

**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    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|
| Producers ..... number              | 153,680 | 143,447 | Age group - Con.   |         |         |
| Sex of producers:                   |         |         | 25 to 34 years .....   | 13,582  | 11,426  |
| Male .....                          | 103,417 | 94,382  | 35 to 44 years .....   | 21,145  | 16,676  |
| Female .....                        | 50,263  | 49,065  | 45 to 54 years .....   | 21,628  | 23,998  |
| Hired managers .....                | 9,647   | 9,378   | 55 to 64 years .....   | 36,792  | 41,950  |
| Primary occupation:                 |         |         | 65 to 74 years .....   | 37,259  | 30,101  |
| Farming .....                       | 67,629  | 65,483  | 75 years and over .....  | 21,021  | 17,464  |
| Other .....                         | 86,051  | 77,964  | Average age .....  | 57.6    | 57.4    |
| Place of residence:                 |         |         | Young producers (see text) .....   | 15,835  | (NA)    |
| On farm operated .....              | 94,153  | 96,717  | Producers of Hispanic, Latino,<br>or Spanish origin .....  | 782     | 737     |
| Not on farm operated .....          | 59,527  | 46,730  | Producers by race:   |         |         |
| Days of work off farm:              |         |         | American Indian or Alaska Native .....   | 99      | 81      |
| None .....                          | 61,215  | 59,425  | Asian .....  | 177     | 151     |
| Any .....                           | 92,465  | 84,022  | Black or African American .....  | 42      | 72      |
| 1 to 49 days .....                  | 13,428  | 11,887  | Native Hawaiian or<br>Other Pacific Islander.....  | 30      | 21      |
| 50 to 99 days .....                 | 6,094   | 5,459   | White .....  | 153,034 | 142,905 |
| 100 to 199 days .....               | 10,305  | 9,472   | More than one race reported .....  | 298     | 217     |
| 200 days or more .....              | 62,638  | 57,204  | Military service:  |         |         |
| Years on present farm:              |         |         | Never served or only on active duty for training<br>in the Reserves or National Guard (see text) ..... | 142,242 | 130,618 |
| 2 years or less .....               | 7,169   | 6,506   | Active duty now or in the past (see text) .....  | 11,438  | 12,829  |
| 3 or 4 years .....                  | 10,910  | 8,577   | Number of persons living<br>in producers' households .....   | 305,465 | 280,528 |
| 5 to 9 years .....                  | 26,228  | 18,344  | On farm involvement in decisionmaking:   |         |         |
| 10 years or more .....              | 109,373 | 110,020 | Day-to-day decisions .....   | 126,427 | 120,667 |
| Average years on present farm ..... | 23.8    | 24.9    | Land use and/or crop decisions .....   | 111,226 | 106,251 |
| Years operating any farm:           |         |         | Livestock decisions .....  | 60,356  | 65,365  |
| 5 years or less .....               | 19,261  | 15,147  | Marketing decisions (see text) .....   | 91,921  | (NA)    |
| 6 to 10 years .....                 | 22,003  | 16,036  | Record keeping and/or financial management .....   | 114,762 | 111,889 |
| 11 years or more .....              | 112,416 | 112,264 | Estate planning or succession planning .....   | 83,952  | 82,806  |
| Average years on any farm .....     | 26.2    | 27.2    |  |         |         |
| Age group:                          |         |         |  |         |         |
| Under 25 years .....                | 2,253   | 1,832   |  |         |         |