

Welcome
CENSUS
OF AGRICULTURE
INDIAN COUNTRY STATS, FACTS & MORE



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WHO WE ARE

Started at the University of Arkansas School of Law by Dean Emeritus Stacy Leeds and Founding Director Janie Simms Hipp in 2013.

Our Mission

Enhance health and wellness in Tribal communities by advancing healthy food systems, diversified economic development, and cultural food traditions in Indian Country.



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AGENDA

Deep Dive into the 2022 Census of Agriculture

Deep Dive: Acres

- **2022 Trends**
- **Comparisons**
- **Setup**
- **What's to Come**

Question & Answer



2022 - Census of Agriculture Webinar Series

What is the Census of Agriculture?




- **The Census of Agriculture occurs every five years**
- **Began in the early 1800s as part of the Census.**
- **Farm and ag-related questions within the Census increased throughout the 1800s**
- **The Census Bureau oversaw the Census of Agriculture until 2007 when the U.S. Department of Agriculture – National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA – NASS) began administration.**
- **The last Census of Agriculture occurred in 2022, and USDA-NASS released initial data February of this year.**



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 *Quick Look at Indian Country's*
Farm Acreage - Census of Agriculture

2022 TRENDS

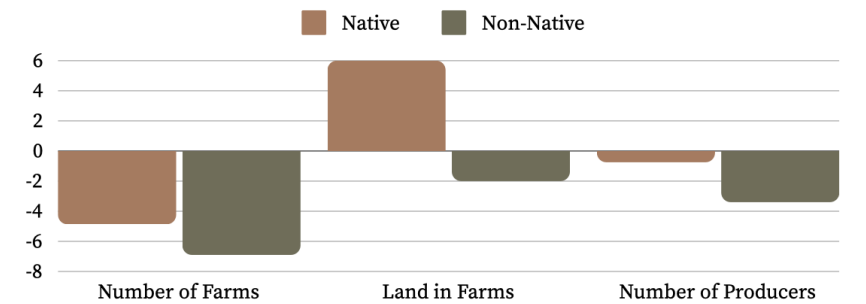
There is a long history of changes in Indian Country farm acreage and ownership. The U.S. Department of Agriculture - National Agriculture Statistic Survey (USDA - NASS) reports an increase in the number of acres farmed by Native Americans in the 2022 Census of Agriculture. While the Census of Agriculture data released in February includes data for nationwide crop production and average farm size, NASS will release Indian Country specific data in August 2024.

ACRES OVER TIME




Since the USDA - NASS took over administering the Census of Agriculture in 2007, Indian Country total acreage has varied from 57 million in 2012 to around 55 million in 2022.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2017 - 2022



Category	Native (%)	Non-Native (%)
Number of Farms	-4.5	-6.5
Land in Farms	6.0	-2.5
Number of Producers	-1.5	-4.5

Indian Country and the United States as a whole has experienced a decrease in the number of farms and producers; However, the 2022 Census of Agriculture reported more than a 6 percent increase in acres while non-Native data indicated a more than 2% loss in acres.

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2022 Census of Agriculture Trends: U.S.

6.9% ↓

6.9% Decrease in the number of farms.

1,900,487 million in 2022
2,042,220 million in 2017

2.2% ↓

2.2 % Decrease in land in farms.

880,100,848 million in 2022
900,217,576 million in 2017

5% ↑

5% increase in Average farm size (acres)

463 in 2022
441 in 2017

.75% ↓

Decrease in number of producers.

3,374,044 in 2022
3,399,834 in 2017



2022 TRENDS: INDIAN COUNTRY

-4.87% ↓

Decrease in the number of farms.

40,621 in 2022

42,705 in 2017

6% ↑

Increase in land in farms.

55,781,477 in 2022

52,578,979 in 2017

3.4% ↓

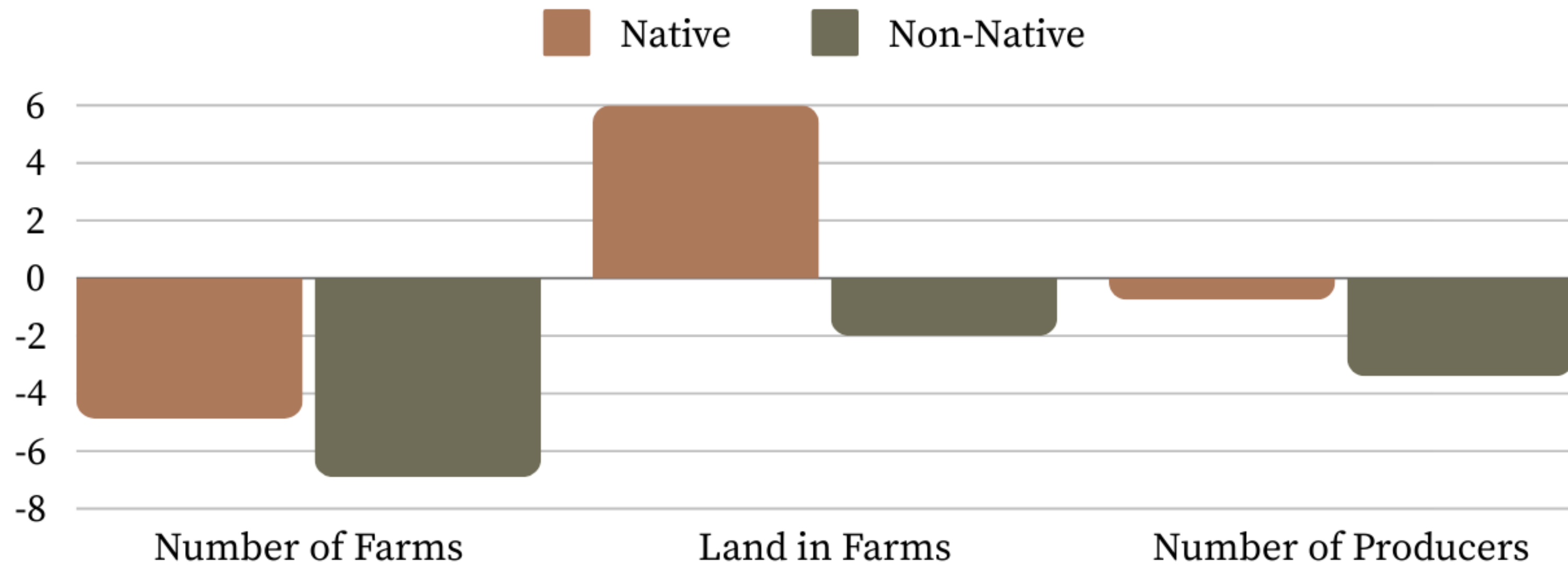
Decrease in producers.

56,203 in 2022

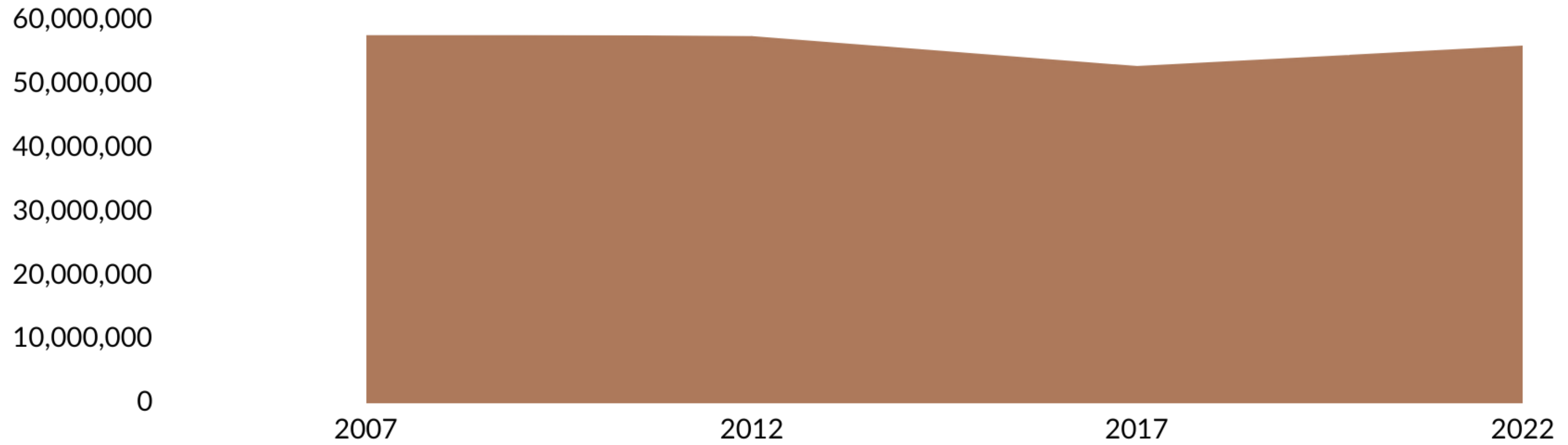
58,199 in 2017



COMPARISON - % CHANGE



ACRES OVER TIME



WHAT WAS LEFT OUT



- NASS did not release information regarding the average size of farms, total cropland, and the estimated market value of land, buildings, and machinery in Indian Country.
- According to the NASS, the Subject Series on American Indian Reservations will become available on August 29, 2024.



COMPARISON – BIA VS USDA

- 46 million acres (BIA) vs 55.7 million acres (USDA)
- The specific definitions and regulations may vary depending on the particular tribal or individual Indian land and the terms of any existing land use plans or agreements.
- Irrigatable vs not irrigatable lands



HOW BIA DEFINES ACREAGE

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) defines acreage for Native American farmers in the context of its leasing regulations for agricultural lands held in trust by the United States for individual Indians or Tribes.



HOW USDA - NASS DEFINES ACREAGE

- When it comes to defining acreage, NASS generally follows the USDA's definitions and guidelines. In the context of agricultural statistics, acreage is typically defined as follows:
 - **Planted Acreage:** The total acreage planted with a specific crop.
 - **Harvested Acreage:** The total acreage from which a crop is harvested.
 - **Cropland Acreage:** The total acreage used for crop production.
 - **Total Farm Acreage:** The total acreage of a farm, including cropland, pastureland, woodland, and other land used for agricultural purposes.



AG CENSUS QUESTIONS

- **What were some of the questions regarding acreage in the 2022 Census of Agriculture?**



RESOURCES

Village Earth – Native Land Information System

Website: nativeland.info

USDA – NASS

Website: nass.usda.gov

Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

Website: indigenousfoodandag.com



QUESTION & ANSWER

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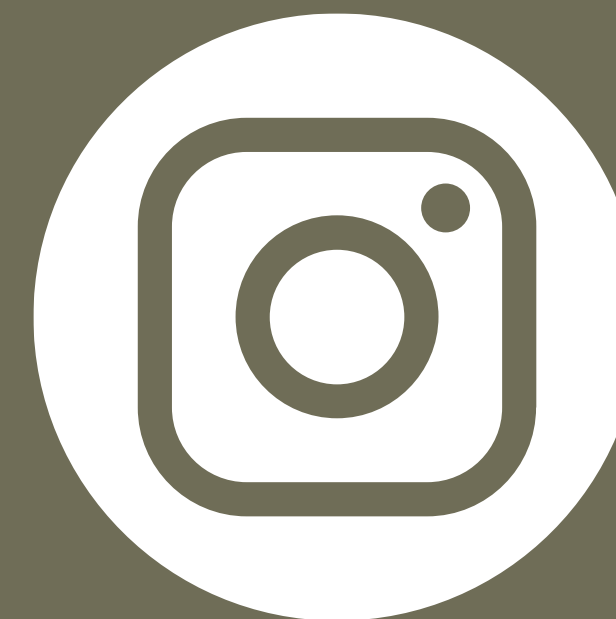
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