U.S. American Indian Agriculture at a Glance

The 2012 Census of Agriculture shows us that U.S. farmers and ranchers are becoming more diverse and that the number of American Indian or Alaska Native farm operators continues to rise.

The 2012 Census counted a total of 71,947 American Indian or Alaska Native operators on 56,092 farms and ranches across the United States.

When compared to all farms nationwide, those with American Indian or Alaska Native principal operators tend to be smaller in terms of sales but significantly larger in size. These operations are also less likely to have Internet access.

Flathead Reservation Farm Numbers

The Flathead reservation contains 942 farms in total.

Land in farms is a total of 811,789 acres.

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According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, the Flathead reservation had 1,532 total operators with 951 being male and 581 being female.

There were 64 farms that planted 13,082 acres of Winter Wheat for Grain according to the 2012 Census of Agriculture. This resulted in the production of 915,969 bushels of winter wheat.

482 farms held an inventory of Cattle and Calves reaching 48,483 head.

Total Hay and Haylage acreage was 52,194 resulting in the production of 118,947 Tons of Hay and Haylage.

The average age of the Flathead Farmer is 56.

1,175 of the 1,532 operators, have worked on the farm 10 years or greater.