

Canada's farm population is continuing its long-term decline and those minding the farm tend to be older.

In 2006, the farm population was 684,260: 1 in 46 Canadians now lives on a farm, compared with nearly 1 in 3 in 1931.

Canada had 327,055 farm operators in 2006, down nearly 6% from 2001. Farms may have more than one operator. In 2006, nearly 41% of these farm operators were aged 55 and older; among the self-employed labour force as a whole, 29% were 55 and older. At 51.0 years, farmers and farm managers had the highest median age of all occupations in the country. In comparison, the median age for the labour force was 41.2 years.

More operators are working off the farm: in 2006, just over 46% reported that their main occupation was something other than agriculture. The top off-farm occupation for male farm operators was running transportation equipment. For

female farm operators, clerical occupations predominated.

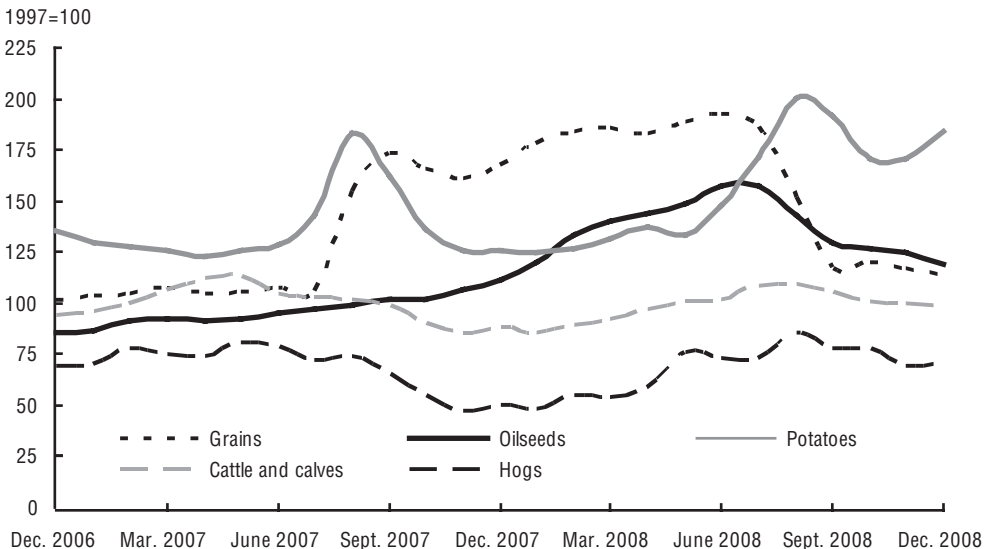
Revenue measures industry's health

Canadian farmers generated \$41.8 billion from the sale of crops and livestock in 2008, 14% more than in 2007. Receipts for crop producers totalled \$23.0 billion in 2008, up nearly 26% from 2007 as a result of higher prices, driven by tight world supplies and strong demand. Revenue from Canada's two main cash crops rose in 2008.

Receipts from wheat (including durum, the wheat used for pasta) were up 49%; receipts from canola, 42%. Stronger grain and oilseed prices, particularly in the first three quarters of 2008, were the main factor behind these gains.

In the crop sector, while grain and oilseed prices climbed, so did the cost of their inputs. Fertilizer prices rose 60% and diesel fuel prices rose 37% during the

Chart 2.1
Farm Product Price Index, selected commodities



Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 002-0021.

first 11 months of 2008 compared with the same period in 2007.

Livestock receipts in 2008 rose nearly 3% to \$18.8 billion. Revenue from cattle and calves gained almost 3%: prices fell nearly 1%, but a record number of cattle were marketed.

Receipts from cattle and calf exports rose nearly 6% from 2007.

Both receipts and volumes rose for milk, poultry and eggs: this supply-managed sector posted a 6% increase in receipts. These commodities together accounted for 44% of total livestock receipts.

In the hog industry, receipts fell 3%, shipments, 1%, and prices, 2%.

Across the livestock sector, higher grain prices pushed up feed costs for much of the year, and profits were also hurt by a strong Canadian dollar.

The number of cattle and hogs on farms declined in 2008. Hog inventories were down more than 10% to 12.2 million,

Table 2.a
Farm population and total population, rural and urban, 2001 and 2006

| | 2001 | 2006 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | number | |
| Total farm population¹ | 729,405 | 684,260 |
| Rural farm population | 697,960 | 642,715 |
| Urban farm population ² | 31,445 | 41,540 |
| Total population | 29,914,315 | 31,511,587 |
| Rural population | 6,053,467 | 6,216,135 |
| Urban population | 23,860,848 | 25,295,452 |

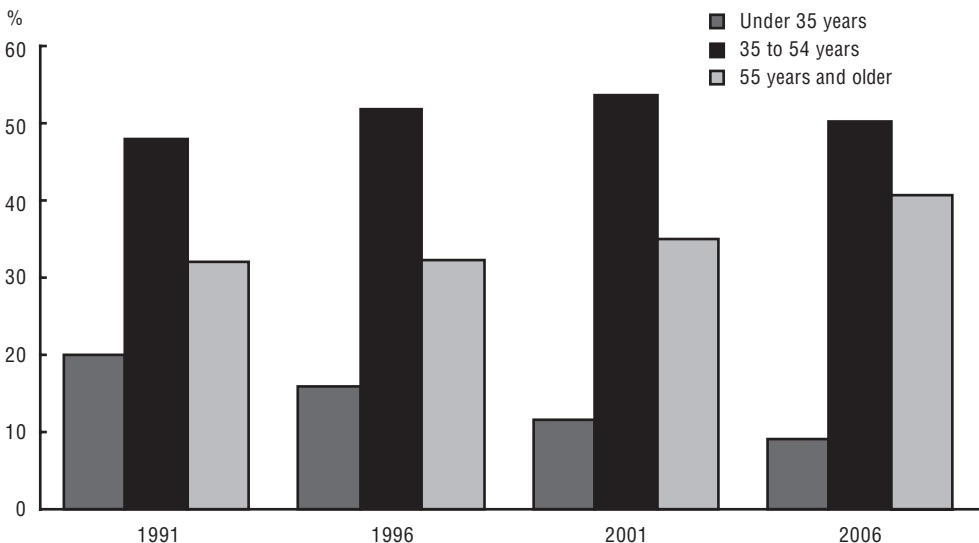
1. Includes all members of a farm operator's household.

2. Urban areas have a minimum population concentration of 1,000 and a population density of at least 400 per square kilometre. All other territory is considered rural.

Source: Statistics Canada, censuses of agriculture and censuses of population, 2001 and 2006.

continuing a three-year decline. The number of cattle—beef and dairy—dropped 5% to 13.2 million head as of January 1, 2009.

Chart 2.2
Farm operators, by age



Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 95-632-X.

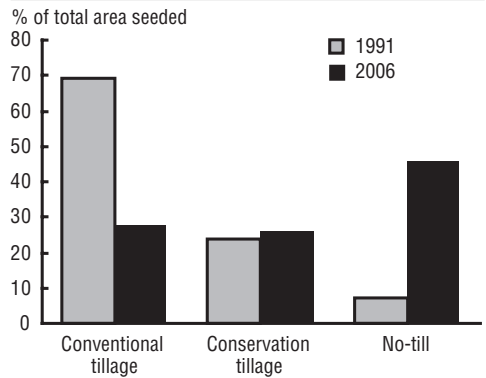
It's how you turn it over

The conventional wisdom on tillage, the process of turning over cropland soil with plows or other instruments, has been shifting.

Tilling the soil loosens and aerates it, enabling new plants to push their roots deeper. It also controls weeds, and helps to mix in fertilizer, manure and organic matter, such as last year's crop stubble. However, conventional tillage can lead to wind or water erosion and a loss of soil moisture, and pulling the plow uses fuel and requires more than one pass over a field.

According to the 2006 Census of Agriculture, 28% of Canada's crop acreage was tilled conventionally—a process involving turning over most of the crop residue into the soil—compared with 69% of the acreage in 1991. In 2006, 46% of

Chart 2.3
Tillage methods



Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 16-002-X.

the acreage was planted using the no-till method, in which seeds are pushed into the soil with minimal disturbance of the soil surface, compared with 7% in 1991.

More 'million-dollar' farms

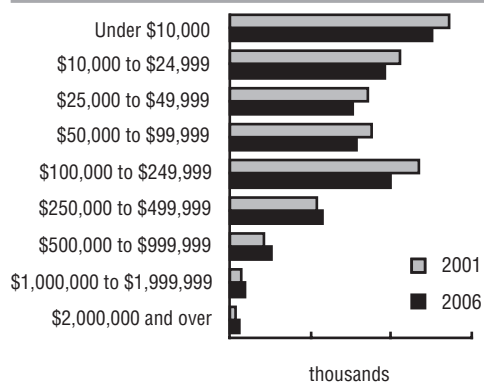
Canada had 5,902 'million-dollar' farms in 2006—farms with gross receipts from the sale of products totalling \$1 million or more (at 2005 constant prices). The 2001 Census of Agriculture counted 4,453 such farms.

Million-dollar farms made up less than 3% of the 229,373 farms counted in the 2006 Census, but accounted for nearly 40% of total farm receipts.

Hog farms comprised less than 3% of all farm operations in Canada, but nearly 18% of them were million-dollar operations—the highest proportion of any farm type.

Conversely, field crops is Canada's most common farm type. This type of farm accounts for nearly 40% of all farms in 2006, but less than 2% of them were million-dollar operations.

Chart 2.4
Number of farms, by total gross farm receipts



Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 95-629-X.

Most million-dollar farms seem profitable: in 2006, 86% of them reported earning enough in farm receipts to cover expenses, compared with 56% of all farms.

Table 2.1 Livestock and poultry, 1995 to 2009

| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | thousands | | | | | |
| Inventory on January 1 | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 12,709 | 13,402 | 13,412 | 13,360 | 13,211 | 13,201 |
| Bulls ¹ | 249 | 249 | 246 | 236 | 225 | 230 |
| Milk cows | 1,245 | 1,237 | 1,231 | 1,184 | 1,157 | 1,103 |
| Beef cows | 4,252 | 4,381 | 4,387 | 4,361 | 4,386 | 4,452 |
| Dairy heifers ² | 528 | 524 | 531 | 511 | 494 | 487 |
| Beef heifers ² | 1,290 | 1,418 | 1,388 | 1,433 | 1,309 | 1,347 |
| For breeding | 778 | 814 | 724 | 687 | 605 | 645 |
| For market | 512 | 604 | 664 | 746 | 704 | 703 |
| Steers ³ | 775 | 864 | 981 | 1,004 | 1,197 | 1,267 |
| Calves | 4,370 | 4,728 | 4,648 | 4,631 | 4,443 | 4,315 |
| Pigs | 11,291 | 11,588 | 11,480 | 11,985 | 12,429 | 12,904 |
| Breeding stock | 1,195 | 1,152 | 1,195 | 1,287 | 1,304 | 1,346 |
| Boars, ⁴ six months and older | 67 | 61 | 58 | 58 | 54 | 49 |
| Sows ⁵ and gilts, ⁶ six months and older | 1,128 | 1,091 | 1,136 | 1,229 | 1,250 | 1,297 |
| All other pigs | 10,096 | 10,436 | 10,285 | 10,698 | 11,125 | 11,559 |
| Under 20 kilograms | 3,280 | 3,300 | 3,317 | 3,505 | 3,872 | 3,918 |
| 20 to 60 kilograms | 3,497 | 3,504 | 3,511 | 3,635 | 3,678 | 3,916 |
| Over 60 kilograms | 3,319 | 3,632 | 3,457 | 3,559 | 3,576 | 3,725 |
| Sheep, 1 year and older | 441 | 456 | 447 | 465 | 490 | 543 |
| Rams ⁷ | 23 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 28 |
| Ewes ⁸ | 418 | 434 | 425 | 441 | 465 | 515 |
| Lambs | 176 | 187 | 180 | 197 | 227 | 251 |
| | thousands | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | |
| Chickens | 486,218 | 501,289 | 516,952 | 541,278 | 570,468 | 590,623 |
| Turkeys | 21,255 | 21,475 | 20,999 | 20,070 | 20,087 | 21,268 |

1. Uncastrated male bovines.

2. Female bovines that have never borne young.

3. Castrated male bovines.

4. Uncastrated male pigs.

5. Female pigs that have borne young.

6. Female pigs that have never borne young.

7. Male sheep.

8. Female sheep that have borne young.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM tables 003-0004, 003-0018, 003-0019, 003-0031 and 003-0032.

| 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| thousands | | | | | | | | |
| 13,608 | 13,752 | 13,466 | 14,555 | 14,925 | 14,655 | 14,155 | 13,895 | 13,180 |
| 239 | 237 | 239 | 270 | 273 | 264 | 245 | 247 | 243 |
| 1,091 | 1,084 | 1,066 | 1,055 | 1,041 | 1,019 | 995 | 984 | 978 |
| 4,602 | 4,636 | 4,752 | 5,019 | 5,284 | 5,247 | 5,020 | 4,982 | 4,655 |
| 498 | 508 | 512 | 504 | 518 | 495 | 480 | 471 | 456 |
| 1,475 | 1,518 | 1,453 | 1,558 | 1,583 | 1,615 | 1,551 | 1,578 | 1,362 |
| 674 | 654 | 648 | 688 | 638 | 628 | 587 | 595 | 537 |
| 801 | 865 | 805 | 871 | 945 | 987 | 964 | 983 | 825 |
| 1,222 | 1,195 | 1,174 | 1,203 | 1,160 | 1,147 | 1,145 | 1,102 | 1,058 |
| 4,482 | 4,574 | 4,270 | 4,945 | 5,067 | 4,868 | 4,720 | 4,532 | 4,430 |
| 13,576 | 14,375 | 14,745 | 14,725 | 14,810 | 15,110 | 14,907 | 13,810 | 12,180 |
| 1,406 | 1,512 | 1,569 | 1,615 | 1,634 | 1,605 | 1,579 | 1,512 | 1,395 |
| 46 | 44 | 42 | 39 | 37 | 35 | 33 | 30 | 24 |
| 1,361 | 1,468 | 1,527 | 1,576 | 1,597 | 1,571 | 1,546 | 1,483 | 1,371 |
| 12,169 | 12,863 | 13,177 | 13,110 | 13,176 | 13,505 | 13,328 | 12,298 | 10,786 |
| 4,115 | 4,239 | 4,369 | 4,545 | 4,487 | 4,476 | 4,545 | 4,472 | 3,689 |
| 4,127 | 4,340 | 4,454 | 4,371 | 4,413 | 4,623 | 4,532 | 3,962 | 3,619 |
| 3,928 | 4,284 | 4,354 | 4,195 | 4,277 | 4,406 | 4,251 | 3,864 | 3,478 |
| 606 | 644 | 641 | 641 | 633 | 589 | 584 | 557 | 546 |
| 30 | 29 | 29 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 24 | 24 |
| 576 | 615 | 613 | 613 | 606 | 563 | 558 | 533 | 522 |
| 342 | 349 | 334 | 354 | 345 | 305 | 295 | 269 | 262 |
| thousands | | | | | | | | |
| 624,792 | 625,692 | 615,939 | 613,527 | 626,251 | 622,242 | 640,329 | 640,281 | .. |
| 20,191 | 19,672 | 19,834 | 19,526 | 20,492 | 21,172 | 21,757 | 22,849 | .. |

Table 2.2 Principal field crops, seeded areas, 1995 to 2009

| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | hectares ¹ | | | | | | |
| All wheat | 11,365,800 | 12,488,361 | 11,576,100 | 10,870,600 | 10,469,000 | 11,072,200 | 10,950,500 |
| Spring wheat | 8,822,500 | 9,983,447 | 9,016,600 | 7,533,200 | 8,288,900 | 8,001,100 | 8,325,400 |
| Winter wheat | 358,000 | 441,114 | 327,600 | 403,500 | 395,400 | 428,500 | 460,100 |
| Durum wheat | 2,185,300 | 2,063,800 | 2,231,900 | 2,933,900 | 1,784,700 | 2,642,600 | 2,165,000 |
| Oats | 1,579,400 | 2,060,342 | 1,876,300 | 2,062,600 | 1,885,700 | 1,825,700 | 1,907,400 |
| Barley | 4,654,300 | 5,238,025 | 5,021,500 | 4,632,300 | 4,409,100 | 5,101,300 | 4,700,200 |
| All rye | 215,300 | 218,265 | 208,000 | 267,300 | 225,000 | 188,200 | 181,400 |
| Fall rye | 197,100 | 202,065 | 191,800 | 249,100 | 208,800 | 167,900 | 163,200 |
| Spring rye | 18,200 | 16,200 | 16,200 | 18,200 | 16,200 | 20,300 | 18,200 |
| Mixed grains | 321,000 | 291,619 | 317,800 | 275,200 | 278,700 | 290,200 | 364,200 |
| Corn for grain | 1,006,500 | 1,130,775 | 1,052,500 | 1,126,500 | 1,166,200 | 1,206,000 | 1,294,200 |
| Buckwheat | 17,100 | 17,775 | 15,800 | 14,700 | 13,900 | 15,900 | 15,900 |
| Dry field peas | 819,400 | 544,300 | 848,500 | 1,084,500 | 851,300 | 1,240,200 | 1,343,600 |
| Dry white beans | 61,700 | 42,560 | 47,900 | 39,800 | 79,200 | 80,600 | 84,400 |
| Coloured beans | 43,200 | 43,144 | 43,900 | 54,100 | 70,700 | 84,400 | 94,900 |
| Flaxseed | 876,100 | 592,900 | 736,600 | 878,200 | 809,400 | 594,900 | 671,800 |
| Soybeans | 826,100 | 875,993 | 1,061,700 | 980,600 | 1,004,000 | 1,068,700 | 1,081,500 |
| Mustard seed | 267,000 | 239,100 | 292,200 | 283,200 | 279,900 | 212,300 | 165,800 |
| Canola (rapeseed) | 5,344,000 | 3,540,311 | 4,905,900 | 5,477,400 | 5,598,700 | 4,937,000 | 3,826,800 |
| Sunflower seed | 48,600 | 36,400 | 50,600 | 68,800 | 85,000 | 74,800 | 72,800 |
| Sugar beets | 24,900 | 23,800 | 14,200 | 18,200 | 18,200 | 17,000 | 12,100 |
| Tame hay | 6,577,600 | 6,395,660 | 6,349,500 | 6,578,600 | 6,937,100 | 7,270,700 | 7,663,400 |
| Fodder corn | 170,700 | 190,523 | 204,600 | 200,200 | 188,600 | 211,500 | 233,800 |
| Lentils | 333,800 | 303,500 | 329,000 | 378,400 | 506,300 | 698,900 | 708,200 |
| Canary seed | 147,600 | 248,800 | 113,300 | 210,400 | 149,800 | 165,900 | 170,000 |
| Fababeans | 4,000 | 1,840 | 2,400 | 5,600 | 2,800 | 6,100 | 5,200 |
| Triticale | 23,000 | 25,100 | 23,000 | 56,600 | 74,800 | 70,800 | 47,300 |
| Safflower | 2,000 | 800 | 0 | 1,200 | 4,000 | 5,200 | 2,400 |
| Caraway seed | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7,300 |
| Coriander seed | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Borage seed | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Chick peas | .. | .. | 10,500 | 38,800 | 141,600 | 295,400 | 485,700 |

1. Conversion factor: 1 hectare equals 2.47 acres.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 001-0010.

| 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| hectares ¹ | | | | | | | |
| 10,370,400 | 10,413,300 | 9,885,100 | 9,653,900 | 9,852,200 | 8,849,500 | 10,192,400 | 10,249,000 |
| 7,454,800 | 7,353,900 | 7,116,200 | 6,827,300 | 7,585,000 | 6,157,200 | 6,621,900 | 7,012,200 |
| 436,900 | 647,400 | 630,200 | 519,900 | 731,200 | 743,700 | 1,130,200 | 917,900 |
| 2,478,700 | 2,412,000 | 2,138,700 | 2,306,700 | 1,536,000 | 1,948,600 | 2,440,300 | 2,262,300 |
| 2,345,900 | 2,033,200 | 1,924,100 | 1,767,900 | 2,063,500 | 2,188,400 | 1,758,400 | 1,600,500 |
| 5,070,200 | 4,989,400 | 4,432,100 | 4,142,600 | 3,689,900 | 4,396,800 | 3,786,600 | 3,834,900 |
| 159,900 | 246,400 | 258,200 | 207,600 | 276,200 | 171,900 | 168,000 | 188,200 |
| 143,700 | 228,200 | 242,000 | 207,600 | 276,200 | 171,900 | 168,000 | 188,200 |
| 16,200 | 18,200 | 16,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| 284,000 | 240,700 | 222,400 | 213,700 | 335,700 | 170,700 | 143,400 | 142,500 |
| 1,299,300 | 1,264,600 | 1,184,800 | 1,113,100 | 1,093,100 | 1,391,500 | 1,204,000 | 1,248,200 |
| 12,100 | 9,300 | 6,100 | 4,000 | 7,200 | 2,000 | 0 | .. |
| 1,209,900 | 1,169,300 | 1,282,900 | 1,303,000 | 1,260,500 | 1,469,000 | 1,616,600 | 1,701,700 |
| 115,300 | 72,900 | 68,800 | 76,900 | 76,900 | 60,700 | 54,700 | 14,200 |
| 109,700 | 88,800 | 88,900 | 114,800 | 101,300 | 92,500 | 73,600 | 26,200 |
| 692,000 | 744,600 | 700,000 | 760,800 | 804,800 | 528,000 | 631,300 | 698,100 |
| 1,030,300 | 1,052,800 | 1,223,000 | 1,172,400 | 1,213,500 | 1,180,100 | 1,202,400 | 1,328,900 |
| 289,300 | 339,800 | 298,600 | 194,100 | 133,800 | 186,200 | 194,200 | 222,600 |
| 3,876,800 | 4,735,700 | 5,218,200 | 5,369,900 | 5,283,300 | 6,321,600 | 6,539,600 | 6,066,100 |
| 99,500 | 108,400 | 80,900 | 87,000 | 77,000 | 80,900 | 68,800 | 56,700 |
| 12,100 | 12,100 | 14,200 | 13,800 | 15,700 | 13,800 | 7,300 | .. |
| 7,806,500 | 7,879,000 | 8,024,500 | 8,169,900 | 8,237,000 | 8,239,200 | 8,201,600 | .. |
| 226,000 | 233,900 | 234,800 | 222,800 | 270,700 | 246,400 | 252,200 | 245,400 |
| 540,200 | 513,400 | 738,400 | 802,800 | 566,500 | 580,800 | 651,600 | 797,200 |
| 279,200 | 259,000 | 347,900 | 184,200 | 135,600 | 178,100 | 167,900 | 113,300 |
| 5,200 | 4,800 | 6,000 | 4,800 | 8,400 | 6,100 | 0 | .. |
| 87,000 | 78,100 | 72,900 | 53,800 | 57,300 | 48,600 | 34,400 | 16,200 |
| 2,000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 8,100 | 8,100 | 4,000 | 0 | 5,800 | 8,100 | 0 | .. |
| 8,100 | 8,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 2,000 | 2,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | .. | .. |
| 192,200 | 62,700 | 46,600 | 78,800 | 129,100 | 174,000 | 44,400 | 0 |

Table 2.3 Principal field crop production, 1994 to 2008

| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | tonnes | | | | | | |
| All wheat | 22,919,500 | 24,989,400 | 29,801,400 | 24,299,400 | 24,082,300 | 26,959,900 | 26,535,500 |
| Spring wheat | 16,944,400 | 18,847,100 | 24,146,900 | 19,032,400 | 16,564,600 | 20,900,800 | 19,027,000 |
| Winter wheat | 1,340,300 | 1,493,900 | 1,027,900 | 915,300 | 1,475,800 | 1,718,200 | 1,800,000 |
| Durum wheat | 4,634,800 | 4,648,400 | 4,626,600 | 4,351,700 | 6,041,900 | 4,340,900 | 5,708,500 |
| Oats | 3,640,500 | 2,872,800 | 4,361,100 | 3,489,300 | 3,957,500 | 3,641,300 | 3,403,300 |
| Barley | 11,692,000 | 13,032,500 | 15,562,000 | 13,533,900 | 12,708,700 | 13,196,000 | 13,228,600 |
| All rye | 399,700 | 309,600 | 309,400 | 320,000 | 408,200 | 386,600 | 260,300 |
| Fall rye | 348,900 | 291,800 | 291,100 | 303,400 | 391,700 | 366,800 | 247,000 |
| Spring rye | 50,800 | 17,800 | 18,300 | 16,600 | 16,500 | 19,800 | 13,300 |
| Mixed grains | 630,900 | 653,300 | 581,900 | 626,400 | 540,000 | 462,800 | 434,900 |
| Corn for grain | 7,189,900 | 7,280,900 | 7,541,700 | 7,179,800 | 8,952,400 | 9,161,300 | 6,953,700 |
| Buckwheat | 12,400 | 21,200 | 22,200 | 16,500 | 14,800 | 12,500 | 13,600 |
| Dry field peas | 1,441,000 | 1,454,700 | 1,173,000 | 1,762,300 | 2,336,800 | 2,251,900 | 2,864,300 |
| Dry white beans | 84,800 | 116,200 | 61,200 | 82,600 | 73,900 | 149,100 | 119,300 |
| Coloured beans | 85,900 | 86,900 | 71,800 | 85,400 | 111,200 | 135,400 | 142,100 |
| Flaxseed | 967,700 | 1,104,900 | 851,000 | 895,400 | 1,080,900 | 1,022,400 | 693,400 |
| Soybeans | 2,253,700 | 2,297,500 | 2,169,500 | 2,737,700 | 2,736,600 | 2,780,900 | 2,703,000 |
| Mustard seed | 319,300 | 244,300 | 230,800 | 243,400 | 238,600 | 306,400 | 202,200 |
| Canola (rapeseed) | 7,232,500 | 6,434,200 | 5,062,300 | 6,393,100 | 7,643,300 | 8,798,300 | 7,205,300 |
| Sunflower seed | 117,000 | 66,200 | 54,900 | 65,100 | 111,800 | 121,900 | 119,300 |
| Sugar beets | 1,091,300 | 1,026,900 | 1,034,200 | 635,000 | 880,000 | 743,900 | 821,000 |
| Tame hay | 31,141,300 | 26,851,400 | 28,025,000 | 21,137,500 | 21,825,000 | 25,032,900 | 23,921,600 |
| Fodder corn | 4,743,800 | 4,995,700 | 5,375,400 | 5,466,600 | 6,425,600 | 6,611,500 | 5,890,300 |
| Lentils | 450,400 | 431,900 | 402,500 | 378,800 | 479,800 | 723,800 | 914,100 |
| Canary seed | 240,400 | 154,600 | 284,600 | 115,000 | 235,300 | 166,000 | 170,800 |
| Fababeans | 6,800 | 5,800 | 5,520 | 4,300 | 13,700 | 6,500 | 15,400 |
| Triticale | 40,700 | 39,900 | 35,200 | 31,000 | 85,300 | 126,200 | 89,700 |
| Safflower | 1,100 | 2,000 | 700 | 0 | 1,400 | 3,800 | 6,700 |
| Caraway seed | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Coriander seed | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Borage seed | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Chick peas | .. | .. | .. | 14,500 | 50,900 | 187,200 | 387,500 |

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 001-0010.

| 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| tonnes | | | | | | | |
| 20,630,200 | 15,961,300 | 23,048,600 | 24,795,500 | 25,748,100 | 25,265,400 | 20,054,000 | 28,611,100 |
| 16,010,200 | 10,531,200 | 16,124,700 | 17,530,300 | 17,803,300 | 18,617,300 | 13,873,400 | 18,404,900 |
| 1,570,500 | 1,553,200 | 2,712,300 | 2,463,800 | 2,030,200 | 3,301,900 | 2,499,200 | 4,686,900 |
| 3,049,500 | 3,876,900 | 4,211,600 | 4,801,400 | 5,914,600 | 3,346,200 | 3,681,400 | 5,519,300 |
| 2,690,700 | 2,910,700 | 3,376,700 | 3,467,200 | 3,282,700 | 3,852,200 | 4,696,300 | 4,272,600 |
| 10,845,600 | 7,467,700 | 12,164,200 | 12,556,700 | 11,677,600 | 9,573,100 | 10,983,900 | 11,781,400 |
| 227,800 | 133,800 | 327,100 | 397,500 | 330,400 | 382,900 | 233,000 | 316,200 |
| 215,600 | 129,400 | 307,800 | 383,500 | 330,400 | 382,900 | 233,000 | 316,200 |
| 12,200 | 4,400 | 19,300 | 14,000 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 446,500 | 358,900 | 384,400 | 342,500 | 316,400 | 346,500 | 262,600 | 221,900 |
| 8,389,200 | 8,998,800 | 9,587,300 | 8,836,800 | 9,332,200 | 8,989,800 | 11,648,700 | 10,592,000 |
| 16,300 | 12,200 | 9,900 | 1,500 | 4,600 | 7,400 | 2,300 | 0 |
| 2,044,800 | 1,283,800 | 1,930,900 | 3,097,200 | 2,993,600 | 2,519,900 | 2,934,800 | 3,571,300 |
| 136,200 | 209,700 | 151,000 | 80,700 | 117,900 | 159,700 | 105,200 | 108,900 |
| 153,000 | 197,100 | 193,300 | 137,400 | 199,600 | 212,900 | 171,600 | 157,300 |
| 715,000 | 679,400 | 754,400 | 516,900 | 990,600 | 988,800 | 633,500 | 861,100 |
| 1,635,200 | 2,335,700 | 2,273,300 | 3,043,900 | 3,155,600 | 3,465,500 | 2,695,700 | 3,335,900 |
| 107,100 | 154,300 | 226,100 | 286,700 | 183,800 | 108,200 | 123,400 | 161,000 |
| 5,017,100 | 4,520,500 | 6,771,200 | 7,673,600 | 9,483,300 | 9,000,300 | 9,528,500 | 12,642,900 |
| 103,800 | 157,400 | 142,300 | 52,200 | 84,400 | 157,300 | 124,800 | 112,200 |
| 544,300 | 344,700 | 680,400 | 743,900 | 607,800 | 870,900 | 762,000 | 344,700 |
| 20,373,500 | 18,396,700 | 23,265,800 | 27,307,400 | 29,555,100 | 29,966,200 | 30,217,400 | 30,431,500 |
| 6,079,000 | 6,355,800 | 7,213,000 | 7,795,400 | 7,653,000 | 9,680,600 | 8,136,600 | 8,840,600 |
| 566,300 | 328,000 | 484,600 | 915,800 | 1,164,300 | 692,800 | 733,900 | 919,500 |
| 113,900 | 177,500 | 234,600 | 300,500 | 227,200 | 133,100 | 162,000 | 195,600 |
| 10,200 | 9,100 | 8,400 | 15,300 | 9,800 | 16,000 | 10,900 | 0 |
| 31,200 | 26,000 | 64,400 | 80,000 | 43,200 | 26,900 | 47,000 | 37,900 |
| 2,900 | 1,100 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 2,000 | 2,400 | 3,200 | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | .. | .. |
| .. | 5,200 | 4,800 | 7,900 | 8,900 | .. | .. | .. |
| .. | 800 | 500 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 200 | .. |
| 455,000 | 144,500 | 67,600 | 51,200 | 103,900 | 163,200 | 224,800 | 67,000 |

Table 2.4 Principal field crop production, by province, 2008

| | Canada | Newfoundland and Labrador | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | tonnes | | | | |
| All wheat | 28,611,100 | . | 42,900 | 11,700 | 5,800 |
| Spring wheat | 18,404,900 | . | 36,200 | 2,400 | 5,400 |
| Winter wheat | 4,686,900 | . | 6,700 | 9,300 | 400 |
| Durum wheat | 5,519,300 | . | . | . | . |
| Oats | 4,272,600 | . | 13,000 | 5,100 | 22,700 |
| Barley | 11,781,400 | . | 80,000 | 10,200 | 32,300 |
| Fall rye | 316,200 | . | .. | .. | . |
| Mixed grains | 221,900 | . | 7,300 | .. | .. |
| Corn for grain | 10,592,000 | . | . | 39,300 | 35,100 |
| Buckwheat | 0 | . | . | . | . |
| Dry field peas | 3,571,300 | . | . | . | . |
| Dry white beans | 108,900 | . | . | . | . |
| Coloured beans | 157,300 | . | . | . | . |
| Flaxseed | 861,100 | . | . | . | . |
| Soybeans | 3,335,900 | . | 17,100 | . | . |
| Mustard seed | 161,000 | . | . | . | . |
| Canola (rapeseed) | 12,642,900 | . | . | . | . |
| Sunflower seed | 112,200 | . | . | . | . |
| Sugar beets | 344,700 | . | . | . | . |
| Tame hay | 30,431,500 | 32,700 | 281,200 | 326,600 | 333,800 |
| Fodder corn | 8,840,600 | . | 95,300 | 88,900 | 61,700 |
| Lentils | 919,500 | . | . | . | . |
| Canary seed | 195,600 | . | . | . | . |
| Fababeans | 0 | . | . | . | . |
| Triticale | 37,900 | . | . | . | . |
| Coriander seed | .. | . | . | . | . |
| Chick peas | 67,000 | . | . | . | . |

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 001-0010.

| Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| tonnes | | | | | |
| 149,500 | 2,903,900 | 4,280,900 | 12,437,500 | 8,736,200 | 42,700 |
| 137,000 | 228,600 | 3,264,400 | 7,416,200 | 7,272,000 | 42,700 |
| 12,500 | 2,675,300 | 1,016,500 | 579,700 | 386,500 | .. |
| . | . | .. | 4,441,600 | 1,077,700 | . |
| 205,000 | 67,900 | 1,116,600 | 2,267,100 | 541,300 | 33,900 |
| 258,000 | 191,600 | 1,121,300 | 4,594,000 | 5,447,500 | 46,500 |
| 0 | 45,700 | 83,800 | 110,500 | 76,200 | 0 |
| 48,000 | 118,800 | 5,200 | 11,000 | 30,600 | 1,000 |
| 3,150,000 | 6,858,300 | 473,700 | . | 35,600 | . |
| .. | .. | 0 | . | . | . |
| . | . | 107,500 | 2,732,400 | 731,400 | 0 |
| .. | 72,600 | 36,300 | . | .. | . |
| 7,700 | 55,100 | 59,600 | . | 34,900 | . |
| . | . | 161,300 | 666,800 | 33,000 | . |
| 600,000 | 2,476,600 | 242,200 | . | . | . |
| . | . | .. | 123,900 | 37,100 | . |
| 33,000 | 49,900 | 2,576,400 | 5,629,100 | 4,322,700 | 31,800 |
| . | . | 112,200 | .. | .. | . |
| .. | . | .. | . | 344,700 | . |
| 4,600,300 | 6,078,100 | 3,447,300 | 4,490,600 | 9,344,000 | 1,496,900 |
| 1,600,300 | 4,808,100 | 1,143,100 | . | 571,500 | 408,200 |
| . | . | .. | 919,500 | .. | . |
| . | . | 11,000 | 184,600 | .. | . |
| . | . | 0 | .. | 0 | . |
| . | . | 0 | 18,500 | 19,400 | . |
| . | . | . | .. | . | . |
| . | . | . | 67,000 | 0 | . |

Table 2.5 Farm cash receipts, crops 1994 to 2008

| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ thousands | | | | | |
| Total crop receipts | 11,542,606 | 13,114,105 | 14,016,229 | 14,093,889 | 13,642,036 | 13,121,182 |
| Wheat | 2,436,389 | 2,823,648 | 3,482,441 | 3,521,262 | 2,419,075 | 2,338,900 |
| Marketing board payments ¹ | 1,367,430 | 1,432,766 | 1,123,878 | 725,720 | 948,849 | 948,353 |
| Oats | 144,883 | 224,863 | 305,427 | 263,857 | 193,228 | 174,622 |
| Barley | 517,327 | 719,800 | 960,127 | 727,160 | 510,285 | 421,352 |
| Deferred grain receipts | -772,840 | -843,814 | -1,036,068 | -1,000,195 | -951,219 | -612,127 |
| Liquidation of deferred grain receipts | 356,092 | 772,840 | 843,814 | 1,036,068 | 1,000,190 | 965,148 |
| Rye | 24,310 | 30,776 | 38,989 | 34,242 | 19,743 | 17,212 |
| Flaxseed | 184,905 | 230,310 | 220,875 | 291,632 | 262,858 | 138,965 |
| Canola (rapeseed) | 2,111,164 | 1,906,362 | 1,968,956 | 2,127,750 | 2,663,207 | 1,771,011 |
| Soybeans | 506,678 | 661,659 | 626,673 | 814,222 | 800,348 | 618,194 |
| Corn | 505,789 | 704,294 | 808,128 | 696,106 | 642,363 | 742,902 |
| Sugar beets | 40,548 | 52,043 | 40,670 | 34,483 | 39,838 | 30,527 |
| Potatoes | 533,104 | 517,641 | 533,124 | 512,581 | 612,166 | 700,669 |
| Greenhouse vegetables | .. | .. | 218,473 | 270,361 | 376,949 | 438,491 |
| Other vegetables | .. | .. | 749,685 | 778,440 | 791,025 | 782,354 |
| Vegetables | 863,319 | 923,155 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Apples | 143,898 | 184,149 | 186,587 | 177,700 | 168,718 | 182,629 |
| Other tree fruits | 63,875 | 68,116 | 54,853 | 57,135 | 63,100 | 70,360 |
| Blueberries | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Strawberries | 63,202 | 68,128 | 48,639 | 49,979 | 53,015 | 53,590 |
| Grapes | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Other berries and grapes | 156,011 | 172,610 | 206,101 | 202,124 | 201,996 | 268,504 |
| Floriculture, nursery and sod | 883,978 | 941,540 | 999,335 | 1,095,216 | 1,059,689 | 1,195,407 |
| Floriculture | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nursery | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Sod | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Tobacco | 373,946 | 296,647 | 345,332 | 353,267 | 358,610 | 356,706 |
| Mustard seed | 69,075 | 74,553 | 110,974 | 95,161 | 87,716 | 89,486 |
| Sunflower seed | 17,396 | 25,742 | 19,607 | 17,166 | 26,282 | 30,326 |
| Lentils | 97,808 | 134,667 | 135,279 | 97,570 | 120,786 | 195,960 |
| Canary seed | 39,282 | 58,392 | 81,652 | 48,229 | 40,285 | 39,667 |
| Dry beans | 79,589 | 101,383 | 63,808 | 72,467 | 98,922 | 125,061 |
| Dry peas | 192,485 | 217,900 | 219,825 | 239,337 | 275,313 | 262,147 |
| Chick peas | .. | .. | .. | 912 | 6,180 | 21,944 |
| Forage and grass seed | 45,872 | 46,980 | 66,785 | 77,518 | 87,346 | 84,867 |
| Hay and clover | 102,947 | 132,077 | 137,283 | 171,294 | 179,346 | 204,849 |
| Maple products | 100,393 | 90,975 | 121,386 | 131,098 | 137,470 | 147,277 |
| Forest products | 161,661 | 180,061 | 167,537 | 156,144 | 144,173 | 132,215 |
| Miscellaneous crops | 85,383 | 93,172 | 88,039 | 98,961 | 92,508 | 78,308 |
| Ginseng | 46,707 | 70,670 | 78,015 | 63,467 | 58,661 | 45,231 |
| Christmas trees | .. | .. | .. | 66,884 | 60,318 | 63,413 |

1. Payments made directly to producers by the Canadian Wheat Board, the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board and, starting in 2006, by the *Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec*.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 002-0001.

| 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| \$ thousands | | | | | | | | |
| 12,969,706 | 13,504,866 | 14,411,906 | 13,312,062 | 14,420,425 | 13,498,283 | 14,595,189 | 18,425,255 | 23,075,675 |
| 2,354,516 | 2,562,831 | 2,459,795 | 2,240,026 | 2,130,954 | 1,761,947 | 2,183,859 | 2,907,627 | 4,325,703 |
| 811,564 | 1,042,085 | 981,534 | 337,267 | 1,007,545 | 842,575 | 728,644 | 1,454,342 | 1,578,875 |
| 196,414 | 273,962 | 305,208 | 243,168 | 231,433 | 257,040 | 332,765 | 426,846 | 564,800 |
| 477,973 | 621,288 | 505,355 | 370,948 | 455,227 | 343,279 | 353,271 | 685,673 | 776,203 |
| -600,798 | -901,715 | -707,482 | -720,785 | -725,334 | -440,888 | -564,327 | -956,851 | -1,444,207 |
| 668,747 | 617,916 | 865,783 | 716,026 | 740,301 | 688,582 | 442,871 | 588,097 | 1,000,683 |
| 15,285 | 16,210 | 12,182 | 12,440 | 29,457 | 13,050 | 15,913 | 36,557 | 31,511 |
| 148,743 | 165,737 | 236,609 | 192,160 | 198,722 | 171,221 | 158,805 | 246,963 | 340,804 |
| 1,559,711 | 1,723,004 | 1,776,767 | 1,889,576 | 2,151,367 | 1,826,124 | 2,503,038 | 3,451,624 | 4,904,485 |
| 677,947 | 534,482 | 587,657 | 758,345 | 630,764 | 760,350 | 679,914 | 1,030,131 | 1,125,826 |
| 676,073 | 630,884 | 819,169 | 786,685 | 794,416 | 622,774 | 753,676 | 1,048,099 | 1,545,159 |
| 32,899 | 19,333 | 20,072 | 22,732 | 30,921 | 32,140 | 38,180 | 34,726 | 23,543 |
| 682,785 | 722,874 | 917,617 | 845,723 | 820,195 | 787,452 | 895,586 | 866,675 | 987,165 |
| 504,713 | 589,710 | 595,780 | 637,145 | 739,176 | 744,616 | 796,376 | 805,812 | 799,834 |
| 796,612 | 866,539 | 836,640 | 883,358 | 900,312 | 892,190 | 942,713 | 977,645 | 1,030,703 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 192,597 | 181,209 | 153,127 | 146,276 | 148,360 | 147,230 | 148,596 | 161,981 | 168,890 |
| 67,919 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| .. | 84,236 | 86,308 | 116,589 | 151,337 | 168,863 | 224,939 | 189,940 | 158,729 |
| 53,550 | 55,890 | 52,396 | 53,475 | 56,890 | 58,690 | 60,782 | 60,585 | 61,140 |
| .. | 74,655 | 77,085 | 55,790 | 82,400 | 54,650 | 94,065 | 111,091 | 112,880 |
| 232,888 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1,417,392 | 1,496,750 | 1,644,909 | 1,690,984 | 1,731,320 | 1,707,458 | 1,702,263 | 1,746,726 | 1,856,885 |
| .. | 1,076,423 | 1,197,679 | 1,226,791 | 1,252,517 | 1,205,112 | 1,186,003 | 1,188,871 | 1,265,679 |
| .. | 339,175 | 359,857 | 360,401 | 372,623 | 388,987 | 389,103 | 430,051 | 456,715 |
| .. | 81,153 | 87,371 | 103,793 | 106,182 | 113,359 | 127,156 | 127,803 | 134,494 |
| 348,427 | 240,007 | 274,150 | 222,256 | 231,181 | 194,942 | 178,683 | 79,269 | 70,360 |
| 63,774 | 54,142 | 58,163 | 75,395 | 75,494 | 59,698 | 51,627 | 90,396 | 145,474 |
| 31,237 | 33,495 | 45,610 | 51,115 | 31,746 | 19,705 | 34,170 | 70,194 | 58,432 |
| 233,525 | 178,152 | 132,095 | 144,593 | 204,998 | 215,939 | 198,339 | 343,917 | 632,991 |
| 34,383 | 50,462 | 92,635 | 75,470 | 54,886 | 39,778 | 46,627 | 76,407 | 110,200 |
| 123,029 | 101,474 | 139,089 | 141,843 | 151,916 | 155,345 | 153,268 | 165,097 | 195,624 |
| 269,772 | 304,475 | 252,978 | 253,495 | 342,672 | 307,136 | 317,865 | 562,747 | 630,682 |
| 63,113 | 149,057 | 121,018 | 18,525 | 7,295 | 17,113 | 49,784 | 48,641 | 40,881 |
| 82,882 | 67,218 | 76,854 | 65,150 | 71,543 | 83,721 | 91,092 | 79,327 | 75,134 |
| 265,148 | 327,000 | 345,071 | 314,726 | 286,131 | 263,609 | 245,475 | 257,506 | 274,554 |
| 180,680 | 145,777 | 150,251 | 153,245 | 147,996 | 189,644 | 185,218 | 165,518 | 209,673 |
| 120,250 | 117,952 | 115,663 | 113,366 | 111,071 | 108,776 | 113,670 | 125,145 | 119,887 |
| 73,340 | 85,954 | 97,519 | 94,519 | 104,739 | 100,159 | 111,405 | 143,830 | 179,589 |
| 46,716 | 60,099 | 68,241 | 70,899 | 52,870 | 69,956 | 64,364 | 91,386 | 73,294 |
| 67,216 | 76,239 | 75,433 | 69,280 | 65,023 | 65,761 | 66,030 | 58,669 | 67,472 |

Table 2.6 Farm cash receipts, livestock and livestock products and direct payments, 1994 to 2008

| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ thousands | | | | | |
| Total farm cash receipts from crops and livestock | 25,881,396 | 27,123,321 | 29,075,327 | 29,835,513 | 29,505,263 | 30,256,780 |
| Total receipts from livestock and livestock products | 12,513,891 | 12,703,800 | 13,857,294 | 14,632,865 | 14,441,683 | 15,159,564 |
| Cattle | 4,256,085 | 4,147,003 | 4,358,769 | 4,764,242 | 5,149,009 | 5,465,302 |
| Calves | 556,845 | 460,186 | 371,990 | 526,849 | 554,635 | 716,237 |
| Hogs | 2,031,823 | 2,252,460 | 2,884,759 | 2,989,331 | 2,201,164 | 2,395,475 |
| Sheep | 2,908 | 3,206 | 3,026 | 3,494 | 4,034 | 4,013 |
| Lambs | 60,875 | 66,403 | 74,812 | 71,844 | 67,723 | 70,463 |
| Dairy products | 3,354,465 | 3,463,085 | 3,514,733 | 3,709,267 | 3,846,077 | 3,920,935 |
| Hens and chickens | 1,060,948 | 1,050,960 | 1,248,291 | 1,298,789 | 1,356,008 | 1,320,852 |
| Turkeys | 221,061 | 237,891 | 266,906 | 258,588 | 248,836 | 240,235 |
| Eggs | 559,998 | 590,826 | 644,956 | 482,874 | 466,165 | 477,591 |
| Wool ¹ | 1,127 | 1,976 | 1,229 | 1,506 | 1,292 | 555 |
| Honey | 51,316 | 58,209 | 62,817 | 74,486 | 88,593 | 79,602 |
| Furs | 34,192 | 31,222 | 57,974 | 41,261 | 41,298 | 30,500 |
| Miscellaneous livestock and livestock products | 203,110 | 214,374 | 242,507 | 259,286 | 260,480 | 277,403 |
| Hatcheries (chicks and poults) | .. | .. | .. | 28,304 | 32,406 | 30,233 |
| Total receipts from direct payments | 1,824,899 | 1,305,416 | 1,201,804 | 1,108,759 | 1,421,544 | 1,976,034 |
| Crop insurance payments ² | 414,825 | 306,725 | 256,832 | 302,721 | 318,356 | 239,544 |
| Private hail insurance | 198,180 | 174,738 | 81,613 | 71,068 | 55,855 | 68,628 |
| <i>Western Grain Stabilization Act</i> payments | -1,323 | -626 | -4,527 | -582 | -228 | -31 |
| Price stabilization payments | 5 | 2 | 0 | .. | .. | .. |
| Tripartite payments | 67,586 | 10,551 | -461 | 5,577 | -26 | 2,388 |
| Provincial stabilization payments | 300,472 | 308,128 | 300,359 | 170,846 | 507,947 | 572,776 |
| Dairy subsidy | 222,304 | 213,553 | 170,657 | 146,610 | 132,113 | 103,652 |
| Other payments ³ | 39,372 | 67,182 | 105,525 | 214,741 | 139,145 | 546,516 |
| Net Income Stabilization Account payments | 40,619 | 46,296 | 114,716 | 153,322 | 268,724 | 444,918 |
| Gross Revenue Insurance Plan payments | 542,859 | 178,867 | 177,090 | 44,456 | -342 | 137 |

1. As of 2001, receipts from wool are accounted for in 'miscellaneous livestock and livestock products.'

2. Data exclude payments under private hail insurance plans.

3. Programs to deal with unusual climatic or economic conditions in the agriculture sector. Starting in 1999, payments under the Western Grain Stabilization Plan, Tripartite Plans and the Gross Revenue Insurance Plan are included in 'other payments.'

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 002-0001.

| 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| \$ thousands | | | | | | | | |
| 32,879,399 | 36,243,327 | 35,970,624 | 34,244,827 | 36,338,224 | 36,743,561 | 36,949,543 | 40,736,355 | 45,946,150 |
| 17,100,989 | 18,972,521 | 18,129,777 | 16,084,649 | 17,055,534 | 18,321,856 | 17,820,680 | 18,218,193 | 18,742,990 |
| 6,059,487 | 6,989,558 | 6,873,961 | 4,574,415 | 4,512,524 | 5,655,659 | 5,725,507 | 5,691,980 | 5,842,930 |
| 826,579 | 893,228 | 803,334 | 588,460 | 575,359 | 734,945 | 733,001 | 651,155 | 649,545 |
| 3,355,271 | 3,838,667 | 3,240,401 | 3,345,475 | 4,217,338 | 3,888,679 | 3,367,854 | 3,280,010 | 3,184,517 |
| 5,214 | 4,743 | 3,568 | 4,395 | 4,246 | 6,215 | 6,692 | 6,125 | 5,431 |
| 81,521 | 92,273 | 99,486 | 96,377 | 80,088 | 104,430 | 125,647 | 121,989 | 118,262 |
| 4,029,833 | 4,142,313 | 4,135,287 | 4,480,779 | 4,601,909 | 4,852,249 | 4,843,231 | 5,207,151 | 5,310,510 |
| 1,368,143 | 1,522,302 | 1,453,080 | 1,528,417 | 1,579,731 | 1,615,170 | 1,547,233 | 1,748,631 | 1,987,926 |
| 263,253 | 262,503 | 258,788 | 262,642 | 267,824 | 271,505 | 278,481 | 320,202 | 388,502 |
| 511,052 | 547,868 | 563,678 | 566,227 | 560,520 | 540,459 | 560,519 | 567,548 | 607,926 |
| 780 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 69,489 | 84,868 | 133,024 | 157,184 | 135,384 | 104,317 | 104,494 | 95,645 | 88,021 |
| 46,209 | 46,203 | 49,971 | 49,914 | 77,512 | 85,314 | 96,599 | 90,174 | 115,491 |
| 313,315 | 507,216 | 472,049 | 388,120 | 394,396 | 419,464 | 391,388 | 397,181 | 406,412 |
| 32,729 | 40,778 | 43,152 | 42,248 | 48,703 | 43,449 | 40,031 | 40,399 | 37,517 |
| 2,808,704 | 3,765,940 | 3,428,941 | 4,848,116 | 4,862,265 | 4,923,422 | 4,533,674 | 4,092,907 | 4,127,485 |
| 451,382 | 917,589 | 1,407,047 | 1,707,485 | 755,810 | 820,072 | 600,268 | 570,674 | 598,788 |
| 159,254 | 123,657 | 86,071 | 104,507 | 108,718 | 116,304 | 138,832 | 188,443 | 316,514 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 411,180 | 516,476 | 395,673 | 711,321 | 626,336 | 390,763 | 496,919 | 837,851 | 643,780 |
| 72,666 | 41,885 | 8,758 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1,258,001 | 1,724,622 | 915,707 | 1,601,738 | 2,437,261 | 3,153,942 | 2,980,709 | 2,223,736 | 2,328,657 |
| 456,221 | 441,711 | 615,685 | 723,065 | 934,140 | 442,340 | 316,946 | 272,203 | 239,746 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

Table 2.7 Farm operators, by farm type and by province, 2006

| | Canada | Newfoundland and Labrador | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| | number | | | |
| All operators^{1,2} | 327,055 | 715 | 2,335 | 5,095 |
| Farm type³ | | | | |
| Dairy cattle and milk production | 25,770 | 55 | 360 | 495 |
| Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots | 86,000 | 60 | 475 | 905 |
| Hog and pig farming | 9,245 | 10 | 90 | 85 |
| Chicken egg production | 2,680 | 20 | 20 | 75 |
| Broiler and other meat-type chicken production | 2,935 | 5 | 15 | 90 |
| Turkey production | 445 | 0 | 5 | 15 |
| Poultry hatcheries | 70 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Combination poultry and egg production | 240 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Other poultry production | 390 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sheep farming | 4,260 | 30 | 20 | 80 |
| Goat farming | 1,525 | 5 | 0 | 35 |
| Apiculture | 2,170 | 5 | 10 | 30 |
| Horse and other equine production | 22,905 | 15 | 115 | 260 |
| Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production | 535 | 25 | 15 | 125 |
| Livestock combination farming | 10,860 | 20 | 80 | 220 |
| All other miscellaneous animal production | 3,770 | 0 | 5 | 25 |
| Soybean farming | 8,390 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Oilseed (except soybean) farming | 13,505 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dry pea and bean farming | 1,590 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wheat farming | 15,480 | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| Corn farming | 4,880 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Other grain farming | 38,145 | 5 | 70 | 15 |
| Potato farming | 2,405 | 30 | 495 | 20 |
| Other vegetables (except potato) and melon farming | 5,315 | 95 | 70 | 175 |
| Fruit and tree-nut farming | 12,185 | 50 | 205 | 1,185 |
| Mushroom production | 235 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Other food crops grown under cover | 1,410 | 10 | 5 | 40 |
| Nursery and tree production | 6,895 | 60 | 25 | 500 |
| Floriculture production | 4,135 | 75 | 15 | 145 |
| Tobacco farming | 910 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hay farming | 24,090 | 85 | 110 | 345 |
| Fruit and vegetable combination farming | 865 | 30 | 10 | 35 |
| All other miscellaneous crop farming | 12,815 | 20 | 90 | 165 |

Note: Each census farm is classified according to the commodity or group of commodities that accounts for 50% or more of its total potential receipts.

1. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

2. Farm operators are those responsible for the management decisions made in the operation of a census farm or agricultural operation. Up to three farm operators may be reported per farm.

3. Farm type is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2002 farm-typing categories.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Agriculture.

| New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| number | | | | | | |
| 3,695 | 45,470 | 82,410 | 26,620 | 59,185 | 71,660 | 29,870 |
| 430 | 12,545 | 8,540 | 820 | 360 | 1,050 | 1,115 |
| 670 | 6,375 | 15,000 | 9,240 | 16,795 | 30,115 | 6,365 |
| 65 | 2,975 | 3,395 | 1,155 | 315 | 950 | 200 |
| 45 | 225 | 935 | 180 | 75 | 220 | 880 |
| 15 | 555 | 1,260 | 135 | 110 | 295 | 455 |
| 5 | 70 | 165 | 35 | 15 | 50 | 85 |
| 0 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| 0 | 30 | 70 | 15 | 5 | 25 | 85 |
| 0 | 100 | 135 | 15 | 10 | 35 | 85 |
| 25 | 930 | 1,515 | 195 | 260 | 615 | 590 |
| 20 | 235 | 555 | 105 | 80 | 265 | 225 |
| 35 | 215 | 530 | 350 | 350 | 395 | 255 |
| 195 | 1,200 | 6,560 | 1,265 | 1,600 | 7,095 | 4,600 |
| 20 | 95 | 170 | 25 | 0 | 10 | 45 |
| 150 | 885 | 3,665 | 660 | 1,285 | 2,365 | 1,535 |
| 30 | 270 | 445 | 180 | 725 | 1,605 | 485 |
| 5 | 475 | 7,665 | 225 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 0 | 20 | 35 | 1,940 | 7,130 | 4,270 | 115 |
| 0 | 0 | 195 | 170 | 1,085 | 130 | 5 |
| 10 | 100 | 1,225 | 1,645 | 8,730 | 3,680 | 70 |
| 5 | 2,535 | 2,270 | 35 | 0 | 10 | 15 |
| 35 | 1,580 | 6,155 | 5,050 | 16,110 | 8,945 | 185 |
| 340 | 435 | 345 | 240 | 130 | 250 | 110 |
| 100 | 1,240 | 2,250 | 145 | 60 | 185 | 1,000 |
| 485 | 1,840 | 2,835 | 185 | 230 | 360 | 4,815 |
| 5 | 25 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 80 |
| 10 | 395 | 510 | 10 | 35 | 135 | 260 |
| 215 | 910 | 2,080 | 215 | 115 | 820 | 1,960 |
| 110 | 740 | 1,525 | 210 | 220 | 415 | 690 |
| 0 | 5 | 900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 395 | 2,360 | 7,965 | 1,655 | 2,470 | 5,855 | 2,850 |
| 30 | 160 | 255 | 15 | 20 | 60 | 250 |
| 245 | 5,935 | 3,115 | 510 | 845 | 1,435 | 460 |

Table 2.8 Farm operators, by sex and age group, census years 2001 and 2006

| | 2001 | | 2006 | | 2001 to 2006 | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | number | % of total | number | % of total | % change | |
| All operators^{1,2} | 346,195 | 100.0 | 327,055 | 100.0 | -5.5 | |
| Under 35 | 39,920 | 11.5 | 29,925 | 9.1 | -25.0 | |
| 35 to 54 | 185,575 | 53.6 | 164,160 | 50.2 | -11.5 | |
| 55 and older | 120,705 | 34.9 | 132,975 | 40.7 | 10.2 | |
| Median age | 49 | ... | 51 | ... | 4.1 | |
| Male operators | 255,015 | 73.7 | 236,220 | 72.2 | -7.4 | |
| Under 35 | 29,430 | 8.5 | 22,170 | 6.8 | -24.7 | |
| 35 to 54 | 132,060 | 38.1 | 114,695 | 35.1 | -13.1 | |
| 55 and older | 93,530 | 27.0 | 99,360 | 30.4 | 6.2 | |
| Median age | 49 | ... | 52 | ... | 6.1 | |
| Female operators | 91,180 | 26.3 | 90,835 | 27.8 | -0.4 | |
| Under 35 | 10,490 | 3.0 | 7,755 | 2.4 | -26.1 | |
| 35 to 54 | 53,510 | 15.5 | 49,465 | 15.1 | -7.6 | |
| 55 and older | 27,175 | 7.8 | 33,615 | 10.3 | 23.7 | |
| Median age | 48 | ... | 50 | ... | 4.2 | |

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2. Farm operators are those responsible for the management decisions made in the operation of a census farm or agricultural operation. Up to three farm operators may be reported per farm.

Source: Statistics Canada, censuses of agriculture, 2001 and 2006.

Table 2.9 Total farm area, land tenure and land in crops, census years from 1986 to 2006

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | number | | | | |
| Total number of farms | 293,089 | 280,043 | 276,548 | 246,923 | 229,373 |
| Total farm area | | | | | |
| Area in hectares ¹ | 67,825,757 | 67,753,700 | 68,054,956 | 67,502,446 | 67,586,739 |
| Farms reporting | 293,089 | 280,043 | 276,548 | 246,923 | 229,373 |
| Average area in hectares per farm reporting | 231 | 242 | 246 | 273 | 295 |
| Total area owned | | | | | |
| Area in hectares ¹ | 43,218,905 | 42,961,352 | 43,060,963 | 42,265,706 | 41,377,673 |
| Farms reporting | 273,963 | 264,837 | 262,152 | 235,131 | 220,513 |
| Average area in hectares per farm reporting | 158 | 162 | 164 | 180 | 188 |
| Total area rented or leased from others² | | | | | |
| Area in hectares ¹ | 24,606,852 | 24,792,348 | 24,993,993 | 25,236,740 | 26,209,066 |
| Farms reporting | 118,735 | 111,387 | 111,718 | 103,484 | 97,989 |
| Average area in hectares per farm reporting | 207 | 223 | 224 | 244 | 267 |
| Land in crops (excluding Christmas tree area) | | | | | |
| Area in hectares ¹ | 33,181,235 | 33,507,780 | 34,918,733 | 36,395,150 | 35,912,247 |
| Farms reporting | 264,141 | 248,147 | 237,760 | 215,581 | 194,717 |
| Average area in hectares per farm reporting | 126 | 135 | 147 | 169 | 184 |

1. Conversion factor: 1 hectare equals 2.47 acres.

2. Total area rented or leased from others includes land leased from governments, rented or leased from others and crop-shared from others.

Source: Statistics Canada, censuses of agriculture, 1986 to 2006.