

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	124,405	98,936	25,469	70,521	122,387	77,857
Sex of producers:						
Male	78,170	66,781	11,389	50,513	82,315	63,873
Female	46,235	32,155	14,080	20,008	40,072	13,984
Hired managers (see text)	15,465	10,558	4,907	6,568	(NA)	7,130
Primary occupation:						
Farming	59,933	49,363	10,570	37,684	62,397	42,469
Other	64,472	49,573	14,899	32,837	59,990	35,388
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	83,241	68,751	14,490	49,982	84,532	54,775
Not on farm operated	41,164	30,185	10,979	20,539	37,855	23,082
Days of work off farm:						
None	50,468	40,766	9,702	30,826	48,013	31,311
Any	73,937	58,170	15,767	39,695	74,374	46,546
1 to 49 days	12,572	9,641	2,931	7,048	12,000	7,304
50 to 99 days	6,683	5,327	1,356	3,975	6,856	4,230
100 to 199 days	10,991	8,762	2,229	6,243	11,811	7,065
200 days or more	43,691	34,440	9,251	22,429	43,707	27,947
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	6,315	4,357	1,958	2,968	5,960	3,151
3 or 4 years	10,800	8,034	2,766	5,495	8,617	4,634
5 to 9 years	20,506	15,518	4,988	10,659	21,773	12,863
10 years or more	86,784	71,027	15,757	51,399	86,037	57,209
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	17,103	12,423	4,680	8,260	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	17,468	13,161	4,307	9,096	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	89,834	73,352	16,482	53,165	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,149	355	794	189	1,292	253
25 to 34 years	6,834	4,405	2,429	2,795	6,329	2,968
35 to 44 years	12,178	8,640	3,538	5,649	12,100	6,255
45 to 54 years	21,317	16,417	4,900	11,212	26,896	15,946
55 to 64 years	36,197	29,351	6,846	20,668	36,342	23,382
65 to 74 years	30,647	25,786	4,861	19,208	25,653	18,154
75 years and over	16,083	13,982	2,101	10,800	13,775	10,899
Average age	59.2	60.4	54.3	61.2	57.9	60.1
Young producers (see text)	8,995	5,403	3,592	3,397	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	14,597	11,192	4,114	8,117	15,123	9,815
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,428	1,172	256	801	1,761	1,192
Asian	6,651	5,274	1,377	3,715	7,474	4,802
Black or African American	429	326	103	256	526	345
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	487	342	145	231	455	321
White	113,717	90,440	23,277	64,469	111,141	70,537
More than one race reported	1,693	1,382	311	1,049	1,030	660
Military service (see text):						
Never served	112,292	88,059	24,233	61,944	(NA)	(NA)
Served	12,113	10,877	1,236	8,577	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	247,542	210,858	36,684	158,680	252,892	201,412
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	104,672	89,258	15,414	66,803	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	91,351	78,526	12,825	59,580	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	46,226	40,163	6,063	30,698	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	88,134	76,034	12,100	59,042	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	67,310	58,620	8,690	43,703	(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.