

**Table 54. Involvement in Decisionmaking by Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017**

[Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Day-to-day decisions	Land use and/or crop decisions	Livestock decisions	Record keeping and financial management	Estate or succession planning
Producers ..... number	356,925	301,126	307,226	306,129	236,316
Sex of producers:					
Male .....	232,250	205,902	204,325	191,141	148,961
Female .....	124,675	95,224	102,901	114,988	87,355
Hired managers (see text) .....	7,405	6,462	5,690	5,629	3,650
Primary occupation:					
Farming .....	137,811	119,910	119,591	118,328	93,681
Other .....	219,114	181,216	187,635	187,801	142,635
Place of residence:					
On farm operated .....	256,996	215,423	223,537	218,878	171,468
Not on farm operated .....	99,929	85,703	83,689	87,251	64,848
Days of work off farm:					
None .....	123,256	103,403	101,629	105,872	85,114
Any .....	233,669	197,723	205,597	200,257	151,202
1 to 49 days .....	30,389	24,898	25,066	25,366	19,252
50 to 99 days .....	18,980	15,940	16,761	16,139	12,280
100 to 199 days .....	34,940	30,010	31,220	30,106	23,192
200 days or more .....	149,360	126,875	132,550	128,646	96,478
Years on present farm:					
2 years or less .....	21,859	17,236	19,171	17,694	12,127
3 or 4 years .....	30,008	24,889	26,523	25,147	17,471
5 to 9 years .....	55,167	46,233	47,589	46,344	33,509
10 years or more .....	249,891	212,768	213,943	216,944	173,209
Years operating any farm (see text):					
5 years or less .....	52,201	41,948	45,496	42,763	29,450
6 to 10 years .....	48,456	40,549	41,820	40,817	29,623
11 years or more .....	256,268	218,629	219,910	222,549	177,243
Age group:					
Under 25 years .....	3,164	2,348	3,167	1,871	1,066
25 to 34 years .....	16,339	13,650	14,912	13,537	8,751
35 to 44 years .....	35,418	29,627	31,716	29,622	20,315
45 to 54 years .....	63,324	52,752	55,552	53,602	38,893
55 to 64 years .....	101,893	86,439	87,201	88,098	68,013
65 to 74 years .....	87,505	74,317	73,732	76,338	62,325
75 years and over .....	49,282	41,993	40,946	43,061	36,953
Average age .....	59.5	59.6	59.1	59.8	60.9
Young producers (see text) .....	22,509	18,539	20,765	17,911	11,402
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	35,173	27,762	31,011	28,136	21,105
Producers by race:					
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	2,581	2,081	2,318	2,105	1,608
Asian .....	1,378	1,118	1,108	1,148	906
Black or African American .....	9,574	8,108	8,818	8,245	6,608
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....	135	106	127	124	102
White .....	340,323	287,059	292,183	291,920	225,132
More than one race reported .....	2,934	2,654	2,672	2,587	1,960
Military service (see text):					
Never served .....	308,674	258,742	265,356	266,084	203,426
Served .....	48,251	42,384	41,870	40,045	32,890
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	672,144	584,336	588,789	567,016	433,471