

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
Producersnumber	63,298	50,504	12,794	35,793	59,784	37,249
Sex of producers:						
Male	36,430	31,664	4,766	23,518	37,408	29,730
Female	26,868	18,840	8,028	12,275	22,376	7,519
Hired managers (see text)	4,963	3,577	1,386	2,367	(NA)	2,236
Primary occupation:						
Farming	25,623	21,351	4,272	16,474	26,017	17,650
Other	37,675	29,153	8,522	19,319	33,767	19,599
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	50,960	41,532	9,428	29,653	48,982	30,701
Not on farm operated	12,338	8,972	3,366	6,140	10,802	6,548
Days of work off farm:						
None	25,150	20,352	4,798	15,615	23,021	14,862
Any	38,148	30,152	7,996	20,178	36,763	22,387
1 to 49 days	5,408	4,134	1,274	3,072	5,503	3,247
50 to 99 days	2,761	2,271	490	1,595	2,898	1,596
100 to 199 days	5,679	4,488	1,191	3,233	5,655	3,364
200 days or more	24,300	19,259	5,041	12,278	22,707	14,180
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	3,876	2,660	1,216	1,800	2,840	1,449
3 or 4 years	4,568	3,350	1,218	2,225	4,044	2,200
5 to 9 years	9,493	7,247	2,246	4,937	11,366	6,451
10 years or more	45,361	37,247	8,114	26,831	41,534	27,149
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	8,602	6,108	2,494	4,018	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	8,534	6,405	2,129	4,393	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	46,162	37,991	8,171	27,382	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	784	225	559	91	757	181
25 to 34 years	3,357	2,220	1,137	1,427	3,317	1,526
35 to 44 years	7,124	5,311	1,813	3,526	6,724	3,502
45 to 54 years	11,316	8,975	2,341	6,098	13,441	7,887
55 to 64 years	18,685	15,241	3,444	10,751	18,459	11,764
65 to 74 years	15,366	12,716	2,650	9,411	11,927	8,347
75 years and over	6,666	5,816	850	4,489	5,159	4,042
Average age	58.1	59.1	53.9	59.9	56.8	58.8
Young producers (see text)	4,788	2,890	1,898	1,783	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	2,947	2,268	982	1,603	2,981	1,874
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	592	472	120	354	732	458
Asian	866	623	243	414	804	436
Black or African American	90	70	20	61	96	60
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	78	64	14	50	70	49
White	60,821	48,578	12,243	34,426	57,631	35,958
More than one race reported	851	697	154	488	451	288
Military service (see text):						
Never served	55,165	43,294	11,871	30,416	(NA)	(NA)
Served	8,133	7,210	923	5,377	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	116,084	101,590	14,494	75,958	116,105	97,348
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	54,878	46,747	8,131	34,379	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	47,746	41,138	6,608	30,617	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	36,304	31,206	5,098	23,184	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	45,462	39,147	6,315	30,001	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	34,680	29,840	4,840	21,943	(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.