

**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	30,953	23,179	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	756	634
Male .....	18,238	15,190	Average age .....	47.4	48.9
Female .....	12,715	7,989	Young producers (see text) .....	7,021	4,617
Hired managers (see text) .....	607	303	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	495	355
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	7,484	5,804	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	118	95
Other .....	23,469	17,375	Asian .....	108	86
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	342	259
On farm operated .....	22,305	16,900	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	7	5
Not on farm operated .....	8,648	6,279	White .....	30,183	22,594
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	187	137
None .....	6,863	5,205	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	24,090	17,974	Never served .....	28,061	20,650
1 to 49 days .....	2,503	1,825	Served .....	2,892	2,529
50 to 99 days .....	1,561	1,081	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	3,003	2,264	households (see text) .....	58,176	50,718
200 days or more .....	17,023	12,804	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	26,452	21,535
Under 25 years .....	1,633	564	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	22,263	18,470
25 to 34 years .....	5,143	3,634	Livestock decisions .....	21,592	17,417
35 to 44 years .....	6,548	4,909	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	21,820	18,102
45 to 54 years .....	7,299	5,706	Estate planning or succession planning .....	14,897	12,596
55 to 64 years .....	6,290	4,970			
65 to 74 years .....	3,284	2,762			