

Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
FARMS				
Land in farmsfarms	2,302	822	361	1,119
.....acres	525,324	182,396	67,455	275,473
Harvested croplandfarms	1,402	479	214	709
.....acres	435,085	149,096	50,240	235,749
TENURE				
Full ownersfarms	1,579	580	270	729
.....acres	102,688	39,674	19,307	43,707
Harvested croplandfarms	729	269	133	327
.....acres	44,859	17,346	6,657	20,856
Part ownersfarms	588	204	58	326
.....acres	362,496	122,830	32,385	207,281
Owned land in farmsacres	147,797	47,235	10,479	90,083
Rented land in farmsacres	214,699	75,595	21,906	117,198
Harvested croplandfarms	564	186	53	325
.....acres	332,963	112,229	29,611	191,123
Tenantsfarms	135	38	33	64
.....acres	60,140	19,892	15,763	24,485
Harvested croplandfarms	109	24	28	57
.....acres	57,263	19,521	13,972	23,770
NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)				
Total producers number	3,963	1,396	630	1,937
Farms by number of producers:				
1 producer	1,025	341	165	519
2 producers	1,028	414	160	454
3 producers	170	46	17	107
4 producers	57	17	14	26
5 or more producers	22	4	5	13
Total male producers number	2,576	891	388	1,297
Farms by number of male producers:				
1 producer	1,770	670	258	842
2 producers	250	77	40	133
3 producers	81	17	9	55
4 producers	8	4	-	4
5 or more producers	4	-	3	1
Total female producers number	1,387	505	242	640
Farms by number of female producers:				
1 producer	1,158	449	187	522
2 producers	90	28	23	39
3 producers	12	-	3	9
4 producers	-	-	-	-
5 or more producers	2	-	-	2
PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS ¹				
Sex of producers:				
Male	2,555	889	375	1,291
Female	1,352	502	237	613
Hired managers (see text)	481	117	49	315
Primary occupation:				
Farming	2,091	677	274	1,140
Other	1,816	714	338	764
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	3,065	1,109	499	1,457
Not on farm operated	842	282	113	447
Days worked off farm:				
None	1,861	622	264	975
Any	2,046	769	348	929
1 to 49 days	253	106	43	104
50 to 99 days	148	47	21	80
100 to 199 days	251	94	41	116
200 days or more	1,394	522	243	629
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	148	75	10	63
3 or 4 years	252	74	22	156
5 to 9 years	526	229	46	251
10 years or more	2,981	1,013	534	1,434
Average years on present farm	23.5	21.5	24.3	24.8
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less	398	163	32	203
6 to 10 years	453	166	67	220
11 years or more	3,056	1,062	513	1,481
Average years on any farm	25.5	24.1	25.0	26.8
Age group:				
Under 25 years	56	25	9	22
25 to 34 years	270	107	18	145
35 to 44 years	379	142	52	185
45 to 54 years	758	281	101	376
55 to 64 years	1,132	429	187	516
65 to 74 years	917	297	190	430
75 years and over	395	110	55	230

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PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS ¹ - Con.				
Age group: - Con.				
Average age	57.4	56.2	59.5	57.7
Young producers (see text)	351	136	33	182
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text)	33	15	3	15
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	-	-	2
Asian	55	3	4	48
Black or African American	24	5	4	15
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-
White	3,811	1,375	600	1,836
More than one race reported	15	8	4	3
Military service (see text):				
Never served	3,517	1,256	554	1,707
Served	390	135	58	197
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)				
	7,761	2,900	1,098	3,763
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions	3,443	1,217	538	1,688
Land use and/or crop decisions	2,563	901	465	1,197
Livestock decisions	1,882	719	344	819
Record keeping and/or financial management	2,860	1,036	454	1,370
Estate planning or succession planning	2,128	818	333	977
NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS ¹ (SEE TEXT)				
Total principal producers	3,138	1,084	513	1,541
Farms by number of principal producers:				
1 producer	1,025	341	165	519
2 producers	1,587	615	265	707
3 producers	356	87	37	232
4 producers	118	33	26	59
Total male principal producers	2,214	766	327	1,121
Farms by number of male principal producers:				
1 producer	1,661	634	234	793
2 producers	352	93	61	198
3 producers	163	26	20	117
4 producers	25	13	-	12
Total female principal producers	924	318	186	420
Farms by number of female principal producers:				
1 producer	819	292	155	372
2 producers	90	26	24	40
3 producers	14	-	7	7
4 producers	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS ¹				
Sex of producers:				
Male	2,214	766	327	1,121
Female	924	318	186	420
Hired managers (see text)	373	90	40	243
Primary occupation:				
Farming	1,784	565	245	974
Other	1,354	519	268	567
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	2,509	889	432	1,188
Not on farm operated	629	195	81	353
Days worked off farm:				
None	1,550	499	232	819
Any	1,588	585	281	722
1 to 49 days	194	79	34	81
50 to 99 days	115	36	15	64
100 to 199 days	208	79	34	95
200 days or more	1,071	391	198	482
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	93	46	5	42
3 or 4 years	179	45	19	115
5 to 9 years	367	165	26	176
10 years or more	2,499	828	463	1,208
Average years on present farm	24.7	22.5	25.1	26.2
Years operating any farm (see text):				
5 years or less	264	99	20	145
6 to 10 years	313	112	49	152
11 years or more	2,561	873	444	1,244
Average years on any farm	26.8	25.3	25.8	28.2
Age group:				
Under 25 years	23	3	5	15
25 to 34 years	176	65	16	95
35 to 44 years	260	100	24	136
45 to 54 years	584	220	85	279

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PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS¹ - Con.				
Age group: - Con.				
55 to 64 years	939	340	162	437
65 to 74 years	802	257	170	375
75 years and over	354	99	51	204
Average age	58.9	57.9	60.8	58.9
Young producers (see text)	223	72	26	125
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text)	29	13	3	13
Producers by race:				
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	-	-	1
Asian	41	2	4	35
Black or African American	23	5	4	14
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-
White	3,059	1,069	501	1,489
More than one race reported	14	8	4	2
Military service (see text):				
Never served	2,803	969	465	1,369
Served	335	115	48	172
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)				
	6,871	2,556	976	3,339
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):				
Day-to-day decisions	2,976	1,039	479	1,458
Land use and/or crop decisions	2,279	803	414	1,062
Livestock decisions	1,671	647	307	717
Record keeping and/or financial management	2,495	874	411	1,210
Estate planning or succession planning	1,871	696	305	870
INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)				
Farms with-				
Internet access	1,811	630	292	889
Dial-up service	44	15	4	25
DSL service	184	59	28	97
Cable modem service	660	229	68	363
Fiber-optic service	180	33	118	29
Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text)	866	341	102	423
Satellite	241	84	44	113
Don't know (see text)	85	27	11	47
Other Internet service	51	30	5	16
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)				
Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text)				
farms	2,210	792	345	1,073
acres	465,450	161,225	61,486	242,739
Limited Liability Company	283	78	35	170
farms				
acres	74,481	28,090	4,041	42,350
OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES				
Family or individual				
farms	1,692	641	267	784
acres	256,938	94,091	39,707	123,140
Partnership				
farms	223	74	37	112
acres	75,899	39,490	7,293	29,116
Corporation:				
Family held				
farms	322	88	40	194
acres	175,002	44,844	16,364	113,794
Other than family held				
farms	19	7	6	6
acres	7,061	(D)	1,173	(D)
Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text)				
farms	46	12	11	23
acres	10,424	(D)	2,918	(D)

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

Table 46. Male Producers: 2017

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Geographic area	All farms with a male producer			Farms with a male principal producer		
	Farms	Male producers	Land in farms (acres)	Farms	Male principal producers	Land in farms (acres)
State Total						
Delaware	2,113	2,555	517,095	1,992	2,214	509,779
Counties						
Kent	768	889	180,207	727	766	176,515
New Castle	310	375	65,524	286	327	65,250
Sussex	1,035	1,291	271,364	979	1,121	268,014