

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
Producers number	1,794	1,423	371	1,043	2,020	1,243
Sex of producers:						
Male	1,051	899	152	696	1,258	937
Female	743	524	219	347	762	306
Hired managers (see text)	178	121	57	76	(NA)	74
Primary occupation:						
Farming	721	615	106	477	894	619
Other	1,073	808	265	566	1,126	624
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	1,272	1,039	233	777	1,512	963
Not on farm operated	522	384	138	266	508	280
Days of work off farm:						
None	537	433	104	358	680	454
Any	1,257	990	267	685	1,340	789
1 to 49 days	148	113	35	78	142	84
50 to 99 days	113	97	16	64	104	51
100 to 199 days	261	210	51	152	206	133
200 days or more	735	570	165	391	888	521
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	67	44	23	30	154	72
3 or 4 years	159	101	58	66	171	90
5 to 9 years	334	246	88	169	415	221
10 years or more	1,234	1,032	202	778	1,280	860
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	284	180	104	124	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	274	201	73	128	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	1,236	1,042	194	791	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	41	12	29	4	51	10
25 to 34 years	110	79	31	36	132	57
35 to 44 years	180	128	52	82	248	115
45 to 54 years	353	279	74	199	599	361
55 to 64 years	548	431	117	315	518	337
65 to 74 years	407	359	48	289	343	261
75 years and over	155	135	20	118	129	102
Average age	56.9	58.3	51.4	59.9	54.0	56.7
Young producers (see text)	167	105	62	53	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	15	8	2	4	17	9
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	7	-
Asian	9	9	-	3	20	14
Black or African American	13	13	-	13	9	4
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	1,764	1,399	365	1,027	1,975	1,216
More than one race reported	8	2	6	-	9	9
Military service (see text):						
Never served	1,585	1,250	335	907	(NA)	(NA)
Served	209	173	36	136	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	3,248	2,909	339	2,289	4,051	3,362
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	1,606	1,362	244	1,026	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	1,414	1,194	220	911	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	1,096	926	170	726	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	1,342	1,153	189	929	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	995	866	129	685	(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.