

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
Producers number	143,447	115,630	27,817	86,104	129,644	88,637
Sex of producers:						
Male	94,382	84,809	9,573	68,824	97,477	81,529
Female	49,065	30,821	18,244	17,280	32,167	7,108
Hired managers (see text)	9,378	6,952	2,426	4,686	(NA)	3,648
Primary occupation:						
Farming	65,483	56,443	9,040	45,234	64,725	47,949
Other	77,964	59,187	18,777	40,870	64,919	40,688
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	96,717	79,687	17,030	60,246	91,329	63,911
Not on farm operated	46,730	35,943	10,787	25,858	38,315	24,726
Days of work off farm:						
None	59,425	49,784	9,641	39,469	52,458	37,692
Any	84,022	65,846	18,176	46,635	77,186	50,945
1 to 49 days	11,887	9,643	2,244	7,306	11,216	7,535
50 to 99 days	5,459	4,375	1,084	3,271	5,372	3,331
100 to 199 days	9,472	7,364	2,108	5,423	10,228	6,469
200 days or more	57,204	44,464	12,740	30,635	50,550	33,610
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	6,506	4,604	1,902	3,094	4,292	2,285
3 or 4 years	8,577	6,130	2,447	4,338	6,329	3,616
5 to 9 years	18,344	13,807	4,537	9,701	16,440	10,048
10 years or more	110,020	91,089	18,931	68,971	102,583	72,688
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	15,147	10,680	4,467	7,300	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	16,036	12,020	4,016	8,407	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	112,264	92,930	19,334	70,397	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,832	859	973	525	1,719	595
25 to 34 years	11,426	8,093	3,333	5,735	9,967	5,647
35 to 44 years	16,676	12,708	3,968	9,170	15,795	9,824
45 to 54 years	23,998	19,040	4,958	13,797	31,657	20,765
55 to 64 years	41,950	34,387	7,563	25,521	36,359	25,701
65 to 74 years	30,101	25,433	4,668	19,421	21,885	16,171
75 years and over	17,464	15,110	2,354	11,935	12,262	9,934
Average age	57.4	58.4	53.4	58.9	55.6	57.1
Young producers (see text)	14,986	10,234	4,752	7,141	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	737	566	212	378	584	369
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	81	63	18	45	97	48
Asian	151	101	50	64	129	72
Black or African American	72	67	5	40	45	28
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	21	11	10	6	9	4
White	142,905	115,236	27,669	85,827	129,209	88,402
More than one race reported	217	152	65	122	155	83
Military service (see text):						
Never served	130,618	103,965	26,653	76,615	(NA)	(NA)
Served	12,829	11,665	1,164	9,489	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	280,528	249,682	30,846	197,899	276,530	231,472
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	120,667	104,730	15,937	80,919	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	106,251	93,859	12,392	74,173	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	65,365	57,438	7,927	44,685	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	111,889	95,897	15,992	75,270	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	82,806	71,033	11,773	54,414	(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.