

Appendix B.

American Indian Farm Operators

During the 1992 and previous censuses, American Indian farm operations on reservations were enumerated at the reservation level, generally as a single unit. In the 1997 census, the historic methodology was used in conjunction with an additional procedure to count American Indian farm operators on reservations who were not counted individually.

Table A, American Indian Farm Operators: 1997, reflects the results of the methodological changes to enumerate American Indian farm and ranch operators. The table provides the total number of American Indian farm operators both on and off reservations. The "other" column provides counts of operators on reservations. The "individually reported" column provides counts of operators on or off reservations. This is the only table in the Volume 1, Geographic Area Series publication where

information for total number of American Indian farm operators is available. Other than the count of operators, information for American Indian farm operators who did not report individually was collected at or aggregated to the reservation level. Consequently, other published data treat each reservation as a single farm operation. State level data are provided in Table B, State Highlights of Farms Operated by American Indians: 1997. American Indian agricultural resources and production not reported by individuals are included in their respective reservation reports.

The term American Indian was used on the report form that collected the counts of on-reservation operators as well as the 1997 Census of Agriculture report form. The term American Indian represents persons who also would identify themselves as Native American or Alaskan Native.

Table A. American Indian Farm Operators: 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	American Indian farm operators		
	Total	Individually reported	Other ¹
STATE TOTAL			
Alaska	47	18	29
AREAS, 1997			
Western Coast and Chain	34	5	29
South Central	5	5	—
Interior	5	5	—
All other areas	3	3	—

¹Data represent American Indian farm and ranch operators on reservations that did not report individually. Data obtained from reservation officials.

Table B. State Highlights of Farms Operated by American Indians: 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Farms operated by American Indians	State total of all farms	Percent of State total of all farms
American Indian farm operators ¹	47	(X)	(X)
Land in farms	(D)	881 045	(D)
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²	11 186	266 781	4.2
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²	854	28 993	2.9
Total cropland	609	94 810	.6
Harvested cropland	(D)	34 227	(D)
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	(D)	7 774	(D)
Other cropland	(D)	52 809	(Z)
Total woodland	(D)	110 916	(D)
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	331	655 852	.1
Irrigated land	(D)	2 667	(D)
Harvested cropland	(D)	2 654	(D)
Pastureland and other land	(D)	13	(D)
Market value of agricultural products sold	426	24 650	1.7
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	284	15 968	1.8
Livestock, poultry, and their products	142	8 682	1.6
Total farm production expenses ²	327	21 821	1.5
Cattle and calves inventory	(D)	11 111	(D)
Beef cows	(D)	3 694	(D)
Milk cows	(D)	1 101	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves	(D)	3 051	(D)
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	(D)	3 265	(D)
Cattle and calves sold	(D)	2 847	(D)
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	(D)	2 383	(D)
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	—	458	—
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	—	464	—
Sheep and lambs inventory	—	1 605	—
Ewes 1 year old or older	—	1 085	—
Sheep and lambs shorn	(D)	1 193	(D)
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	1 001	(D)
Horses and ponies inventory	65	2 375	2.7
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	80	(D)
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed	—	—	—
Wheat for grain	—	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain	—	1 463	—
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	(D)	24 023	(D)

¹ Includes operators on and off reservations.
² Data are based on a sample of farms.