Table 52. **Selected Producer Characteristics: 2022 and 2017**[Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2022	2017	Characteristics	2022	2017
Producersnumber	29,100	32,796	Age group - Con.		
Sex of producers: MaleFemale	15,164 13,936	16,828 15,968	25 to 34 years 35 to 44 years 45 to 54 years 55 to 64 years	1,489 2,907 4,207 7,581	1,640 3,271 5,719 8.892
Hired managers	1,186	1,174	65 to 74 years 75 years and over	7,494 4.809	7,563 5.124
Primary occupation: Farming	16,936	18,047	Average age	60.1	59.4
Other	12,164	14,749	Young producers (see text)	2,102	(NA)
Place of residence: On farm operated Not on farm operated	22,220 6,880	25,811 6,985	Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1,431	1,482
Days of work off farm: None	13,490 15,610 2,099 2,088	13,742 19,054 2,712 2,109	Producers by race: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or	16,913 137 47	19,279 122 54
100 to 199 days	2,581 8,842	3,020 11,213	Other Pacific Islander	36 11,748 219	90 13,011 240
Years on present farm: 2 years or less 3 or 4 years 5 to 9 years 10 years or more	1,331 1,995 4,180 21,594	1,636 1,989 4,301 24,870	Military service: Never served or only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard (see text) Active duty now or in the past (see text)	26,952 2,148	29,935 2,861
Average years on present farm	24.9	23.9	Number of persons living in producers' households	57,218	70,928
Years operating any farm: 5 years or less	3,443 3,442 22,215	3,557 3,755 25,484	On farm involvement in decisionmaking: Day-to-day decisions Land use and/or crop decisions Livestock decisions	25,098 21,885 21,810	27,686 22,095 23,100
Average years on any farm	26.9	26.0	Marketing decisions (see text) Record keeping and/or financial management	18,074 19,593	(NA) 20,594
Age group: Under 25 years	613	587	Estate planning or succession planning	14,215	15,477