

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			
North Dakota	276	188	88
COUNTIES, 1997			
Adams	6	6	—
Benson	25	14	11
Bottineau	4	4	—
Divide	3	3	—
Dunn	77	17	60
McKenzie	9	9	—
McLean	8	8	—
Mercer	5	5	—
Mountrail	3	3	—
Rolette	81	73	8
Sioux	27	18	9
Ward	4	4	—
Williams	12	12	—
All other counties.....	12	12	—

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	276	(X)	(X)
Land in farms	770 619	39 359 346	2.0
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²	\$1,000.. 175 820	15 635 319	1.1
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²	\$1,000.. 16 166	3 415 776	.5
Total cropland	103 642	27 024 895	.4
Harvested cropland	70 552	20 438 149	.3
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	13 829	1 433 612	1.0
Other cropland	19 261	5 153 134	.4
Total woodland	22 542	275 512	8.2
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	624 182	10 375 089	6.0
Irrigated land	261	180 362	.1
Harvested cropland	261	176 259	.1
Pastureland and other land	-	4 103	-
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000.. 10 548	2 869 322	.4
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$1,000.. 4 242	2 193 672	.2
Livestock, poultry, and their products	\$1,000.. 6 305	675 649	.9
Total farm production expenses ²	\$1,000.. 7 698	2 453 342	.3
Cattle and calves inventory	number.. 20 055	1 810 409	1.1
Beef cows	number.. 13 206	920 559	1.4
Milk cows	number.. (D)	54 024	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves	number.. 3 864	404 540	1.0
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	number.. (D)	431 286	(D)
Cattle and calves sold	number.. 12 613	1 055 343	1.2
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	number.. 8 090	842 523	1.0
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	number.. (D)	82 831	(D)
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	number.. 4 523	212 820	2.1
Sheep and lambs inventory	number.. 1 156	130 892	.9
Ewes 1 year old or older	number.. 294	71 928	.4
Sheep and lambs shorn	number.. 338	88 930	.4
Sheep and lambs sold	number.. 1 060	111 149	1.0
Horses and ponies inventory	number.. 1 078	35 103	3.1
Horses and ponies sold	number.. 132	6 009	2.2
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed	acres.. 987	578 953	.2
Wheat for grain	acres.. 26 682	10 874 126	.2
Oats for grain	acres.. 3 208	423 877	.8
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	acres.. 32 525	2 702 807	1.2

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