

**Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 <sup>1</sup>				2012 <sup>2</sup>	
	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	128,686	102,690	25,996	77,805	113,624	75,462
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	85,430	76,121	9,309	61,686	82,211	66,760
Female .....	43,256	26,569	16,687	16,119	31,413	8,702
Hired managers (see text) .....	4,615	3,202	1,413	1,936	(NA)	1,386
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	48,637	41,097	7,540	33,051	47,032	33,140
Other .....	80,049	61,593	18,456	44,754	66,592	42,322
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	101,788	82,757	19,031	63,698	91,476	62,381
Not on farm operated .....	26,898	19,933	6,965	14,107	22,148	13,081
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	46,555	37,729	8,826	30,158	40,955	27,678
Any .....	82,131	64,961	17,170	47,647	72,669	47,784
1 to 49 days .....	10,227	7,951	2,276	6,389	9,522	6,131
50 to 99 days .....	5,056	3,937	1,119	3,080	4,688	2,849
100 to 199 days .....	10,585	8,386	2,199	6,326	9,641	5,961
200 days or more .....	56,263	44,687	11,576	31,852	48,818	32,843
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	7,274	4,926	2,348	3,503	4,664	2,216
3 or 4 years .....	9,602	6,789	2,813	4,944	6,184	3,287
5 to 9 years .....	18,475	13,959	4,516	10,153	16,412	9,595
10 years or more .....	93,335	77,016	16,319	59,205	86,364	60,364
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	17,227	11,780	5,447	8,403	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	16,656	12,537	4,119	9,098	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	94,803	78,373	16,430	60,304	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	2,473	820	1,653	408	2,356	455
25 to 34 years .....	10,760	7,355	3,405	5,274	9,189	4,796
35 to 44 years .....	17,023	12,907	4,116	9,405	14,837	8,793
45 to 54 years .....	24,303	19,416	4,887	14,433	28,388	18,401
55 to 64 years .....	36,416	29,920	6,496	22,507	30,856	21,380
65 to 74 years .....	24,707	20,914	3,793	16,485	18,372	13,773
75 years and over .....	13,004	11,358	1,646	9,293	9,626	7,864
Average age .....	55.8	57.1	50.7	57.7	54.6	56.8
Young producers (see text) .....	14,911	9,379	5,532	6,519	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	954	729	273	552	661	427
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	172	139	33	110	169	113
Asian .....	187	146	41	85	144	87
Black or African American .....	193	156	37	132	205	146
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	22	16	6	14	7	-
White .....	127,576	101,809	25,767	77,124	112,812	74,934
More than one race reported .....	536	424	112	340	287	182
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	116,458	91,501	24,957	68,607	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	12,228	11,189	1,039	9,198	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	269,737	241,452	28,285	195,379	254,131	215,942
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	111,592	95,319	16,273	74,240	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	95,763	83,613	12,150	66,489	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	71,287	61,139	10,148	48,028	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	95,139	81,847	13,292	65,938	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	70,484	60,826	9,658	47,627	(NA)	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>2</sup> All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.