

**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	24,738	19,103	Age group: - Con.		
Sex of producers:			75 years and over .....	928	793
Male .....	14,134	11,735	Average age .....	50.7	52.0
Female .....	10,604	7,368	Young producers (see text) .....	4,155	2,681
Hired managers (see text) .....	1,321	767	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	2,863	2,243
Primary occupation:			Producers by race:		
Farming .....	7,920	6,313	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	204	155
Other .....	16,818	12,790	Asian .....	602	447
Place of residence:			Black or African American .....	841	675
On farm operated .....	16,178	12,720	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	48	36
Not on farm operated .....	8,560	6,383	White .....	22,798	17,610
Days of work off farm:			More than one race reported .....	234	175
None .....	6,572	5,079	Military service (see text):		
Any .....	18,166	14,024	Never served .....	21,979	16,744
1 to 49 days .....	2,521	1,895	Served .....	2,759	2,359
50 to 99 days .....	1,375	1,014	Number of persons living in producers'		
100 to 199 days .....	2,601	1,976	households (see text) .....	47,592	41,376
200 days or more .....	11,669	9,139	On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):		
Age group:			Day-to-day decisions .....	20,908	17,498
Under 25 years .....	881	331	Land use and/or crop decisions .....	16,700	14,214
25 to 34 years .....	3,132	2,131	Livestock decisions .....	15,826	13,290
35 to 44 years .....	4,141	3,179	Record keeping and/or financial management .....	16,605	14,173
45 to 54 years .....	5,915	4,686	Estate planning or succession planning .....	11,180	9,721
55 to 64 years .....	6,181	5,035			
65 to 74 years .....	3,560	2,948			