

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
Producers number	408,506	334,463	74,043	248,416	371,064	248,809
Sex of producers:						
Male	252,273	228,372	23,901	183,272	250,306	210,357
Female	156,233	106,091	50,142	65,144	120,758	38,452
Hired managers (see text)	8,302	5,255	3,047	3,648	(NA)	6,612
Primary occupation:						
Farming	147,731	128,075	19,656	103,776	143,828	104,769
Other	260,775	206,388	54,387	144,640	227,236	144,040
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	283,884	236,356	47,528	175,747	256,727	172,899
Not on farm operated	124,622	98,107	26,515	72,669	114,337	75,910
Days of work off farm:						
None	139,795	116,124	23,671	93,241	128,318	88,616
Any	268,711	218,339	50,372	155,175	242,746	160,193
1 to 49 days	36,316	28,398	7,918	21,692	32,452	20,437
50 to 99 days	21,472	17,545	3,927	13,414	20,673	13,494
100 to 199 days	38,561	32,576	5,985	24,430	35,010	23,315
200 days or more	172,362	139,820	32,542	95,639	154,611	102,947
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	26,339	19,522	6,817	13,719	16,028	8,601
3 or 4 years	35,161	26,911	8,250	18,884	24,574	14,089
5 to 9 years	64,549	50,698	13,851	36,008	69,899	42,857
10 years or more	282,457	237,332	45,125	179,805	260,563	183,262
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	62,132	46,461	15,671	32,077	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	56,867	44,748	12,119	31,765	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	289,507	243,254	46,253	184,574	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	4,943	1,935	3,008	806	4,158	793
25 to 34 years	19,812	13,780	6,032	9,313	18,174	9,298
35 to 44 years	40,941	31,150	9,791	21,740	37,447	21,103
45 to 54 years	72,585	57,847	14,738	41,207	83,595	52,688
55 to 64 years	115,316	95,241	20,075	69,438	103,698	69,084
65 to 74 years	98,628	84,511	14,117	65,105	79,154	58,590
75 years and over	56,281	49,999	6,282	40,807	44,838	37,253
Average age	59.2	60.3	54.5	61.1	58.1	60.1
Young producers (see text)	28,187	18,290	9,897	11,938	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	41,143	33,508	9,878	25,588	34,264	23,689
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,880	2,388	492	1,685	3,820	2,693
Asian	1,691	1,284	407	860	1,226	718
Black or African American	11,268	9,523	1,745	7,753	11,719	8,551
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	179	134	45	78	147	27
White	389,193	318,262	70,931	235,889	351,950	235,449
More than one race reported	3,295	2,872	423	2,151	2,202	1,371
Military service (see text):						
Never served	356,149	286,208	69,941	209,543	(NA)	(NA)
Served	52,357	48,255	4,102	38,873	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	741,720	664,000	77,720	522,071	713,144	600,630
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	356,925	311,583	45,342	238,766	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	301,126	267,114	34,012	208,360	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	307,226	269,048	38,178	207,933	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	306,129	268,312	37,817	211,330	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	236,316	208,988	27,328	161,034	(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.