

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	3,399,834	2,740,453	659,381	2,042,220	3,180,074	2,109,303
Sex of producers:						
Male	2,172,373	1,941,953	230,420	1,553,220	2,210,402	1,821,039
Female	1,227,461	798,500	428,961	489,000	969,672	288,264
Hired managers (see text)	158,298	111,154	47,144	70,723	(NA)	67,939
Primary occupation:						
Farming	1,416,848	1,207,375	209,473	964,477	1,412,077	1,007,904
Other	1,982,986	1,533,078	449,908	1,077,743	1,767,997	1,101,399
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	2,530,442	2,075,954	454,488	1,562,320	2,411,419	1,621,591
Not on farm operated	869,392	664,499	204,893	479,900	768,655	487,712
Days of work off farm:						
None	1,311,334	1,079,884	231,450	859,347	1,202,256	823,659
Any	2,088,500	1,660,569	427,931	1,182,873	1,977,818	1,285,644
1 to 49 days	285,477	224,278	61,199	172,209	266,715	169,761
50 to 99 days	151,972	121,190	30,782	92,576	149,195	92,876
100 to 199 days	282,056	226,974	55,082	168,777	283,044	180,407
200 days or more	1,368,995	1,088,127	280,868	749,311	1,278,864	842,600
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	201,061	144,005	57,056	100,947	132,528	68,180
3 or 4 years	268,316	200,307	68,009	140,359	186,511	103,370
5 to 9 years	495,022	379,110	115,912	269,230	501,875	297,548
10 years or more	2,435,435	2,017,031	418,404	1,531,684	2,359,160	1,640,205
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	474,198	344,001	130,197	237,838	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	434,076	330,939	103,137	234,522	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	2,491,560	2,065,513	426,047	1,569,860	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	50,943	20,121	30,822	10,518	47,337	10,714
25 to 34 years	234,496	162,294	72,202	111,236	210,117	109,119
35 to 44 years	390,345	295,388	94,957	207,348	371,153	214,106
45 to 54 years	614,654	488,006	126,648	351,677	739,512	466,036
55 to 64 years	955,354	783,241	172,113	580,769	896,181	608,052
65 to 74 years	757,936	643,314	114,622	498,595	600,945	443,571
75 years and over	396,106	348,089	48,017	282,077	314,829	257,705
Average age	57.5	58.6	52.8	59.4	56.3	58.3
Young producers (see text)	321,261	208,462	112,799	139,427	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	112,451	90,344	29,748	66,727	99,734	67,000
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	58,199	46,210	11,989	35,494	58,475	37,851
Asian	22,016	16,978	5,038	11,955	22,140	13,669
Black or African American	45,508	38,447	7,061	31,071	44,629	33,371
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	3,018	2,306	712	1,662	2,448	1,468
White	3,244,344	2,614,526	629,818	1,945,696	3,035,413	2,012,652
More than one race reported	26,749	21,986	4,763	16,342	16,969	10,292
Military service (see text):						
Never served	3,029,215	2,402,342	626,873	1,768,912	(NA)	(NA)
Served	370,619	338,111	32,508	273,308	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	6,577,050	5,853,225	723,825	4,627,167	6,496,604	5,455,325
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	2,950,329	2,542,377	407,952	1,956,523	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	2,530,154	2,220,778	309,376	1,740,659	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	2,095,061	1,817,718	277,343	1,412,420	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	2,541,028	2,197,589	343,439	1,738,799	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	1,911,680	1,664,323	247,357	1,283,838	(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.