

**Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 <sup>1</sup>				2012 <sup>2</sup>	
	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	21,686	17,123	4,563	11,938	19,165	11,736
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	12,870	11,254	1,616	8,381	12,420	10,118
Female .....	8,816	5,869	2,947	3,557	6,745	1,618
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,611	1,121	490	688	(NA)	659
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	9,556	7,885	1,671	5,888	8,963	5,845
Other .....	12,130	9,238	2,892	6,050	10,202	5,891
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	17,227	13,774	3,453	9,675	15,857	9,765
Not on farm operated .....	4,459	3,349	1,110	2,263	3,308	1,971
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	8,009	6,428	1,581	4,885	7,025	4,430
Any .....	13,677	10,695	2,982	7,053	12,140	7,306
1 to 49 days .....	2,235	1,743	492	1,252	1,735	1,049
50 to 99 days .....	945	739	206	527	1,010	608
100 to 199 days .....	2,115	1,677	438	1,193	1,899	1,106
200 days or more .....	8,382	6,536	1,846	4,081	7,496	4,543
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	1,326	920	406	626	879	447
3 or 4 years .....	2,080	1,543	537	1,021	1,269	639
5 to 9 years .....	3,613	2,657	956	1,815	3,559	2,045
10 years or more .....	14,667	12,003	2,664	8,476	13,458	8,605
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	3,342	2,381	961	1,547	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	2,928	2,134	794	1,453	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	15,416	12,608	2,808	8,938	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	377	122	255	54	228	59
25 to 34 years .....	1,523	999	524	594	1,428	663
35 to 44 years .....	2,832	2,124	708	1,381	2,188	1,098
45 to 54 years .....	3,603	2,746	857	1,882	4,060	2,383
55 to 64 years .....	5,990	4,863	1,127	3,448	6,148	3,902
65 to 74 years .....	5,074	4,251	823	3,066	3,570	2,441
75 years and over .....	2,287	2,018	269	1,513	1,543	1,190
Average age .....	57.1	58.4	51.9	59.2	56.1	58.2
Young producers (see text) .....	2,185	1,318	867	761	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	412	317	96	249	387	277
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	222	198	24	118	243	162
Asian .....	23	9	14	6	25	12
Black or African American .....	13	11	2	8	8	6
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	4	4	-	3	8	4
White .....	21,246	16,757	4,489	11,690	18,779	11,492
More than one race reported .....	178	144	34	113	102	60
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	19,375	15,062	4,313	10,365	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	2,311	2,061	250	1,573	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	38,727	33,398	5,329	24,445	35,791	28,892
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	19,066	15,910	3,156	11,477	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	16,643	14,076	2,567	10,354	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	16,179	13,508	2,671	9,863	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	16,286	13,697	2,589	10,160	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	13,062	11,167	1,895	7,996	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>2</sup> All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.