

*Welcome*  
**CENSUS**  
**OF AGRICULTURE**  
**INDIAN COUNTRY STATS, FACTS & MORE**



*We will begin soon*



# 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

## *Reservation Data*

### Ag Census

- Look back at past webinars in this series
- Dive into Reservation Specific data
- What's next for the Census of Ag and Indian Country
- Question & Answer



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# LOOKING BACK

- History of the Census of Agriculture
- Acreage
- Market Value
- Emerging Trends
- Mythbusting





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WEBINAR 1

## *Ag Census History*

- Went over the History by Eras
- Currently in the Self-Determination Era
- There is a long history of distrust and inaccurate counts, but we have come a long way and will continue to move forward





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WEBINAR 2

## *Acreage*

- We've seen an increase in the number of acreage in farms since 2017





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WEBINAR 3

## *Market Value*

- There's more than 58,000 producer on over 63 million acres that have produced 6.1 billion dollars of agricultural products
- Compared to previous years, Indian Country has shown steady growth, especially compared to the national averages







# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WEBINAR 4

## *Emerging Trends*

- Total number of AI/AN farms and acres have increased
- Total number of AI/AN producers has relatively stayed the same





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WEBINAR 5

## *Mythbusting*

- The family farm is dying- there has been an increase in Indigenous family farms and young producers
- Native Americans only raise bison- while we saw growth in that sector, Indian country ranchers mainly ranch cattle
- Agriculture is made up of large corporations- there are 58,336 Indigenous farms.
  - ~ 30% of all Indian Country farms produce less than \$1,000
  - ~64% of all Indian Country farms produce less than \$10,000
- Tribal farmers are heavily supported by the government
- There are a very small number of AI/AN farms with Credit Commodity Corporation loans (104) and
- Farming is done by only one sex- AI/AN farmers are neck and neck with the number of male and female producers





# *Reservation Data - 2022 Census of Agriculture*



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# LET'S DIVE IN:

## *Reservation Data*

USDA - NASS recently released reservation-specific 2022 Census of Agriculture Data for 84 Tribal Reservations.



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# ACCESSING THE DATA

Subject Series	
Report	Release Date
<b>History of the 2022 Census of Agriculture</b> - PDF A detailed report describing the planning and execution of the 2022 Census of Agriculture.	Jan 27, 2027
<b>American Indian Reservations</b> - <a href="#">TXT</a>   <a href="#">PDF</a>   <a href="#">CSV</a> Agricultural and demographic reservation-level data for all farms on American Indian reservations.	Aug 29, 2024
<b>Watersheds</b> Selected Census statistics for the 6-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (watershed) boundaries.	Jul 24, 2024
<b>Typology</b> Selected Census statistics by typology categories that group farms with similar characteristics.	Jan 21, 2026
<b>Specialty Crops</b> - <a href="#">TXT</a>   <a href="#">PDF</a> National and state data on number of farms, land in farms, irrigated acreage, value of sales, and operator characteristics for specialty crops as defined in the 2018 Farm Bill.	Oct 17, 2024
<b>Specialty Crops for Outlying Areas</b> - <a href="#">TXT</a>   <a href="#">PDF</a> Data on number of farms, acres harvested, and value of sales for specialty crops in Puerto Rico and the Outlying Areas.	Aug 20, 2025
Special Studies	

[nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022/index.php](https://nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022/index.php)





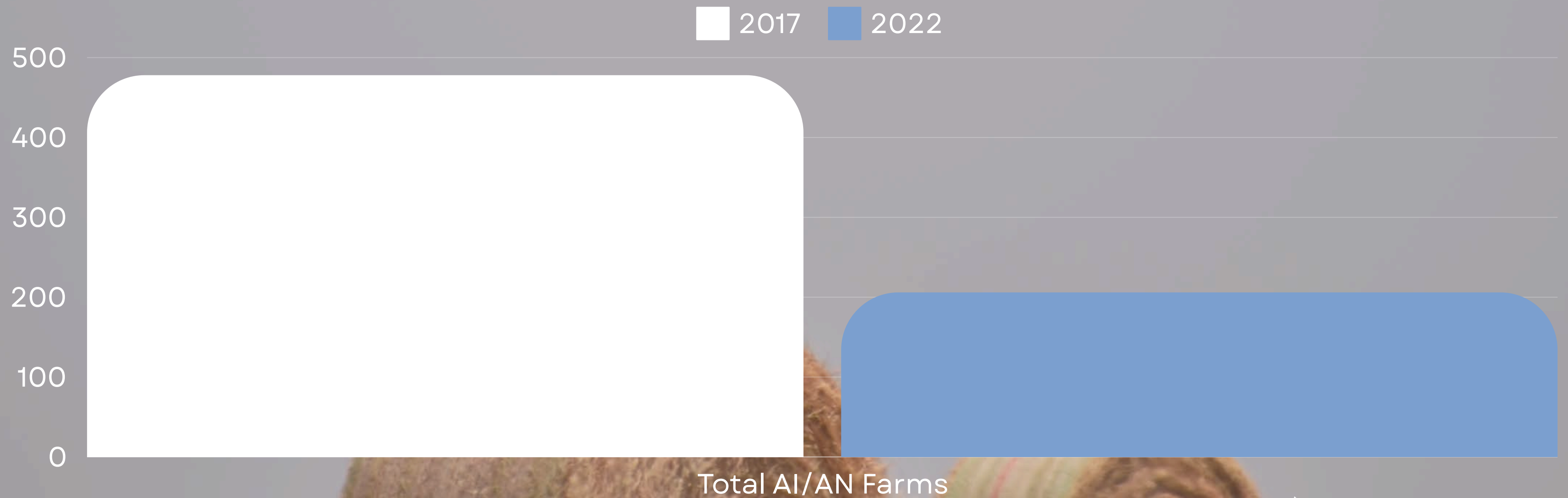
# *Reservation Data: Blackfeet Nation*



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# 2017 VS 2022 CENSUS OF AG - BLACKFEET NATION





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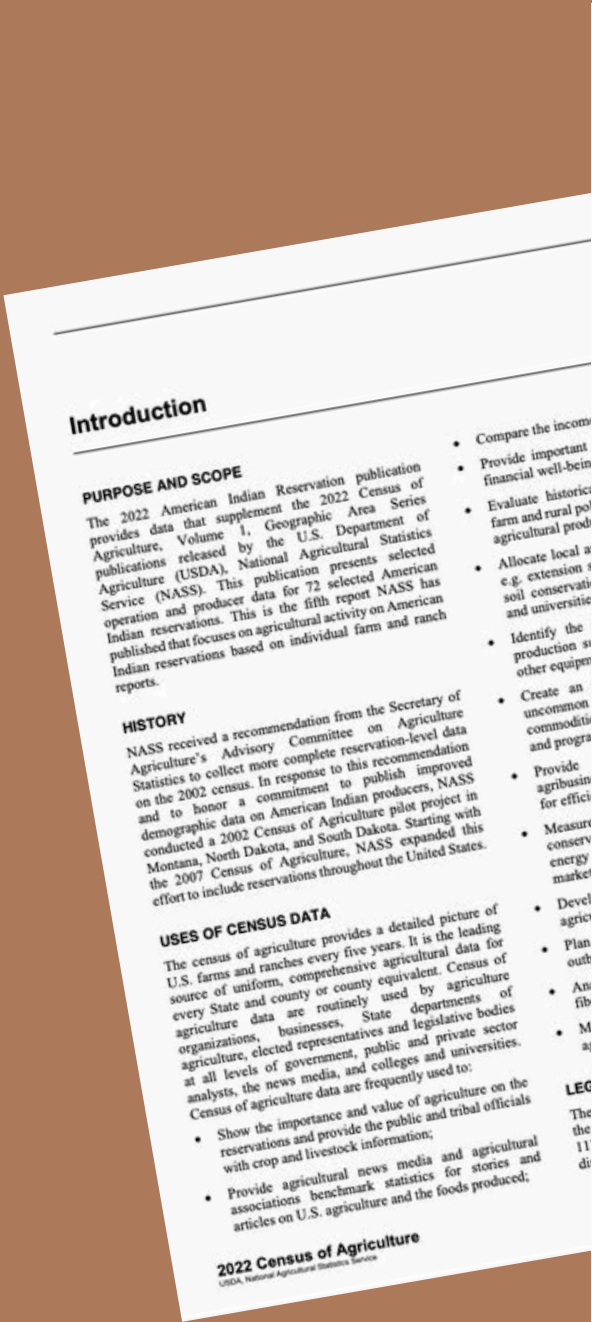


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# NASS REPORT



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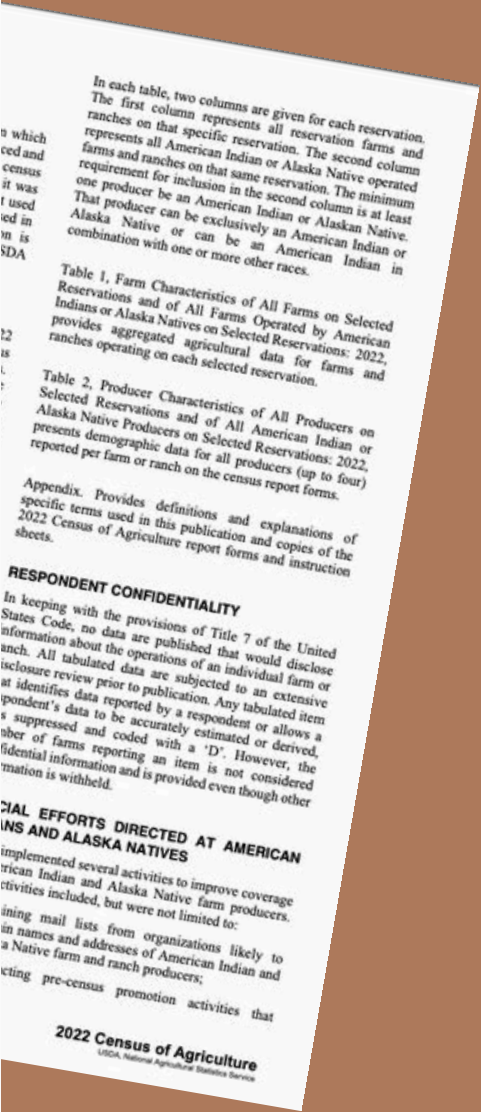
Issued August 2024

United States Department of Agriculture

Tom Vilsack, Secretary

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Joe Parsons, Administrator





# NASS OUTREACH

## *Reservation Data*

- American Indian/Alaska Native specific campaigns and outreach
- NASS partnered with Tribal organizations, federal departments, and more to conduct outreach.
- While NASS did more outreach and work, there are still opportunities to improve.





# DATA COLLECTION

## *Reservation Data*

- Data collection by field enumeration.
- Mailings
- NASS Tribal Completion Rate Monitoring
- And more





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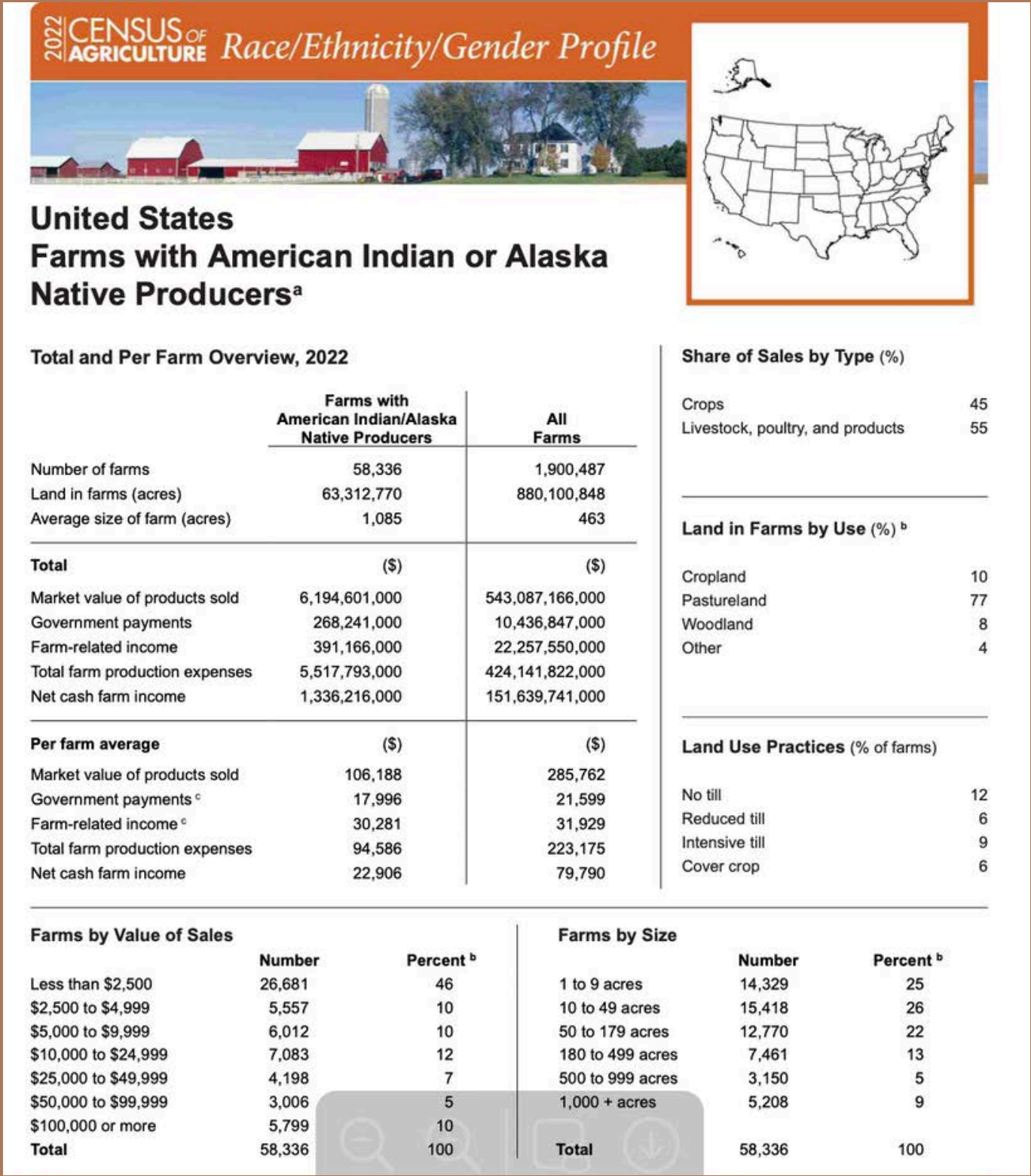
# *Navajo Nation Data Visualization Report - Release To be determined*



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# DATA INSIGHTS - BIG PICTURE



## Race/Ethnicity/Gender Profile - AI/AN





# DATA INSIGHTS - BIG PICTURE

- Number of farms- 58,336
- Land in farms (acres)- 63,312,770
- Average size of farms (acres)- 1,085
- Total market value of products sold- 6,194,601,000
- Government payments- 268,241,000
- Farm Farm-related income 391,166,000
- Total farm production expenses 5,517,793,000





# DATA INSIGHTS - BIG PICTURE

- Net cash farm income 1,336,216,000
- Share of Sales by Type (%)
- Crops- 45
- Livestock, poultry, and products- 55





# DATA INSIGHTS - BIG PICTURE

## Land in Farms by Use (%)

- Cropland- 10
- Pastureland -77
- Woodland- 8
- Other- 4





# QUESTION & ANSWER



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