

Soft markets and difficult international factors took a toll on Canada's major livestock sectors in 2009. Lacklustre spring and summer weather hampered crop production as well. However, prices for the major grain and oilseed crops remained relatively strong.

Cold and drought early in western Canada's growing season and excessive moisture in eastern Canada stunted crops in 2009. In western Canada, a hot September and dry November enabled farmers to harvest later. They brought in a canola crop second only to the previous year's, and a wheat crop that was the second-best in nine years.

Market receipts for Canadian farmers were \$40.9 billion from crops and livestock in 2009, 2.1% less than in 2008. Total net income amounted to \$2.7 billion in 2009, down from \$4.1 billion in 2008.

Receipts for crop producers totalled \$23.0 billion in 2009, up 0.2% from 2008.

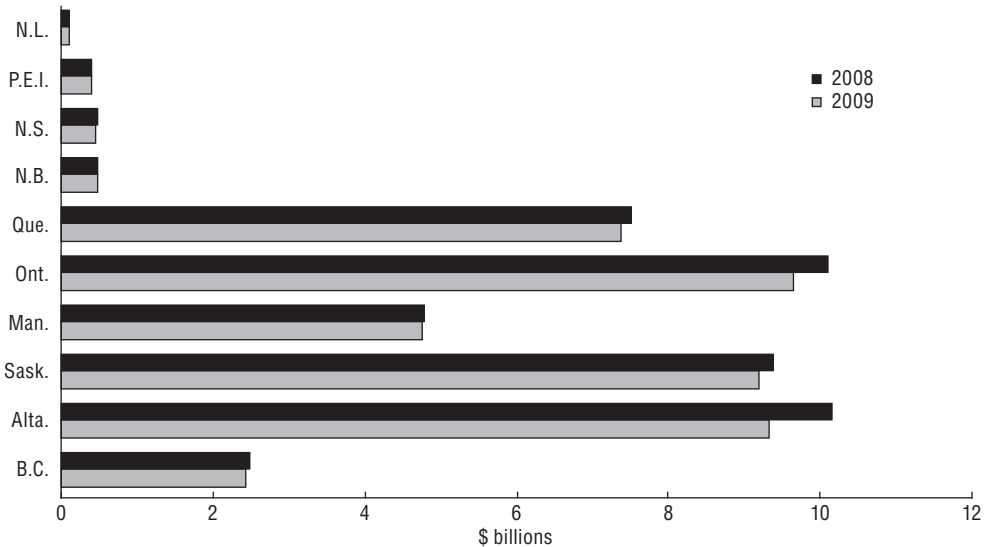
Grain and oilseed prices have fallen from their peak in 2008 in part because of above-average world production in 2008 and resulting high levels of stock. The decline in prices was offset by an increase in the quantities sold in most of the major grains and oilseeds in 2009, as producers drew down their stocks from the bumper crop in 2008.

Including Canada Wheat Board payments, receipts from wheat (including durum, the wheat used for pasta) were down 13.0%, receipts from canola rose 2.5%, and receipts for potatoes increased 16.4% in 2009 compared with 2008.

Livestock shipments fall

Livestock receipts declined \$900 million to \$17.9 billion in 2009. The 4.8% drop was largely the result of a sharp decline in the number of animals exported. Exports have been hampered by the stronger Canadian dollar, concerns about the

Chart 2.1
Farm cash receipts, by province



Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 002-0001.

H1N1 (swine) flu virus and country-of-origin labelling legislation in the United States. Another factor was lower demand for livestock products resulting from the global downturn. The number of live cattle shipped across the border fell 33.3% and the number of hogs shipped fell 31.7% from 2008 to 2009. Cattle prices were relatively stable in 2009, but hog prices fell 4.7%.

Receipts in the supply-managed sector—milk, poultry and eggs—rose 1.6%, mainly on higher dairy and poultry prices.

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

The number of cattle and hogs on farms declined in 2009. Hog inventories were down 2.8% to 11.8 million. The number of cattle—beef and dairy—dropped 1.3% to 13.0 million head as of January 1, 2010.

Most food is grown here

Canada is better positioned than most nations to withstand changes in the world food supply. In 2007, the majority of key

Table 2.a
Consumer spending on selected foods, 2007

	Spending Total \$ billions	Source	
		Domestic	Imported ¹
		%	
Total	73.8	71.8	28.2
Meat	13.4	79.6	20.4
Fish	2.7	57.9	42.1
Fruit and vegetables	15.6	59.5	40.5
Bread and cereals	12.1	76.3	23.7
Dairy	12.0	81.4	18.6
Other	18.0	69.3	30.7

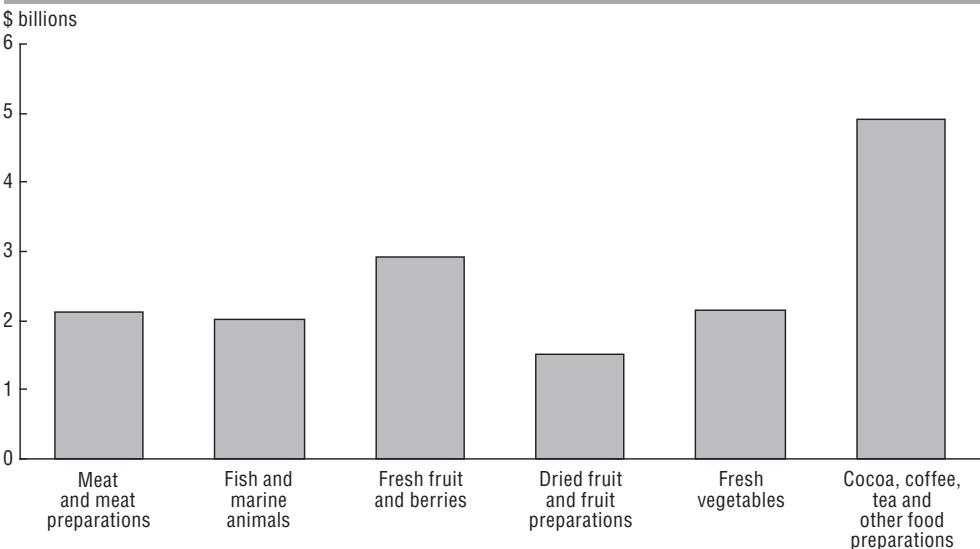
1. Includes both direct and indirect imports embedded in other goods.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 11-010-X.

food staples—even fruits and vegetables—were produced domestically: 81% of dairy products, 80% of meat, 76% of bread and cereals, and 60% of fruits and vegetables.

As well as importing nearly 40% of our fruits and vegetables, other popular import commodities are coffee, tea, sugar, rice, fish, and some fats, particularly olive oil—products that do not grow in Canada. Imports of fruits and vegetables totalled \$8.1 billion in 2009. Imports of coffee, cocoa, tea and sugar totalled \$6.6 billion.

Chart 2.2
Imports of selected food products, 2009



Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 228-0003.

Watering the dry spots

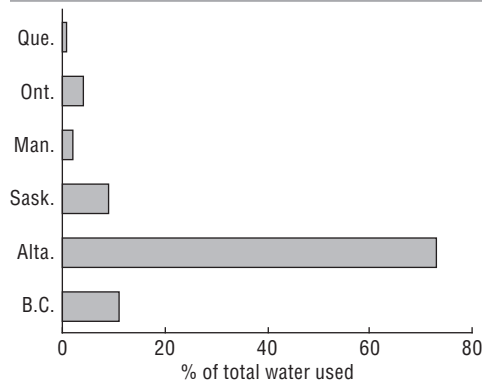
Canada is not particularly arid. The 2006 Census of Agriculture reported that 7% of farms were using irrigation. However, irrigation is a must in a few areas.

Some of Canada's driest agricultural areas are in central and southeastern British Columbia, southern Alberta, and southwestern Saskatchewan. Alberta farms use more water by volume, accounting for 73% of all water used for irrigation in 2007; British Columbia and Saskatchewan combined used another 20%.

The amount of water used on a farm depends on the crop and the region. Grain and oilseed farms in the Prairies typically have a larger average acreage than the orchards of British Columbia or farms in Ontario and Quebec.

Among farms using irrigation, more than 70% of prairie farms and 53% of farms in British Columbia used off-farm water, mostly from provincial sources.

Chart 2.3
Water used for irrigation, selected provinces, 2007



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

For example, most irrigators in Alberta receive allocations of water from provincial irrigation districts. Water from off the farm must be transported—tankers, canals or aqueducts bring water from suitable sources.

Strawberries losing ground

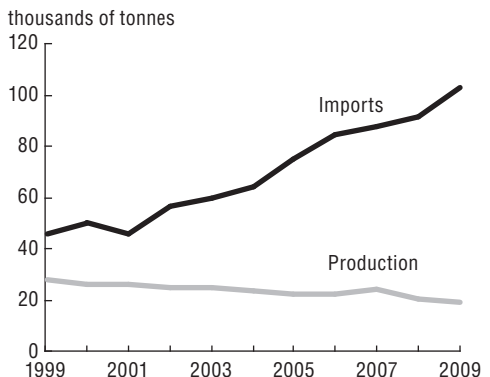
Strawberries are grown in every Canadian province, but the industry has been declining in the past decade: 4,433 hectares of farmland were devoted to strawberries in 2009, compared with 5,793 hectares in 2002.

Canadian farmers produced nearly 19,191 tonnes of strawberries in 2009, worth \$68.0 million. In 2000, they produced about 25,825 tonnes of strawberries, worth \$53.6 million.

Strawberries account for 4% of the 118,368 hectares devoted to fruit in 2009. Blueberries accounted for 56% of this area, followed by apples at 17% and vinifera grapes at 11%.

While the domestic strawberry industry has declined, imports have increased. In 2008, 91,469 tonnes were imported, while

Chart 2.4
Supply of fresh strawberries



Note: Computed annual average.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 002-0010.

20,340 tonnes were produced domestically. In 2003, Canadians produced 23,490 tonnes and imported 59,400 tonnes.

Table 2.1 Livestock and poultry, 1996 to 2010

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	thousands					
Inventory on January 1						
Cattle	13,402	13,412	13,360	13,211	13,201	13,608
Bulls ¹	249	246	236	225	230	239
Milk cows	1,237	1,231	1,184	1,157	1,103	1,091
Beef cows	4,381	4,387	4,361	4,386	4,452	4,602
Dairy heifers ²	524	531	511	494	487	498
Beef heifers ²	1,418	1,388	1,433	1,309	1,347	1,475
For breeding	814	724	687	605	645	674
For market	604	664	746	704	703	801
Steers ³	864	981	1,004	1,197	1,267	1,222
Calves	4,728	4,648	4,631	4,443	4,315	4,482
Pigs	11,588	11,480	11,985	12,429	12,904	13,576
Breeding stock	1,152	1,195	1,287	1,304	1,346	1,406
Boars, ⁴ six months and older	61	58	58	54	49	46
Sows ⁵ and gilts, ⁶ six months and older	1,091	1,136	1,229	1,250	1,297	1,361
All other pigs	10,436	10,285	10,698	11,125	11,559	12,169
Under 20 kilograms	3,300	3,317	3,505	3,872	3,918	4,115
20 to 60 kilograms	3,504	3,511	3,635	3,678	3,916	4,127
Over 60 kilograms	3,632	3,457	3,559	3,576	3,725	3,928
Sheep, 1 year and older	456	447	465	490	543	606
Rams ⁷	22	23	24	25	28	30
Ewes ⁸	434	425	441	465	515	576
Lambs	187	180	197	227	251	342
Production						
Chickens	501,289	516,952	541,278	570,468	590,623	624,792
Turkeys	21,475	20,999	20,070	20,087	21,268	20,191

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.

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
thousands								
13,752	13,466	14,555	14,925	14,655	14,155	13,895	13,180	13,015
237	239	270	273	264	245	247	244	230
1,084	1,066	1,055	1,041	1,019	995	984	979	981
4,636	4,752	5,019	5,284	5,247	5,020	4,982	4,650	4,471
508	512	504	518	495	480	471	456	459
1,518	1,453	1,558	1,583	1,615	1,551	1,578	1,362	1,416
654	648	688	638	628	587	595	537	516
865	805	871	945	987	964	983	825	900
1,195	1,174	1,203	1,160	1,147	1,145	1,102	1,058	1,141
4,574	4,270	4,945	5,067	4,868	4,720	4,531	4,433	4,317
14,375	14,745	14,725	14,810	15,110	14,907	13,810	12,180	11,835
1,512	1,569	1,615	1,634	1,605	1,579	1,512	1,395	1,332
44	42	39	37	35	33	30	24	22
1,468	1,527	1,576	1,597	1,571	1,546	1,483	1,371	1,310
12,863	13,177	13,110	13,176	13,505	13,328	12,298	10,785	10,503
4,239	4,369	4,545	4,487	4,476	4,545	4,472	3,689	3,599
4,340	4,454	4,371	4,413	4,623	4,532	3,962	3,619	3,605
4,284	4,354	4,195	4,277	4,406	4,251	3,864	3,478	3,300
644	641	641	633	589	584	557	546	540
29	29	27	27	26	26	24	24	23
615	613	613	606	563	558	533	522	517
349	334	354	345	305	295	269	262	267
625,692	615,921	613,510	626,270	622,197	640,380	640,831	638,290	..
19,672	19,835	19,517	20,493	21,172	21,861	22,857	21,648	..

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

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

1. Conversion factor: 1 hectare = 2.47 acres.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 001-0010.

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
hectares ¹								
10,950,500	10,370,400	10,413,300	9,885,100	9,653,900	9,852,200	8,849,500	10,192,400	10,047,000
8,325,400	7,454,800	7,353,900	7,116,200	6,827,300	7,585,000	6,157,200	6,621,900	6,851,100
460,100	436,900	647,400	630,200	519,900	731,200	743,700	1,130,200	905,300
2,165,000	2,478,700	2,412,000	2,138,700	2,306,700	1,536,000	1,948,600	2,440,300	2,436,000
1,907,400	2,345,900	2,033,200	1,924,100	1,767,900	2,063,500	2,188,400	1,758,400	1,510,100
4,700,200	5,070,200	4,989,400	4,432,100	4,142,600	3,689,900	4,396,800	3,786,600	3,505,900
181,400	159,900	246,400	258,200	207,600	276,200	171,900	168,000	167,900
163,200	143,700	228,200	242,000	207,600	276,200	171,900	168,000	167,900
18,200	16,200	18,200	16,200	0	0	0	0	0
364,200	284,000	240,700	222,400	213,700	335,700	170,700	143,400	188,900
1,294,200	1,299,300	1,264,600	1,184,800	1,113,100	1,093,100	1,391,500	1,204,000	1,203,500
15,900	12,100	9,300	6,100	4,000	7,200	2,000	0	0
1,343,600	1,209,900	1,169,300	1,282,900	1,303,000	1,260,500	1,469,000	1,616,600	1,521,700
84,400	115,300	72,900	68,800	76,900	76,900	60,700	54,700	38,400
94,900	109,700	88,800	88,900	114,800	101,300	92,500	73,600	80,700
671,800	692,000	744,600	700,000	760,800	804,800	528,000	631,300	692,000
1,081,500	1,030,300	1,052,800	1,223,000	1,172,400	1,213,500	1,180,100	1,202,400	1,394,000
165,800	289,300	339,800	298,600	194,100	133,800	186,200	194,200	212,400
3,826,800	3,876,800	4,735,700	5,218,200	5,369,900	5,283,300	6,376,200	6,539,600	6,555,800
72,800	99,500	108,400	80,900	87,000	77,000	80,900	68,800	64,700
12,100	12,100	12,100	14,200	13,800	15,700	13,800	7,300	12,100
7,663,400	7,806,500	7,879,000	8,024,500	8,169,900	8,237,000	8,239,200	8,201,600	8,183,100
233,800	226,000	233,900	234,800	222,800	270,700	246,400	252,200	312,200
708,200	540,200	513,400	738,400	802,800	566,500	580,800	706,200	971,300
170,000	279,200	259,000	347,900	184,200	135,600	178,100	167,900	127,500
5,200	5,200	4,800	6,000	4,800	8,400	6,100	0	0
47,300	87,000	78,100	72,900	53,800	57,300	48,600	34,400	48,600
2,400	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7,300	8,100	8,100	4,000	0	5,800	8,100	0	0
..	8,100	8,100	10,100	10,100	..	..	..	..
..	2,000	2,000	4,000	0	0	2,000	..	..
485,700	192,200	62,700	46,600	78,800	129,100	174,000	44,400	42,400

Table 2.3 Principal field crop production, 1995 to 2009

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	tonnes					
All wheat	24,989,400	29,801,400	24,299,400	24,082,300	26,959,900	26,535,500
Spring wheat	18,847,100	24,146,900	19,032,400	16,564,600	20,900,800	19,027,000
Winter wheat	1,493,900	1,027,900	915,300	1,475,800	1,718,200	1,800,000
Durum wheat	4,648,400	4,626,600	4,351,700	6,041,900	4,340,900	5,708,500
Oats	2,872,800	4,361,100	3,489,300	3,957,500	3,641,300	3,403,300
Barley	13,032,500	15,562,000	13,533,900	12,708,700	13,196,000	13,228,600
All rye	309,600	309,400	320,000	408,200	386,600	260,300
Fall rye	291,800	291,100	303,400	391,700	366,800	247,000
Spring rye	17,800	18,300	16,600	16,500	19,800	13,300
Mixed grains	653,300	581,900	626,400	540,000	462,800	434,900
Corn for grain	7,280,900	7,541,700	7,179,800	8,952,400	9,161,300	6,953,700
Buckwheat	21,200	22,200	16,500	14,800	12,500	13,600
Dry field peas	1,454,700	1,173,000	1,762,300	2,336,800	2,251,900	2,864,300
Dry white beans	116,200	61,200	82,600	73,900	149,100	119,300
Coloured beans	86,900	71,800	85,400	111,200	135,400	142,100
Flaxseed	1,104,900	851,000	895,400	1,080,900	1,022,400	693,400
Soybeans	2,297,500	2,169,500	2,737,700	2,736,600	2,780,900	2,703,000
Mustard seed	244,300	230,800	243,400	238,600	306,400	202,200
Canola (rapeseed)	6,434,200	5,062,300	6,393,100	7,643,300	8,798,300	7,205,300
Sunflower seed	66,200	54,900	65,100	111,800	121,900	119,300
Sugar beets	1,026,900	1,034,200	635,000	880,000	743,900	821,000
Tame hay	26,851,400	28,025,000	21,137,500	21,825,000	25,032,900	23,921,600
Fodder corn	4,995,700	5,375,400	5,466,600	6,425,600	6,611,500	5,890,300
Lentils	431,900	402,500	378,800	479,800	723,800	914,100
Canary seed	154,600	284,600	115,000	235,300	166,000	170,800
Fababeans	5,800	5,520	4,300	13,700	6,500	15,400
Triticale	39,900	35,200	31,000	85,300	126,200	89,700
Safflower	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	2009
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	26,514,600
16,010,200	10,531,200	16,124,700	17,530,300	17,803,300	18,617,300	13,873,400	18,404,900	18,120,000
1,570,500	1,553,200	2,712,300	2,463,800	2,030,200	3,301,900	2,499,200	4,686,900	2,995,000
3,049,500	3,876,900	4,211,600	4,801,400	5,914,600	3,346,200	3,681,400	5,519,300	5,399,600
2,690,700	2,910,700	3,376,700	3,467,200	3,282,700	3,852,200	4,696,300	4,272,600	2,798,200
10,845,600	7,467,700	12,164,200	12,556,700	11,677,600	9,573,100	10,983,900	11,781,400	9,517,200
227,800	133,800	327,100	397,500	330,400	382,900	252,000	316,200	280,500
215,600	129,400	307,800	383,500	330,400	382,900	252,000	316,200	280,500
12,200	4,400	19,300	14,000	0	0	0	0	0
446,500	358,900	384,400	342,500	316,400	346,500	262,600	221,900	213,400
8,389,200	8,998,800	9,587,300	8,836,800	9,332,200	8,989,800	11,648,700	10,592,000	9,561,200
16,300	12,200	9,900	1,500	4,600	7,400	2,300	0	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	3,379,400
136,200	209,700	151,000	80,700	117,900	159,700	105,200	108,900	67,200
153,000	197,100	193,300	137,400	199,600	212,900	171,600	157,300	153,000
715,000	679,400	754,400	516,900	990,600	988,800	633,500	861,100	930,100
1,635,200	2,335,700	2,273,300	3,043,900	3,155,600	3,465,500	2,695,700	3,335,900	3,503,700
107,100	154,300	226,100	286,700	183,800	108,200	123,400	161,000	208,300
5,017,100	4,520,500	6,771,200	7,673,600	9,483,300	9,000,300	9,601,100	12,642,900	11,825,400
103,800	157,400	142,300	52,200	84,400	157,300	124,800	112,200	101,900
544,300	344,700	680,400	743,900	607,800	870,900	762,000	344,700	657,700
20,373,500	18,396,700	23,265,800	27,307,400	29,555,100	29,966,200	30,217,400	30,431,500	25,022,000
6,079,000	6,355,800	7,213,000	7,795,400	7,653,000	9,680,600	8,136,600	8,840,600	10,996,700
566,300	328,000	484,600	915,800	1,164,300	692,800	733,900	1,043,200	1,510,200
113,900	177,500	234,600	300,500	227,200	133,100	162,000	195,600	141,900
10,200	9,100	8,400	15,300	9,800	16,000	10,900	0	0
31,200	26,000	64,400	80,000	43,200	26,900	47,000	37,900	30,000
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	75,500

Table 2.4 Principal field crop production, by province, 2009

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick
	tonnes				
All wheat	26,514,600	.	29,600	9,700	3,300
Spring wheat	18,120,000	.	26,100	1,300	2,000
Winter wheat	2,995,000	.	3,500	8,400	1,300
Durum wheat	5,399,600	.	.	.	.
Oats	2,798,200	.	10,700	4,600	17,900
Barley	9,517,200	.	55,500	6,100	29,800
Fall rye	280,500	.	..	..	.
Mixed grains	213,400	.	4,400	..	..
Corn for grain	9,561,200	.	.	25,600	33,500
Buckwheat	0	.	.	.	.
Dry field peas	3,379,400	.	.	.	.
Dry white beans	67,200	.	.	.	.
Coloured beans	153,000	.	.	.	.
Flaxseed	930,100	.	.	.	.
Soybeans	3,503,700	.	33,100	.	.
Mustard seed	208,300	.	.	.	.
Canola (rapeseed)	11,825,400	.	.	.	.
Sunflower seed	101,900	.	.	.	.
Sugar beets	657,700	.	.	.	.
Tame hay	25,022,000	39,000	261,300	359,200	365,600
Fodder corn	10,996,700	.	76,200	119,700	87,100
Lentils	1,510,200	.	.	.	.
Canary seed	141,900	.	.	.	.
Fababeans	0	.	.	.	.
Triticale	30,000	.	.	.	.
Coriander seed	..	.	.	.	.
Chick peas	75,500	.	.	.	.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 001-0010.

Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
tonnes					
148,500	2,006,200	3,999,700	12,805,700	7,440,700	71,200
135,000	155,500	3,561,100	7,987,200	6,180,600	71,200
13,500	1,850,700	438,600	412,300	266,700	..
.	.	..	4,406,200	993,400	.
220,000	79,800	663,200	1,465,100	308,400	28,500
265,000	236,200	958,000	4,080,200	3,840,700	45,700
0	37,600	99,100	105,700	38,100	..
45,000	125,600	3,200	12,200	23,000	0
2,720,000	6,375,700	363,200	.	43,200	.
..	0	0	.	.	.
.	.	100,000	2,612,700	666,700	..
..	39,500	27,700	.	..	.
4,400	37,200	61,500	.	49,900	.
.	.	193,000	708,700	28,400	.
530,000	2,619,500	321,100	.	.	.
.	.	..	160,600	47,700	.
23,500	40,300	2,828,100	5,726,600	3,161,500	45,400
.	.	101,900	..	..	.
..	.	..	.	657,700	.
4,174,900	5,760,600	3,356,600	3,991,600	5,352,400	1,360,800
2,100,100	5,688,000	1,224,700	.	938,900	544,300
.	.	..	1,480,100	30,100	.
.	.	7,400	134,500	..	.
.	.	..	..	0	.
.	.	..	17,300	12,700	.
.
.	.	.	57,400	18,100	.

Table 2.5 Farm cash receipts, crops 1995 to 2009

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	\$ thousands					
Total crop receipts	13,114,105	14,016,229	14,093,889	13,642,036	13,121,182	12,969,706
Wheat	2,823,648	3,482,441	3,521,262	2,419,075	2,338,900	2,354,516
Marketing Board payments ¹	1,432,766	1,123,878	725,720	948,849	948,353	811,564
Oats	224,863	305,427	263,857	193,228	174,622	196,414
Barley	719,800	960,127	727,160	510,285	421,352	477,973
Deferred grain receipts	-843,814	-1,036,068	-1,000,195	-951,219	-612,127	-600,798
Liquidation of deferred grain receipts	772,840	843,814	1,036,068	1,000,190	965,148	668,747
Rye	30,776	38,989	34,242	19,743	17,212	15,285
Flaxseed	230,310	220,875	291,632	262,858	138,965	148,743
Canola (rapeseed)	1,906,362	1,968,956	2,127,750	2,663,207	1,771,011	1,559,711
Soybeans	661,659	626,673	814,222	800,348	618,194	677,947
Corn	704,294	808,128	696,106	642,363	742,902	676,073
Sugar beets	52,043	40,670	34,483	39,838	30,527	32,899
Potatoes	517,641	533,124	512,581	612,166	700,669	682,785
Greenhouse vegetables	..	218,473	270,361	376,949	438,491	504,713
Other vegetables	..	749,685	778,440	791,025	782,354	796,612
Vegetables	923,155	..	..	..	..	..
Apples	184,149	186,587	177,700	168,718	182,629	192,597
Other tree fruits	68,116	54,853	57,135	63,100	70,360	67,919
Blueberries	..	..	..	..	..	..
Strawberries	68,128	48,639	49,979	53,015	53,590	53,550
Grapes	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other berries and grapes	172,610	206,101	202,124	201,996	268,504	232,888
Floriculture, nursery and sod	941,540	999,335	1,095,216	1,059,689	1,195,407	1,417,392
Floriculture	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nursery	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sod	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tobacco	296,647	345,332	353,267	358,610	356,706	348,427
Mustard seed	74,553	110,974	95,161	87,716	89,486	63,774
Sunflower seed	25,742	19,607	17,166	26,282	30,326	31,237
Lentils	134,667	135,279	97,570	120,786	195,960	233,525
Canary seed	58,392	81,652	48,229	40,285	39,667	34,383
Dry beans	101,383	63,808	72,467	98,922	125,061	123,029
Dry peas	217,900	219,825	239,337	275,313	262,147	269,772
Chick peas	..	..	912	6,180	21,944	63,113
Forage and grass seed	46,980	66,785	77,518	87,346	84,867	82,882
Hay and clover	132,077	137,283	171,294	179,346	204,849	265,148
Maple products	90,975	121,386	131,098	137,470	147,277	180,680
Forest products	180,061	167,537	156,144	144,173	132,215	120,250
Miscellaneous crops	93,172	88,039	98,961	92,508	78,308	73,340
Ginseng	70,670	78,015	63,467	58,661	45,231	46,716
Christmas trees	..	..	66,884	60,318	63,413	67,216

1. Payments made directly to producers by the Canadian Wheat Board, the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board and starting in 2006, by the *Federation of Quebec Producers of Cash Crops*.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 002-0001.

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
\$ thousands								
13,504,866	14,411,906	13,312,062	14,420,425	13,477,388	14,685,464	18,414,176	22,953,640	22,970,651
2,562,831	2,459,795	2,240,026	2,130,954	1,761,947	2,181,272	2,920,030	4,428,066	4,033,994
1,042,085	981,534	337,267	1,007,545	842,575	728,644	1,454,342	1,578,038	1,153,835
273,962	305,208	243,168	231,433	257,146	332,877	427,701	569,604	387,733
621,288	505,355	370,948	455,227	343,280	352,650	707,245	841,782	763,020
-901,715	-707,482	-720,785	-725,334	-440,888	-564,327	-956,851	-1,444,214	-1,268,271
617,916	865,783	716,026	740,301	688,582	442,871	588,097	962,290	1,420,133
16,210	12,182	12,440	29,457	12,782	16,160	38,445	37,910	33,127
165,737	236,609	192,160	198,722	171,221	158,805	246,963	346,734	236,644
1,723,004	1,776,767	1,889,576	2,151,367	1,826,124	2,503,038	3,450,296	4,914,575	5,036,507
534,482	587,657	758,345	630,764	760,350	679,914	1,031,570	1,124,064	1,338,920
630,884	819,169	786,685	794,416	622,791	753,659	1,051,161	1,559,253	1,300,250
19,333	20,072	22,732	30,921	32,140	38,180	34,726	23,543	22,690
722,874	917,617	845,723	820,195	787,452	895,586	865,751	971,206	1,130,805
589,710	595,780	637,145	739,176	744,616	802,411	780,624	870,221	870,169
866,539	836,640	883,358	900,312	892,190	991,917	953,724	951,366	1,048,461
..
181,209	153,127	146,276	148,360	147,230	148,596	166,153	177,220	174,820
..
84,236	86,308	116,589	151,337	168,863	224,939	198,415	163,338	111,995
55,890	52,396	53,475	56,890	58,690	60,782	60,585	61,250	68,038
74,655	77,085	55,790	82,400	54,650	94,065	107,480	119,462	115,487
..
1,496,750	1,644,909	1,690,984	1,731,320	1,725,011	1,718,941	1,745,221	1,642,062	1,596,626
1,076,423	1,197,679	1,226,791	1,252,517	1,205,112	1,186,003	1,189,266	1,047,766	1,019,107
339,175	359,857	360,401	372,623	406,540	405,779	430,051	463,993	449,503
81,153	87,371	103,793	106,182	113,359	127,156	125,903	130,302	128,014
240,007	274,150	222,256	231,181	194,942	175,671	79,269	70,936	109,318
54,142	58,163	75,395	75,494	44,057	46,118	90,748	145,010	102,142
33,495	45,610	51,115	31,746	15,212	24,629	70,177	57,997	38,757
178,152	132,095	144,593	204,998	226,677	182,347	343,955	587,538	868,174
50,462	92,635	75,470	54,886	35,013	46,116	76,438	109,222	69,514
101,474	139,089	141,843	151,916	155,345	153,268	165,097	193,977	154,725
304,475	252,978	253,495	342,672	265,299	366,519	562,784	631,993	650,800
149,057	121,018	18,525	7,295	34,956	65,371	48,681	40,817	42,532
67,218	76,854	65,150	71,543	83,721	82,092	79,327	71,567	56,580
327,000	345,071	314,726	286,131	263,609	245,475	257,506	274,587	294,657
145,777	150,251	153,245	147,996	189,644	185,218	165,518	209,262	351,512
117,952	115,663	113,366	111,071	108,776	113,670	125,145	119,887	111,736
85,954	97,519	94,519	104,739	100,013	111,958	143,963	178,765	180,417
60,099	68,241	70,899	52,870	69,956	64,364	91,386	73,294	95,541
76,239	75,433	69,280	65,023	65,761	66,030	58,618	65,027	59,460

Table 2.6 Farm cash receipts, livestock and livestock products and direct payments, 1995 to 2009

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	\$ thousands					
Total farm cash receipts from crops and livestock	27,123,321	29,075,327	29,835,513	29,505,263	30,256,780	32,879,399
Total receipts from livestock and livestock products	12,703,800	13,857,294	14,632,865	14,441,683	15,159,564	17,100,989
Cattle	4,147,003	4,358,769	4,764,242	5,149,009	5,465,302	6,059,487
Calves	460,186	371,990	526,849	554,635	716,237	826,579
Hogs	2,252,460	2,884,759	2,989,331	2,201,164	2,395,475	3,355,271
Sheep	3,206	3,026	3,494	4,034	4,013	5,214
Lambs	66,403	74,812	71,844	67,723	70,463	81,521
Dairy products	3,463,085	3,514,733	3,709,267	3,846,077	3,920,935	4,029,833
Hens and chickens	1,050,960	1,248,291	1,298,789	1,356,008	1,320,852	1,368,143
Turkeys	237,891	266,906	258,588	248,836	240,235	263,253
Eggs	590,826	644,956	482,874	466,165	477,591	511,052
Wool ¹	1,976	1,229	1,506	1,292	555	780
Honey	58,209	62,817	74,486	88,593	79,602	69,489
Furs	31,222	57,974	41,261	41,298	30,500	46,209
Miscellaneous livestock and livestock products	214,374	242,507	259,286	260,480	277,403	313,315
Hatcheries (chicks and poults)	..	..	28,304	32,406	30,233	32,729
Total receipts from direct payments	1,305,416	1,201,804	1,108,759	1,421,544	1,976,034	2,808,704
Crop insurance payments ²	306,725	256,832	302,721	318,356	239,544	451,382
Private hail insurance	174,738	81,613	71,068	55,855	68,628	159,254
<i>Western Grain Stabilization Act</i> payments	-626	-4,527	-582	-228	-31	..
Price stabilization payments	2	0	..	..	..	..
Tripartite payments	10,551	-461	5,577	-26	2,388	..
Provincial stabilization payments	308,128	300,359	170,846	507,947	572,776	411,180
Dairy subsidy	213,553	170,657	146,610	132,113	103,652	72,666
Other payments ³	67,182	105,525	214,741	139,145	546,516	1,258,001
Net Income Stabilization Account payments	46,296	114,716	153,322	268,724	444,918	456,221
Gross Revenue Insurance Plan payments	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, Tripartite Plans and the Gross Revenue Insurance Plan are included in 'other payments.'

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 002-0001.

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
\$ thousands								
36,243,327	35,970,624	34,244,827	36,338,224	36,741,114	36,954,824	40,745,494	45,887,990	44,173,070
18,972,521	18,129,777	16,084,649	17,055,534	18,340,304	17,740,099	18,238,411	18,802,108	17,902,507
6,989,558	6,873,961	4,574,415	4,512,524	5,659,529	5,627,067	5,699,565	5,885,352	5,278,148
893,228	803,334	588,460	575,359	740,455	734,377	651,573	647,287	554,205
3,838,667	3,240,401	3,345,475	4,217,338	3,888,679	3,374,105	3,280,023	3,172,444	2,891,663
4,743	3,568	4,395	4,246	6,209	6,693	6,125	5,534	7,429
92,273	99,486	96,377	80,088	104,433	124,961	121,989	121,696	124,271
4,142,313	4,135,287	4,480,779	4,601,909	4,852,249	4,843,231	5,207,151	5,306,310	5,455,626
1,522,302	1,453,080	1,528,417	1,579,731	1,615,170	1,547,493	1,743,154	1,995,139	2,023,484
262,503	258,788	262,642	267,824	271,505	278,480	324,410	388,442	359,109
547,868	563,678	566,227	560,520	538,703	560,438	567,548	607,926	588,623
..
84,868	133,024	157,184	135,384	104,317	104,494	95,645	98,349	108,395
46,203	49,971	49,914	77,512	85,314	96,599	90,174	115,491	77,020
507,216	472,049	388,120	394,396	430,292	401,981	410,485	420,528	396,539
40,778	43,152	42,248	48,703	43,449	40,183	40,568	37,608	37,990
3,765,940	3,428,941	4,848,116	4,862,265	4,923,422	4,529,261	4,092,907	4,132,242	3,299,912
917,589	1,407,047	1,707,485	755,810	820,072	600,268	570,674	598,788	810,875
123,657	86,071	104,507	108,718	116,304	134,419	188,443	316,514	119,558
..
..
..
516,476	395,673	711,321	626,336	390,763	496,919	837,851	643,780	689,046
41,885	8,758	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1,724,622	915,707	1,601,738	2,437,261	3,153,942	2,980,709	2,223,736	2,333,414	1,478,913
441,711	615,685	723,065	934,140	442,340	316,946	272,203	239,746	201,520
..

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

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick
	number				
All operators^{1,2}	327,055	710	2,330	5,095	3,695
Farm type³					
Dairy cattle and milk production	25,775	55	355	495	435
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	86,005	60	475	900	675
Hog and pig farming	9,240	10	95	85	60
Chicken egg production	2,680	20	20	70	50
Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	2,935	5	15	95	15
Turkey production	450	0	0	15	5
Poultry hatcheries	70	5	0	0	0
Combination poultry and egg production	235	0	0	10	5
Other poultry production	385	0	0	0	5
Sheep farming	4,260	30	20	80	20
Goat farming	1,525	5	5	40	15
Apiculture	2,165	5	5	30	30
Horse and other equine production	22,910	10	115	260	195
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	530	25	10	125	25
Livestock combination farming	10,860	25	75	225	145
All other miscellaneous animal production	3,765	0	0	30	30
Soybean farming	8,385	0	10	0	0
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	13,505	0	0	0	0
Dry pea and bean farming	1,590	0	5	0	5
Wheat farming	15,475	0	10	5	5
Corn farming	4,885	0	0	5	0
Other grain farming	38,145	0	70	20	40
Potato farming	2,405	25	495	25	345
Other vegetables (except potato) and melon farming	5,315	95	70	175	100
Fruit and tree-nut farming	12,190	55	205	1,185	485
Mushroom production	240	0	0	5	5
Other food crops grown under cover	1,410	15	5	35	15
Nursery and tree production	6,895	55	25	500	210
Floriculture production	4,140	80	15	140	110
Tobacco farming	910	0	5	0	0
Hay farming	24,090	80	110	350	395
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	870	30	10	30	30
All other miscellaneous crop farming	12,815	15	90	160	250

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 could 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.

Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
number					
45,470	82,405	26,620	59,185	71,660	29,865
12,545	8,540	825	365	1,055	1,110
6,370	15,000	9,240	16,800	30,115	6,365
2,970	3,395	1,160	320	955	200
220	930	185	80	220	880
555	1,260	135	105	295	455
75	170	35	20	50	85
15	20	5	0	10	10
30	70	15	5	20	90
100	135	20	5	35	85
930	1,515	195	260	620	590
240	550	100	80	265	220
215	530	345	350	390	250
1,200	6,560	1,260	1,605	7,095	4,600
100	170	20	0	15	45
890	3,665	660	1,280	2,365	1,540
265	450	180	725	1,605	480
475	7,670	220	5	0	0
20	40	1,935	7,130	4,265	110
0	200	170	1,090	135	0
100	1,225	1,645	8,730	3,675	70
2,530	2,275	30	0	15	10
1,575	6,150	5,045	16,105	8,945	180
440	350	245	130	250	110
1,240	2,255	140	60	185	1,005
1,845	2,830	180	225	360	4,815
25	105	5	0	5	85
395	510	5	35	130	255
905	2,075	210	115	820	1,960
735	1,530	205	220	420	685
5	900	0	0	0	0
2,365	7,965	1,660	2,470	5,850	2,850
155	260	15	20	55	250
5,935	3,115	505	850	1,430	465

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

	2001		2006		2001 to 2006
	number	% of total	number	% of total	% change
All operators^{1,2}	346,200	100.0	327,060	100.0	-5.5
Under 35	39,915	11.5	29,920	9.1	-25.0
35 to 54	185,570	53.6	164,160	50.2	-11.5
55 and older	120,705	34.9	132,970	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	22,165	6.8	-24.7
35 to 54	132,065	38.1	114,690	35.1	-13.2
55 and older	93,525	27.0	99,360	30.4	6.2
Median age	50	...	52	...	4.0
Female operators	91,175	26.3	90,840	27.8	-0.4
Under 35	10,490	3.0	7,755	2.4	-26.1
35 to 54	53,515	15.5	49,465	15.1	-7.6
55 and older	27,175	7.8	33,620	10.3	23.7
Median age	48	...	50	...	4.2

1. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding. Minor differences can be expected in figures appearing in other tables.

2. Farm operators are those responsible for the management decisions in the operation of a census farm or agricultural operation. Up to three farm operators could 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, 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	67,502,447	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	42,265,707	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	36,395,151	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 = 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.