

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 | | | |
| Colorado | 165 | 134 | 31 |
| COUNTIES, 1997 | | | |
| Alamosa | 6 | 6 | — |
| Baca | 3 | 3 | — |
| Conejos | 5 | 5 | — |
| Costilla | 3 | 3 | — |
| Crowley | 4 | 4 | — |
| Delta | 6 | 6 | — |
| Douglas | 3 | 3 | — |
| Elbert | 9 | 9 | — |
| El Paso | 10 | 10 | — |
| Fremont | 4 | 4 | — |
| Huerfano | 3 | 3 | — |
| Jefferson | 3 | 3 | — |
| La Plata | 26 | 6 | 20 |
| Larimer | 5 | 5 | — |
| Las Animas | 7 | 7 | — |
| Mesa | 7 | 7 | — |
| Montezuma | 16 | 5 | 11 |
| Montrose | 5 | 5 | — |
| Morgan | 4 | 4 | — |
| Prowers | 3 | 3 | — |
| Routt | 6 | 6 | — |
| Saguache | 3 | 3 | — |
| Weld | 10 | 10 | — |
| All other counties | 14 | 14 | — |

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 | 165 | (X) | (X) |
| Land in farms | 1 039 530 | 32 634 221 | 3.2 |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings ² | \$1,000.. 273 207 | 19 992 983 | 1.4 |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ² | \$1,000.. 6 046 | 2 019 029 | .3 |
| Total cropland | 27 095 | 10 509 384 | .3 |
| Harvested cropland | 18 890 | 5 896 984 | .3 |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing | 5 555 | 700 536 | .8 |
| Other cropland | 2 650 | 3 911 864 | .1 |
| Total woodland | (D) | 1 177 843 | (D) |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured | (D) | 19 943 701 | (D) |
| Irrigated land | 20 768 | 3 430 129 | .6 |
| Harvested cropland | 16 762 | 2 762 068 | .6 |
| Pastureland and other land | 4 006 | 668 061 | .6 |
| Market value of agricultural products sold | \$1,000.. 43 128 | 4 534 213 | 1.0 |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops | \$1,000.. 4 526 | 1 326 944 | .3 |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products | \$1,000.. 38 602 | 3 207 269 | 1.2 |
| Total farm production expenses ² | \$1,000.. 28 751 | 3 725 343 | .8 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 17 518 | 3 307 301 | .5 |
| Beef cows | 5 488 | 918 891 | .6 |
| Milk cows | 10 | 79 617 | (Z) |
| Heifers and heifer calves | 4 061 | 1 021 657 | .4 |
| Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves | 7 959 | 1 287 136 | .6 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 21 317 | 3 751 788 | .6 |
| Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more | (D) | 3 414 356 | (D) |
| Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter | (D) | 2 432 312 | (D) |
| Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds | (D) | 337 432 | (D) |
| Sheep and lambs inventory | 279 | 593 755 | (Z) |
| Ewes 1 year old or older | 137 | 189 253 | .1 |
| Sheep and lambs shorn | 130 | 510 557 | (Z) |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 150 | 1 217 150 | (Z) |
| Horses and ponies inventory | 1 046 | 81 665 | 1.3 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 83 | 9 138 | .9 |
| Crops harvested: | | | |
| Corn for grain or seed | 1 040 | 919 784 | .1 |
| Wheat for grain | 2 831 | 2 515 100 | .1 |
| Oats for grain | (D) | 20 001 | (Z) |
| Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) | 13 727 | 1 607 991 | .9 |

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