

## 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>			
Nebraska .....	65	63	2
<b>COUNTIES, 1997</b>			
Cherry .....	4	4	—
Knox .....	13	13	—
Madison .....	3	3	—
Richardson .....	7	7	—
Saunders .....	3	3	—
Sheridan .....	3	1	2
Thurston .....	6	6	—
Webster .....	3	3	—
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**

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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 <sup>1</sup> .....	65	(X)	(X)
Land in farms .....	48 107	45 525 414	.1
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>2</sup> .....	\$1,000.. 16 516	29 199 610	.1
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	\$1,000.. 2 468	4 348 888	.1
Total cropland .....	20 059	22 092 954	.1
Harvested cropland .....	14 603	17 551 212	.1
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing .....	3 143	1 840 068	.2
Other cropland .....	2 313	2 701 674	.1
Total woodland .....	(D)	426 490	(D)
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured .....	24 143	21 876 974	.1
Irrigated land .....	2 782	6 939 036	(Z)
Harvested cropland .....	2 782	6 832 815	(Z)
Pastureland and other land .....	-	106 221	-
Market value of agricultural products sold .....	\$1,000.. 7 796	9 831 519	.1
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	\$1,000.. 2 437	3 798 462	.1
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	\$1,000.. 5 359	6 033 057	.1
Total farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	\$1,000.. 5 383	7 596 196	.1
Cattle and calves inventory .....	number.. 5 335	6 732 637	.1
Beef cows .....	number.. 1 843	1 966 105	.1
Milk cows .....	number.. (D)	68 216	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves .....	number.. (D)	2 052 736	(D)
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves .....	number.. 2 123	2 645 580	.1
Cattle and calves sold .....	number.. 7 397	7 143 061	.1
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more .....	number.. 6 378	6 658 496	.1
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter .....	number.. (D)	4 851 246	(D)
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds .....	number.. 1 019	484 565	.2
Sheep and lambs inventory .....	number.. -	98 773	-
Ewes 1 year old or older .....	number.. -	60 116	-
Sheep and lambs shorn .....	number.. -	86 894	-
Sheep and lambs sold .....	number.. -	95 783	-
Horses and ponies inventory .....	number.. 200	45 838	.4
Horses and ponies sold .....	number.. 7	6 031	.1
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed .....	acres.. 6 981	8 279 499	.1
Wheat for grain .....	acres.. 163	1 772 069	(Z)
Oats for grain .....	acres.. 416	86 955	.5
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	acres.. 4 199	2 932 880	.1

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