

Table 54. Involvement in Decisionmaking by Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017

[Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item | Day-to-day decisions | Land use and/or crop decisions | Livestock decisions | Record keeping and financial management | Estate or succession planning |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Producers number | 62,232 | 52,941 | 48,671 | 53,033 | 39,339 |
| Sex of producers: | | | | | |
| Male | 41,669 | 37,395 | 33,000 | 34,059 | 25,572 |
| Female | 20,563 | 15,546 | 15,671 | 18,974 | 13,767 |
| Hired managers (see text) | 2,901 | 2,420 | 1,835 | 2,178 | 1,400 |
| Primary occupation: | | | | | |
| Farming | 26,811 | 23,389 | 21,190 | 22,729 | 17,006 |
| Other | 35,421 | 29,552 | 27,481 | 30,304 | 22,333 |
| Place of residence: | | | | | |
| On farm operated | 50,274 | 42,620 | 40,163 | 42,943 | 32,464 |
| Not on farm operated | 11,958 | 10,321 | 8,508 | 10,090 | 6,875 |
| Days of work off farm: | | | | | |
| None | 24,093 | 20,333 | 17,962 | 20,296 | 15,743 |
| Any | 38,139 | 32,608 | 30,709 | 32,737 | 23,596 |
| 1 to 49 days | 5,018 | 4,140 | 3,711 | 4,273 | 3,018 |
| 50 to 99 days | 2,937 | 2,525 | 2,348 | 2,558 | 1,824 |
| 100 to 199 days | 5,134 | 4,460 | 4,071 | 4,376 | 3,189 |
| 200 days or more | 25,050 | 21,483 | 20,579 | 21,530 | 15,565 |
| Years on present farm: | | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 3,500 | 2,875 | 2,815 | 2,796 | 1,791 |
| 3 or 4 years | 4,841 | 4,115 | 3,986 | 4,091 | 2,614 |
| 5 to 9 years | 8,939 | 7,563 | 7,006 | 7,569 | 5,062 |
| 10 years or more | 44,952 | 38,388 | 34,864 | 38,577 | 29,872 |
| Years operating any farm (see text): | | | | | |
| 5 years or less | 8,634 | 7,172 | 6,991 | 7,165 | 4,597 |
| 6 to 10 years | 7,586 | 6,355 | 5,906 | 6,364 | 4,306 |
| 11 years or more | 46,012 | 39,414 | 35,774 | 39,504 | 30,436 |
| Age group: | | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 767 | 603 | 745 | 440 | 202 |
| 25 to 34 years | 3,722 | 3,079 | 3,205 | 3,051 | 1,823 |
| 35 to 44 years | 6,342 | 5,339 | 5,208 | 5,333 | 3,365 |
| 45 to 54 years | 10,766 | 9,149 | 8,716 | 9,251 | 6,360 |
| 55 to 64 years | 17,490 | 15,053 | 13,655 | 15,156 | 11,455 |
| 65 to 74 years | 15,095 | 12,855 | 11,141 | 12,923 | 10,310 |
| 75 years and over | 8,050 | 6,863 | 6,001 | 6,879 | 5,824 |
| Average age | 58.7 | 58.8 | 58.0 | 59.0 | 60.4 |
| Young producers (see text) | 4,960 | 4,084 | 4,342 | 3,889 | 2,278 |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin | 722 | 614 | 516 | 623 | 424 |
| Producers by race: | | | | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 149 | 99 | 110 | 117 | 94 |
| Asian | 195 | 154 | 107 | 163 | 103 |
| Black or African American | 1,484 | 1,271 | 1,075 | 1,276 | 926 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 31 | 28 | 20 | 27 | 24 |
| White | 60,024 | 51,088 | 47,113 | 51,180 | 37,960 |
| More than one race reported | 349 | 301 | 246 | 270 | 232 |
| Military service (see text): | | | | | |
| Never served | 53,759 | 45,341 | 42,128 | 45,960 | 33,616 |
| Served | 8,473 | 7,600 | 6,543 | 7,073 | 5,723 |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) | 121,828 | 107,218 | 96,867 | 103,199 | 74,866 |