

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			
New Mexico	2 730	385	2 345
COUNTIES, 1997			
Bernalillo	108	8	100
Cibola	264	22	242
De Baca	4	4	—
Dona Ana	11	11	—
Grant	3	3	—
Lea	5	5	—
McKinley	1 515	114	1 401
Otero	29	1	28
Quay	4	4	—
Rio Arriba	76	35	41
Roosevelt	7	7	—
Sandoval	189	32	157
San Juan	367	72	295
San Miguel	4	4	—
Santa Fe	25	8	17
Socorro	44	4	40
Taos	38	14	24
Valencia	19	19	—
All other counties.....	18	18	—

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	2 730	(X)	(X)
Land in farms	7 232 177	45 787 108	15.8
Estimated market value of land and buildings ²	\$1,000.. 603 663	8 801 195	6.9
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ²	\$1,000.. 16 712	619 915	2.7
Total cropland	112 740	2 179 428	5.2
Harvested cropland	62 700	1 079 953	5.8
Cropland used only for pasture or grazing	23 475	586 490	4.0
Other cropland	26 565	512 985	5.2
Total woodland	1 240 420	2 444 242	50.7
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured	5 735 799	40 737 445	14.1
Irrigated land	69 017	804 616	8.6
Harvested cropland	61 809	667 905	9.3
Pastureland and other land	7 208	136 711	5.3
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000.. 125 198	1 617 708	7.7
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$1,000.. 38 080	462 178	8.2
Livestock, poultry, and their products	\$1,000.. 87 117	1 155 530	7.5
Total farm production expenses ²	\$1,000.. 60 496	1 204 227	5.0
Cattle and calves inventory	number.. 66 086	1 676 171	3.9
Beef cows	number.. 37 612	581 812	6.5
Milk cows	number.. (D)	215 844	(Z)
Heifers and heifer calves	number.. 14 366	431 043	3.3
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	number.. (D)	447 472	(D)
Cattle and calves sold	number.. 131 883	1 308 236	10.1
Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more	number.. 118 379	941 437	12.6
Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter	number.. (D)	295 673	(D)
Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds	number.. 13 504	366 799	3.7
Sheep and lambs inventory	number.. 72 514	291 808	24.8
Ewes 1 year old or older	number.. 49 197	187 251	26.3
Sheep and lambs shorn	number.. 51 634	240 352	21.5
Sheep and lambs sold	number.. 50 106	203 026	24.7
Horses and ponies inventory	number.. 7 239	38 816	18.6
Horses and ponies sold	number.. 484	3 524	13.7
Crops harvested:			
Corn for grain or seed	acres.. (D)	80 122	(D)
Wheat for grain	acres.. (D)	264 190	(D)
Oats for grain	acres.. 57	3 326	1.7
Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	acres.. 20 097	318 213	6.3

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