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**Thomas Indian School Monthly Farm Production Reports
B0597**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of statistical reports for farm and/or garden products raised at the Thomas Indian School. The school furnished the children with care, moral training, education and "instruction in husbandry." Separate monthly reports for each product gave a daily account of quantity produced and its disposition. Reports also indicate the market value of produce. Examples of products include: milk, chicken,; pork, eggs, tomatoes, onions, apples, grapes, oats, and corn silage.
Creator:	Thomas Indian School
Title:	Thomas Indian School monthly farm production reports
Quantity:	1.2 cubic feet
Quantity:	(7 microfilm reels)
Inclusive Date:	1918-1949
Bulk Date:	1918-1932, 1941-1949
Series:	B0597

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Arrangement

Chronological by year and month.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of statistical reports for each farm or garden product raised at the school. Chapter 162 of the Laws of 1875 reorganized the Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children and provided for its management and maintenance. The law appointed managers to furnish the children with care, moral training, education and "instruction in husbandry." Managers were required to report annually to the legislature on the institution's

condition, and to account "in detail of the receipt and disbursement of all monies" relating to the institution.

Separate monthly reports for each product give a daily account of quantity produced and its disposition. Dispositions include "institutional" (consumed at the school), transfer to another department at the school or to another state institution, and increase in livestock. Reports also indicate the market value of produce. There are no records in the series for 1933-1940.

Some examples of products for which reports were compiled are: milk; chicken; pork; eggs; tomatoes; onions; apples; grapes; oats; and corn silage.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microform is available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Access Terms

- Orphanages
- School children--Food
- Indians of North America--Child welfare
- Assisting children
- Schools--Records and correspondence
- Maintaining schools

- Educating Native American children
- Cattaraugus Indian Reservation (N.Y.)
- Indians of North America--Orphanages
- New York (State)
- Reporting
- Indians of North America--Education
- Erie County (N.Y.)
- Iroquois (N.Y.)
- Farm produce
- Education
- Administering schools
- Monthly reports
- New York (State). Department of Social Welfare
- New York (State). State Board of Charities
- New York (State). Department of Charities