

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	21,279	16,879	4,400	12,429	19,055	12,256
Sex of producers:						
Male	13,131	11,211	1,920	8,748	12,918	9,960
Female	8,148	5,668	2,480	3,681	6,137	2,296
Hired managers (see text)	1,447	954	493	604	(NA)	422
Primary occupation:						
Farming	9,104	7,569	1,535	5,948	8,876	5,996
Other	12,175	9,310	2,865	6,481	10,179	6,260
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	16,894	13,678	3,216	10,178	15,008	9,898
Not on farm operated	4,385	3,201	1,184	2,251	4,047	2,358
Days of work off farm:						
None	8,142	6,613	1,529	5,167	7,325	4,860
Any	13,137	10,266	2,871	7,262	11,730	7,396
1 to 49 days	1,921	1,546	375	1,189	1,679	1,082
50 to 99 days	952	753	199	593	759	426
100 to 199 days	1,697	1,341	356	995	1,628	971
200 days or more	8,567	6,626	1,941	4,485	7,664	4,917
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1,207	766	441	536	841	371
3 or 4 years	1,724	1,292	432	869	969	480
5 to 9 years	3,108	2,261	847	1,591	2,869	1,606
10 years or more	15,240	12,560	2,680	9,433	14,376	9,799
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	3,046	2,118	928	1,430	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	2,718	1,939	779	1,357	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	15,515	12,822	2,693	9,642	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	478	127	351	48	387	75
25 to 34 years	1,569	922	647	633	1,230	528
35 to 44 years	2,116	1,582	534	1,107	1,944	1,037
45 to 54 years	4,182	3,299	883	2,356	4,675	2,853
55 to 64 years	6,033	4,949	1,084	3,634	5,259	3,475
65 to 74 years	4,596	3,949	647	2,995	3,661	2,740
75 years and over	2,305	2,051	254	1,656	1,899	1,548
Average age	57.0	58.8	50.0	59.5	56.4	59.0
Young producers (see text)	2,262	1,193	1,069	780	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	267	200	91	145	211	118
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	66	52	14	39	48	29
Asian	288	211	77	151	174	99
Black or African American	277	198	79	155	200	143
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	19	19	-	12	10	7
White	20,512	16,306	4,206	11,999	18,539	11,932
More than one race reported	117	93	24	73	84	46
Military service (see text):						
Never served	19,225	15,087	4,138	11,067	(NA)	(NA)
Served	2,054	1,792	262	1,362	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	42,292	37,015	5,277	29,100	40,093	32,940
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	18,534	15,747	2,787	11,940	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	15,425	13,445	1,980	10,518	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	12,389	10,675	1,714	8,236	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	15,361	13,340	2,021	10,558	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	11,299	9,938	1,361	7,591	(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.