

**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	17,136	12,513	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	462	378
Male .....	9,225	7,212	Average age .....	48.0	49.4
Female .....	7,911	5,301	Young producers (see text) .....	3,565	2,265
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,154	559	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	1,065	765
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	5,233	3,885	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	202	148
Other .....	11,903	8,628	Asian .....	315	200
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	39	25
On farm operated .....	12,823	9,774	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	28	22
Not on farm operated .....	4,313	2,739	White .....	16,245	11,870
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	288	238
None .....	4,504	3,237	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	12,632	9,276	Never served .....	15,340	11,043
1 to 49 days .....	1,646	1,137	Served .....	1,796	1,470
50 to 99 days .....	934	688	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	1,809	1,371	households (see text) .....	32,602	26,999
200 days or more .....	8,243	6,080	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	14,314	11,508
Under 25 years .....	784	225	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	12,692	10,239
25 to 34 years .....	2,707	1,812	Livestock decisions .....	10,160	8,190
35 to 44 years .....	3,932	2,925	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	11,691	9,733
45 to 54 years .....	3,589	2,708	Estate planning or succession planning .....	7,773	6,479
55 to 64 years .....	3,701	2,963			
65 to 74 years .....	1,961	1,502			