

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	70,594	57,204	13,390	43,225	68,968	46,030
Sex of producers:						
Male	45,085	40,078	5,007	32,154	47,346	38,377
Female	25,509	17,126	8,383	11,071	21,622	7,653
Hired managers (see text)	3,134	2,197	937	1,378	(NA)	1,030
Primary occupation:						
Farming	28,599	24,737	3,862	20,168	28,403	20,740
Other	41,995	32,467	9,528	23,057	40,565	25,290
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	55,823	45,938	9,885	35,009	54,986	37,370
Not on farm operated	14,771	11,266	3,505	8,216	13,982	8,660
Days of work off farm:						
None	26,899	22,419	4,480	18,170	25,164	17,648
Any	43,695	34,785	8,910	25,055	43,804	28,382
1 to 49 days	5,776	4,610	1,166	3,601	5,461	3,563
50 to 99 days	3,293	2,620	673	2,021	3,441	2,182
100 to 199 days	5,744	4,663	1,081	3,485	5,835	3,761
200 days or more	28,882	22,892	5,990	15,948	29,067	18,876
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	4,153	2,953	1,200	2,110	2,825	1,344
3 or 4 years	5,643	4,247	1,396	3,069	4,084	2,226
5 to 9 years	10,255	7,810	2,445	5,548	11,273	6,629
10 years or more	50,543	42,194	8,349	32,498	50,786	35,831
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	10,199	7,426	2,773	5,231	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	8,758	6,595	2,163	4,686	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	51,637	43,183	8,454	33,308	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,086	385	701	178	1,019	175
25 to 34 years	4,344	2,899	1,445	1,971	4,062	1,906
35 to 44 years	7,152	5,348	1,804	3,745	6,982	3,877
45 to 54 years	12,238	9,599	2,639	6,991	15,906	9,892
55 to 64 years	19,760	16,342	3,418	12,125	19,797	13,683
65 to 74 years	16,812	14,414	2,398	11,490	13,762	10,296
75 years and over	9,202	8,217	985	6,725	7,440	6,201
Average age	58.5	59.8	52.9	60.7	57.2	59.5
Young producers (see text)	5,996	3,675	2,321	2,422	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	845	672	265	471	755	470
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	168	144	24	111	265	180
Asian	259	195	64	126	245	134
Black or African American	1,693	1,444	249	1,207	1,865	1,496
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	32	25	7	20	12	7
White	68,053	55,098	12,955	41,550	66,370	44,084
More than one race reported	389	298	91	211	211	129
Military service (see text):						
Never served	61,377	48,859	12,518	36,447	(NA)	(NA)
Served	9,217	8,345	872	6,778	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	132,580	117,895	14,685	94,330	135,245	113,764
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	62,232	53,784	8,448	41,925	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	52,941	46,711	6,230	37,110	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	48,671	42,269	6,402	33,327	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	53,033	46,305	6,728	37,201	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	39,339	34,583	4,756	27,147	(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.