

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			
Nevada	267	98	169
COUNTIES, 1997			
Churchill	18	14	4
Clark	4	3	1
Douglas	5	2	3
Elko	78	31	47
Eureka	1	1	—
Humboldt	24	3	21
Lander	6	—	6
Lyon	7	6	1
Mineral	39	16	23
Nye	27	15	12
Pershing	1	1	—
Washoe	53	6	47
White Pine	4	—	4

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	267	(X)	(X)
Land in farms	1 401 850	6 409 288	21.9
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²	\$1,000.. 538 438	2 474 126	21.8
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²	\$1,000.. 5 611	196 289	2.9
Total cropland	35 907	846 752	4.2
Harvested cropland	19 009	526 338	3.6
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	10 469	259 875	4.0
Other cropland	6 429	60 539	10.6
Total woodland	(D)	13 288	(D)
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	1 209 164	5 232 909	23.1
Irrigated land	24 829	764 738	3.2
Harvested cropland	19 009	526 134	3.6
Pastureland and other land	5 820	238 604	2.4
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000.. 5 288	356 565	1.5
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$1,000.. 1 307	151 717	.9
Livestock, poultry, and their products	\$1,000.. 3 981	204 848	1.9
Total farm production expenses ²	\$1,000.. 4 078	276 040	1.5
Cattle and calves inventory	16 166	518 115	3.1
Beef cows	8 241	275 801	3.0
Milk cows	(D)	24 902	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves	(D)	112 509	(D)
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	4 039	104 903	3.9
Cattle and calves sold	9 453	295 007	3.2
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	3 195	193 281	1.7
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	(D)	31 031	(D)
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	6 258	101 726	6.2
Sheep and lambs inventory	(D)	96 409	(D)
Ewes 1 year old or older	(D)	63 881	(D)
Sheep and lambs shorn	(D)	80 703	(D)
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	114 430	(Z)
Horses and ponies inventory	1 715	14 220	12.1
Horses and ponies sold	61	1 335	4.6
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed	—	396	—
Wheat for grain	—	19 034	—
Oats for grain	—	503	—
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	18 944	478 358	4.0

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