

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			Geographic area	American Indian farm operators		
	Total	Individually reported	Other ¹		Total	Individually reported	Other ¹
STATE TOTAL				COUNTIES, 1997—Con.			
California	531	503	28	Monterey	8	8	—
COUNTIES, 1997				Napa	4	4	—
Alameda	6	6	—	Placer	14	14	—
Butte	16	16	—	Riverside	23	18	5
Colusa	5	5	—	Sacramento	9	9	—
El Dorado	8	8	—	San Benito	4	4	—
Fresno	41	41	—	San Bernardino	6	6	—
Glenn	4	3	—	San Diego	38	27	11
Humboldt	14	10	—	San Joaquin	20	20	—
Imperial	4	4	—	San Luis Obispo	16	16	—
Inyo	4	3	—	Santa Barbara	7	7	—
Kern	25	25	—	Santa Clara	4	4	—
Lassen	5	5	—	Shasta	18	18	—
Los Angeles	11	11	—	Siskiyou	7	7	—
Madera	17	17	—	Sonoma	9	9	—
Mariposa	3	3	—	Stanislaus	30	30	—
Mendocino	21	16	—	Sutter	10	10	—
Merced	11	11	—	Tehama	15	15	—
Modoc	6	6	—	Trinity	6	6	—
				Tulare	31	30	1
				Tuolumne	5	5	—
				Ventura	7	7	—
				Yolo	4	4	—
				Yuba	14	14	—
				All other counties	21	21	—

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	531	(X)	(X)
Land in farms	327 549	27 698 779	1.2
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²	417 713	69 768 007	.6
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²	17 193	5 155 473	.3
Total cropland	39 413	10 803 804	.4
Harvested cropland	20 702	8 543 159	.2
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	12 525	1 246 009	1.0
Other cropland	6 186	1 014 636	.6
Total woodland	26 715	1 116 052	2.4
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	216 193	14 384 908	1.5
Irrigated land	20 142	8 712 893	.2
Harvested cropland	16 750	7 979 387	.2
Pastureland and other land	3 392	733 506	.5
Market value of agricultural products sold	43 735	23 032 259	.2
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	27 478	17 033 714	.2
Livestock, poultry, and their products	16 258	5 998 545	.3
Total farm production expenses ²	35 899	16 817 253	.2
Cattle and calves inventory	15 953	4 968 679	.3
Beef cows	7 705	890 805	.9
Milk cows	(D)	1 403 217	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves	3 787	1 490 999	.3
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	(D)	1 183 658	(D)
Cattle and calves sold	7 974	3 107 562	.3
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	5 814	2 142 275	.3
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	75	790 963	(Z)
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	2 160	965 287	.2
Sheep and lambs inventory	467	784 041	.1
Ewes 1 year old or older	294	347 085	.1
Sheep and lambs shorn	482	445 100	.1
Sheep and lambs sold	357	562 989	.1
Horses and ponies inventory	2 038	113 110	1.8
Horses and ponies sold	101	12 072	.8
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed	347	256 292	.1
Wheat for grain	621	581 071	.1
Oats for grain	-	24 167	-
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	7 305	1 698 773	.4

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