

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	32,495	25,350	7,145	18,409	28,130	18,027
Sex of producers:						
Male	20,759	18,133	2,626	14,150	19,948	16,009
Female	11,736	7,217	4,519	4,259	8,182	2,018
Hired managers (see text)	1,569	1,104	465	705	(NA)	566
Primary occupation:						
Farming	10,711	8,844	1,867	7,004	10,062	6,939
Other	21,784	16,506	5,278	11,405	18,068	11,088
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	22,050	17,602	4,448	12,965	19,812	12,861
Not on farm operated	10,445	7,748	2,697	5,444	8,318	5,166
Days of work off farm:						
None	10,616	8,319	2,297	6,547	8,440	5,741
Any	21,879	17,031	4,848	11,862	19,690	12,286
1 to 49 days	3,316	2,508	808	1,872	2,711	1,472
50 to 99 days	1,585	1,224	361	915	1,405	810
100 to 199 days	2,949	2,306	643	1,628	2,523	1,460
200 days or more	14,029	10,993	3,036	7,447	13,051	8,544
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	1,948	1,367	581	930	1,274	615
3 or 4 years	2,847	2,125	722	1,431	1,663	893
5 to 9 years	4,951	3,731	1,220	2,512	4,846	2,816
10 years or more	22,749	18,127	4,622	13,536	20,347	13,703
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	4,934	3,516	1,418	2,393	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	4,264	3,212	1,052	2,155	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	23,297	18,622	4,675	13,861	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	538	164	374	100	471	78
25 to 34 years	2,385	1,561	824	985	2,319	1,080
35 to 44 years	4,911	3,625	1,286	2,487	3,862	2,069
45 to 54 years	5,498	4,161	1,337	2,885	6,057	3,692
55 to 64 years	8,832	7,131	1,701	5,114	7,526	4,950
65 to 74 years	6,767	5,590	1,177	4,310	4,970	3,740
75 years and over	3,564	3,118	446	2,528	2,925	2,418
Average age	56.3	57.8	51.3	58.7	55.5	58.3
Young producers (see text)	3,392	2,055	1,337	1,290	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	558	451	157	309	496	345
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,373	895	478	698	894	548
Asian	100	75	25	50	77	52
Black or African American	8	4	4	2	9	6
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	32	29	3	22	25	8
White	30,835	24,217	6,618	17,550	27,079	17,387
More than one race reported	147	130	17	87	46	26
Military service (see text):						
Never served	29,941	23,040	6,901	16,504	(NA)	(NA)
Served	2,554	2,310	244	1,905	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	71,887	61,495	10,392	46,928	67,233	53,860
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	27,893	23,427	4,466	17,676	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	24,848	21,143	3,705	16,140	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	22,853	19,244	3,609	14,644	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	23,859	20,183	3,676	15,678	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	18,857	16,099	2,758	12,070	(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.