

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 | | | |
| Wyoming..... | 104 | 101 | 3 |
| COUNTIES, 1997 | | | |
| Fremont | 82 | 80 | 2 |
| Lincoln | 3 | 3 | — |
| Natrona | 3 | 3 | — |
| All other counties..... | 16 | 15 | 1 |

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 | 104 (D) | 34 088 692 (X) | (X) (D) |
| Land in farms | acres.. | | |
| Estimated market value of land and buildings ²\$1,000.. | 136 015 | 7 460 223 | 1.8 |
| Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment? ..\$1,000.. | 5 315 | 564 454 | .9 |
| Total cropland.....acres.. | 38 127 | 2 967 899 | 1.3 |
| Harvested cropland | 14 727 | 1 743 631 | .8 |
| Cropland used only for pasture or grazing | (D) | 736 852 | (D) |
| Other cropland | (D) | 487 416 | (D) |
| Total woodland | acres.. | (D) | |
| Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured | acres.. | (D) | |
| Irrigated land | acres.. | 19 768 | 1 719 463 |
| Harvested cropland | acres.. | 14 577 | 1 160 166 |
| Pastureland and other land | acres.. | 5 191 | 559 297 |
| Market value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000.. | 4 892 | 898 527 | .5 |
| Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops | (D) | 173 216 | (D) |
| Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000.. | (D) | 725 311 | (D) |
| Total farm production expenses ² | \$1,000.. | 4 835 | .7 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | number.. | 17 729 | 1 690 264 |
| Beef cows | number.. | 10 597 | 862 639 |
| Milk cows | number.. | (D) | 6 254 |
| Heifers and heifer calves | number.. | 3 977 | 425 664 |
| Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves | number.. | (D) | 395 707 |
| Cattle and calves sold | number.. | 9 407 | 1 130 839 |
| Cattle, including calves weighing 500 pounds or more | number.. | 7 282 | 907 651 |
| Cattle fattened on grain and concentrates for slaughter | number.. | (D) | 132 176 |
| Cattle weighing less than 500 pounds | number.. | 2 125 | 223 188 |
| Sheep and lambs inventory | number.. | 270 | 713 096 |
| Ewes 1 year old or older | number.. | 131 | 422 831 |
| Sheep and lambs shorn | number.. | 124 | 602 726 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | number.. | 155 | 743 169 |
| Horses and ponies inventory | number.. | 1 143 | 50 553 |
| Horses and ponies sold | number.. | 186 | 4 436 |
| Crops harvested: | | | |
| Corn for grain or seed | acres.. | (D) | 49 717 |
| Wheat for grain | acres.. | — | 221 041 |
| Oats for grain | acres.. | (D) | 33 973 |
| Hay - alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) | acres.. | 14 246 | 1 239 340 |

¹ Includes operators on and off reservations.

² Data are based on a sample of farms.