

**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	9,198	6,728	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	251	186
Male .....	5,583	4,550	Average age .....	45.3	47.1
Female .....	3,615	2,178	Young producers (see text) .....	2,504	1,561
Hired managers (see text) .....	418	211	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	211	175
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	2,039	1,483	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	359	198
Other .....	7,159	5,245	Asian .....	45	30
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	6	2
On farm operated .....	5,625	4,276	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	7	5
Not on farm operated .....	3,573	2,452	White .....	8,710	6,436
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	68	57
None .....	1,831	1,278	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	7,367	5,450	Never served .....	8,785	6,369
1 to 49 days .....	1,010	681	Served .....	413	359
50 to 99 days .....	570	424	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	955	707	households (see text) .....	22,178	18,559
200 days or more .....	4,832	3,638	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	7,730	6,202
Under 25 years .....	538	164	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	6,720	5,461
25 to 34 years .....	1,867	1,248	Livestock decisions .....	6,435	5,172
35 to 44 years .....	2,510	1,900	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	6,413	5,276
45 to 54 years .....	1,570	1,213	Estate planning or succession planning .....	4,534	3,796
55 to 64 years .....	1,690	1,378			
65 to 74 years .....	772	639			