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.

**Northern Cheyenne Farm Numbers**

The Northern Cheyenne reservation contains 108 farms for a total of 516,483 acres.

The market value of agriculture products sold for Northern Cheyenne was $6,540,000.

The market value of agriculture products sold for Northern Cheyenne and operated by American Indians was $5,678,000.

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, the Northern Cheyenne reservation had 150 total operators with 107 being male and 43 being female.

The total number of horses and ponies on the Northern Cheyenne reservation was 1,049.

Total number of farms with Horses or ponies was 91.

62 Farms held an inventory of Cattle and Calves reaching 8,577 head.

Total Hay and Haylage acreage was 5,182 resulting in the production of 6,052 Tons of Hay and Haylage.

The average age of the Northern Cheyenne Farmer is 57.

116 of the 150 operators, have worked on the farm 10 years or greater.