

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			
Minnesota	109	109	—
COUNTIES, 1997			
Becker	10	10	—
Beltrami	11	11	—
Blue Earth	3	3	—
Carlton	4	4	—
Carver	3	3	—
Cass	5	5	—
Clearwater	3	3	—
Itasca	5	5	—
Mahnomen	8	8	—
Otter Tail	7	7	—
Redwood	4	4	—
Rice	3	3	—
Scott	3	3	—
Todd	6	6	—
All other counties	34	34	—

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	109	(X)	(X)
Land in farms	30 932	25 994 621	.1
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²	\$1,000.. 32 231	29 926 921	.1
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²	\$1,000.. 3 948	6 208 376	.1
Total cropland	21 853	21 491 743	.1
Harvested cropland	15 773	18 968 607	.1
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	3 955	998 431	.4
Other cropland	2 125	1 524 705	.1
Total woodland	5 325	1 987 025	.3
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	2 993	946 159	.3
Irrigated land	(D)	380 394	(D)
Harvested cropland	(D)	376 853	(D)
Pastureland and other land	(D)	3 541	(D)
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000.. 3 279	8 290 264	(Z)
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$1,000.. 2 452	4 200 970	.1
Livestock, poultry, and their products	\$1,000.. 827	4 089 293	(Z)
Total farm production expenses ²	\$1,000.. 2 750	6 362 110	(Z)
Cattle and calves inventory	number.. 1 678	2 395 456	.1
Beef cows	number.. 908	409 184	.2
Milk cows	number.. 46	541 650	(Z)
Heifers and heifer calves	number.. 345	709 457	(Z)
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	number.. 379	735 165	.1
Cattle and calves sold	number.. 1 164	1 339 902	.1
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	number.. 769	1 018 905	.1
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	number.. (D)	502 331	(Z)
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	number.. 395	320 997	.1
Sheep and lambs inventory	number.. (D)	161 212	(Z)
Ewes 1 year old or older	number.. (D)	83 784	(Z)
Sheep and lambs shorn	number.. (D)	149 314	(Z)
Sheep and lambs sold	number.. (D)	172 649	(Z)
Horses and ponies inventory	number.. 290	55 868	.5
Horses and ponies sold	number.. 41	12 364	.3
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed	acres.. 2 544	6 227 640	(Z)
Wheat for grain	acres.. 1 808	2 391 598	.1
Oats for grain	acres.. 251	296 188	.1
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	acres.. 4 485	2 168 932	.2

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