

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	74,062	60,288	13,774	46,418	72,905	50,218
Sex of producers:						
Male	49,955	44,522	5,433	36,692	53,260	43,765
Female	24,107	15,766	8,341	9,726	19,645	6,453
Hired managers (see text)	3,591	2,509	1,082	1,637	(NA)	1,434
Primary occupation:						
Farming	31,998	27,525	4,473	22,543	33,312	24,574
Other	42,064	32,763	9,301	23,875	39,593	25,644
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	55,537	45,949	9,588	35,763	55,706	39,098
Not on farm operated	18,525	14,339	4,186	10,655	17,199	11,120
Days of work off farm:						
None	29,682	24,778	4,904	20,249	28,273	20,047
Any	44,380	35,510	8,870	26,169	44,632	30,171
1 to 49 days	6,088	4,795	1,293	3,794	5,791	3,864
50 to 99 days	3,106	2,569	537	2,049	3,544	2,364
100 to 199 days	5,874	4,798	1,076	3,666	6,334	4,390
200 days or more	29,312	23,348	5,964	16,660	28,963	19,553
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	4,377	3,093	1,284	2,189	3,214	1,659
3 or 4 years	6,242	4,711	1,531	3,377	4,324	2,459
5 to 9 years	10,776	8,433	2,343	6,101	11,431	6,909
10 years or more	52,667	44,051	8,616	34,751	53,936	39,191
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	10,879	7,901	2,978	5,524	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	9,419	7,293	2,126	5,311	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	53,764	45,094	8,670	35,583	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	985	405	580	213	1,008	220
25 to 34 years	4,587	3,133	1,454	2,200	4,078	2,101
35 to 44 years	7,989	6,016	1,973	4,211	8,419	4,932
45 to 54 years	13,844	11,151	2,693	8,262	15,867	10,391
55 to 64 years	19,883	16,397	3,486	12,674	21,462	15,124
65 to 74 years	18,001	15,431	2,570	12,400	15,145	11,629
75 years and over	8,773	7,755	1,018	6,458	6,926	5,821
Average age	58.1	59.2	53.3	60.0	56.9	58.9
Young producers (see text)	6,248	4,034	2,214	2,741	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	769	574	238	408	795	493
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	745	628	117	500	840	596
Asian	418	315	103	226	325	179
Black or African American	2,041	1,699	342	1,401	2,141	1,637
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	18	15	3	8	2	-
White	70,504	57,360	13,144	44,074	69,328	47,627
More than one race reported	336	271	65	209	269	179
Military service (see text):						
Never served	65,139	52,188	12,951	39,707	(NA)	(NA)
Served	8,923	8,100	823	6,711	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	141,488	125,700	15,788	102,172	146,428	122,234
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	64,639	56,196	8,443	44,727	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	55,010	48,725	6,285	39,406	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	44,902	39,425	5,477	31,910	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	54,996	48,249	6,747	39,426	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	39,782	35,078	4,704	28,082	(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.