

**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	38,123	30,757	7,366	23,622	31,800	21,489
Sex of producers:						
Male .....	24,625	22,118	2,507	18,023	22,480	18,784
Female .....	13,498	8,639	4,859	5,599	9,320	2,705
Hired managers (see text) .....	453	302	151	192	(NA)	329
Primary occupation:						
Farming .....	14,082	12,103	1,979	10,140	12,372	9,164
Other .....	24,041	18,654	5,387	13,482	19,428	12,325
Place of residence:						
On farm operated .....	31,017	25,353	5,664	19,605	26,462	18,080
Not on farm operated .....	7,106	5,404	1,702	4,017	5,338	3,409
Days of work off farm:						
None .....	14,042	11,669	2,373	9,755	11,414	8,092
Any .....	24,081	19,088	4,993	13,867	20,386	13,397
1 to 49 days .....	3,189	2,447	742	1,972	2,396	1,563
50 to 99 days .....	1,633	1,326	367	1,023	1,641	1,062
100 to 199 days .....	3,050	2,508	542	1,868	3,227	2,022
200 days or more .....	16,149	12,807	3,342	9,004	13,122	8,750
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less .....	2,640	1,927	713	1,363	1,133	583
3 or 4 years .....	3,529	2,683	846	1,953	1,788	1,006
5 to 9 years .....	6,026	4,657	1,369	3,414	4,958	2,936
10 years or more .....	25,928	21,490	4,438	16,892	23,921	16,964
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less .....	6,503	4,814	1,689	3,424	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years .....	5,332	4,078	1,254	3,048	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more .....	26,288	21,865	4,423	17,150	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years .....	673	332	341	199	466	60
25 to 34 years .....	2,542	1,789	753	1,195	1,776	834
35 to 44 years .....	4,508	3,358	1,150	2,364	3,651	1,988
45 to 54 years .....	7,009	5,497	1,512	4,054	6,866	4,234
55 to 64 years .....	10,058	8,219	1,839	6,288	8,948	6,309
65 to 74 years .....	8,861	7,557	1,304	6,095	6,808	5,235
75 years and over .....	4,472	4,005	467	3,427	3,285	2,829
Average age .....	57.5	58.6	52.6	59.7	57.2	59.7
Young producers (see text) .....	3,645	2,423	1,222	1,599	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin .....	388	300	93	235	189	122
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native .....	81	61	20	34	77	44
Asian .....	53	44	9	40	39	20
Black or African American .....	35	29	6	19	35	29
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.....	6	3	3	1	5	2
White .....	37,730	30,429	7,301	23,380	31,552	21,340
More than one race reported .....	218	191	27	148	92	54
Military service (see text):						
Never served .....	32,963	26,026	6,937	19,697	(NA)	(NA)
Served .....	5,160	4,731	429	3,925	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....	70,115	63,053	7,062	50,710	61,544	52,765
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions .....	34,201	29,267	4,934	22,995	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions .....	29,255	25,580	3,675	20,317	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions .....	27,313	23,436	3,877	18,571	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management .....	27,640	23,884	3,756	19,399	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning .....	20,768	18,181	2,587	14,468	(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.