 1,268 |
| 5 to 9 years | 6,015 | 4,518 | 1,497 | 3,253 | 6,214 | 3,569 |
| 10 years or more | 38,027 | 31,172 | 6,855 | 24,231 | 37,919 | 26,365 |
| Years operating any farm (see text): | | | | | | |
| 5 years or less | 4,813 | 3,344 | 1,469 | 2,363 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 6 to 10 years | 5,354 | 3,966 | 1,388 | 2,869 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 11 years or more | 38,746 | 31,826 | 6,920 | 24,736 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Age group: | | | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 675 | 270 | 405 | 164 | 755 | 258 |
| 25 to 34 years | 4,496 | 3,142 | 1,354 | 2,279 | 4,610 | 2,631 |
| 35 to 44 years | 6,205 | 4,697 | 1,508 | 3,454 | 6,519 | 3,922 |
| 45 to 54 years | 8,139 | 6,489 | 1,650 | 4,852 | 11,499 | 7,445 |
| 55 to 64 years | 14,402 | 11,739 | 2,663 | 9,032 | 13,300 | 9,182 |
| 65 to 74 years | 10,299 | 8,715 | 1,584 | 6,838 | 7,033 | 5,263 |
| 75 years and over | 4,697 | 4,084 | 613 | 3,349 | 4,154 | 3,288 |
| Average age | 56.2 | 57.3 | 51.9 | 57.8 | 54.3 | 55.9 |
| Young producers (see text) | 5,717 | 3,808 | 1,909 | 2,732 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin | 289 | 225 | 82 | 155 | 309 | 200 |
| Producers by race: | | | | | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1,034 | 822 | 212 | 646 | 1,243 | 817 |
| Asian | 24 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 5 |
| Black or African American | 13 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 6 |
| Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander..... | 11 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 5 | - |
| White | 47,600 | 38,097 | 9,503 | 29,165 | 46,425 | 31,052 |
| More than one race reported | 231 | 189 | 42 | 137 | 170 | 109 |
| Military service (see text): | | | | | | |
| Never served | 44,079 | 34,711 | 9,368 | 26,255 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Served | 4,834 | 4,425 | 409 | 3,713 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) | 99,619 | 88,387 | 11,232 | 71,585 | 102,955 | 84,820 |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text): | | | | | | |
| Day-to-day decisions | 42,019 | 35,915 | 6,104 | 28,290 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Land use and/or crop decisions | 37,136 | 32,476 | 4,660 | 26,130 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Livestock decisions | 28,884 | 24,697 | 4,187 | 19,734 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Record keeping and/or financial management | 38,330 | 32,730 | 5,600 | 26,135 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Estate planning or succession planning | 29,508 | 25,162 | 4,346 | 19,868 | (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.