

## 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 <sup>1</sup>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>			
Montana .....	983	618	365
<b>COUNTIES, 1997</b>			
Big Horn .....	142	77	65
Blaine .....	88	57	31
Chouteau .....	3	3	—
Daniels .....	3	2	1
Deer Lodge .....	3	3	—
Flathead .....	7	7	—
Glacier .....	261	150	111
Hill .....	47	16	31
Lake .....	98	78	20
Lewis and Clark .....	5	5	—
Missoula .....	4	4	—
Phillips .....	11	11	—
Pondera .....	38	37	1
Powell .....	3	3	—
Ravalli .....	6	6	—
Richland .....	3	3	—
Roosevelt .....	119	57	62
Rosebud .....	59	18	41
Sanders .....	25	24	1
Sheridan .....	4	3	1
Valley .....	16	16	—
Yellowstone .....	15	15	—
All other counties .....	23	23	—

<sup>1</sup>Data 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 <sup>1</sup> .....	983	(X)	(X)
Land in farms .....	3 908 324	58 607 778	6.7
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>2</sup> .....	\$1,000.. 807 862	16 969 895	4.8
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	\$1,000.. 36 991	1 895 934	2.0
Total cropland .....	285 752	17 629 001	1.6
Harvested cropland .....	143 982	9 399 718	1.5
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing .....	36 337	1 607 455	2.3
Other cropland .....	105 433	6 621 828	1.6
Total woodland .....	468 215	2 059 427	22.7
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured .....	3 094 647	37 974 463	8.1
Irrigated land .....	29 282	1 994 484	1.5
Harvested cropland .....	23 775	1 539 009	1.5
Pastureland and other land .....	5 507	455 475	1.2
Market value of agricultural products sold .....	\$1,000.. 27 826	1 870 732	1.5
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	\$1,000.. 10 346	903 822	1.1
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	\$1,000.. 17 480	966 910	1.8
Total farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	\$1,000.. 21 496	1 512 749	1.4
Cattle and calves inventory .....	56 160	2 618 319	2.1
Beef cows .....	39 270	1 558 921	2.5
Milk cows .....	19	18 052	.1
Heifers and heifer calves .....	9 331	598 770	1.6
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves .....	7 540	442 576	1.7
Cattle and calves sold .....	36 647	1 654 014	2.2
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more .....	27 871	1 426 942	2.0
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter .....	508	97 894	.5
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds .....	8 776	227 072	3.9
Sheep and lambs inventory .....	1 542	416 012	.4
Ewes 1 year old or older .....	1 067	301 015	.4
Sheep and lambs shorn .....	1 282	365 542	.4
Sheep and lambs sold .....	1 209	337 280	.4
Horses and ponies inventory .....	3 923	71 193	5.5
Horses and ponies sold .....	582	7 840	7.4
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed .....	(D)	12 925	(D)
Wheat for grain .....	81 110	5 602 336	1.4
Oats for grain .....	589	66 331	.9
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	50 304	2 528 517	2.0

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