

**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	18,957	14,021	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	502	427
Male .....	10,993	8,850	Average age .....	47.3	48.9
Female .....	7,964	5,171	Young producers (see text) .....	4,469	2,852
Hired managers (see text) .....	915	479	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	347	267
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	5,302	4,137	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	56	52
Other .....	13,655	9,884	Asian .....	133	101
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	456	353
On farm operated .....	13,607	10,217	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	14	10
Not on farm operated .....	5,350	3,804	White .....	18,157	13,409
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	134	96
None .....	4,574	3,409	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	14,383	10,612	Never served .....	16,970	12,372
1 to 49 days .....	1,677	1,187	Served .....	1,987	1,649
50 to 99 days .....	943	628	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	1,743	1,308	households (see text) .....	36,981	31,352
200 days or more .....	10,020	7,489	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	16,220	13,061
Under 25 years .....	1,086	385	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	13,527	11,114
25 to 34 years .....	3,309	2,252	Livestock decisions .....	12,897	10,318
35 to 44 years .....	3,864	2,941	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	13,529	11,181
45 to 54 years .....	4,212	3,301	Estate planning or succession planning .....	8,903	7,494
55 to 64 years .....	4,025	3,177			
65 to 74 years .....	1,959	1,538			