

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			
Michigan	98	98	—
COUNTIES, 1997			
Calhoun	3	3	—
Chippewa	7	7	—
Isabella	3	3	—
Jackson	3	3	—
Lenawee	3	3	—
Livingston	5	5	—
Mackinac	3	3	—
Mason	3	3	—
Monroe	3	3	—
Muskegon	4	4	—
Ottawa	3	3	—
Saginaw	3	3	—
Washtenaw	5	5	—
All other counties.....	50	50	—

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

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Item	Farms operated by American Indians	State total of all farms	Percent of State total of all farms
American Indian farm operators ¹	98	(X)	(X)
Land in farms	11 996	9 872 812	.1
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²	\$1,000.. 17 291	16 489 949	.1
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²	\$1,000.. 2 459	3 055 199	.1
Total cropland	7 336	7 891 802	.1
Harvested cropland	4 768	6 724 480	.1
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	1 278	481 259	.3
Other cropland	1 290	686 063	.2
Total woodland	2 094	1 142 688	.2
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	(D)	187 975	(D)
Irrigated land	10	393 485	(Z)
Harvested cropland	(D)	390 636	(Z)
Pastureland and other land	(D)	2 849	(D)
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000.. 2 806	3 567 825	.1
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$1,000.. 1 085	2 199 721	(Z)
Livestock, poultry, and their products	\$1,000.. 1 720	1 368 104	.1
Total farm production expenses ²	\$1,000.. 2 518	2 835 658	.1
Cattle and calves inventory	950	1 025 702	.1
Beef cows	268	116 399	.2
Milk cows	(D)	300 641	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves	(D)	321 816	(D)
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	330	286 846	.1
Cattle and calves sold	634	537 681	.1
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	491	366 180	.1
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	(D)	210 652	(D)
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	143	171 501	.1
Sheep and lambs inventory	345	72 107	.5
Ewes 1 year old or older	240	36 241	.7
Sheep and lambs shorn	247	61 122	.4
Sheep and lambs sold	98	77 146	.1
Horses and ponies inventory	557	66 201	.8
Horses and ponies sold	23	9 646	.2
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed	1 233	2 122 283	.1
Wheat for grain	-	499 742	-
Oats for grain	62	77 588	.1
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	2 739	1 264 350	.2

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