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- r** revised
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## Introduction

The quinquennial Census of Agriculture provides Statistics Canada with the opportunity to gather information on livestock species that are not part of the Agriculture Division's regular estimation program. This publication summarizes information on twelve of these species for the census occasions that data are available. It includes the number of animals or birds, the number of holdings they are located on, the average number per holding and the percentage change between reporting periods.

## Highlights

Canadian farms have always supported a variety of livestock beyond the traditional cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry, but in the 1980s livestock producers began to explore less traditional species as a means of diversifying farm income and utilizing marginal agricultural land. At the same time, health conscious consumers with increasing disposable incomes sought out alternative livestock products for their novelty or advertised health benefits.

During the 1990s many of these species expanded rapidly, driving breeding stock values upwards. In the early 2000s some of these populations declined, while some held their own. Species that declined did so because of production problems or in some cases, lack of consumer acceptance for their products.

Most consistent in their growth have been bison, an indigenous species well adapted to our climate that fits in well with current livestock operations, as well as llamas and alpacas. On the other side, ostrich, emus and rheas numbers experienced substantial growth in the nineties, but had declined substantially by 2006. The 1996 census found 58,875 emus and rheas, but ten years later, their numbers were down to 4,000 birds. For the same period ostrich declined from 14,879 birds to 2,748. Goat numbers showed growth from 1986 to 2001, but dropped 3% between 2001 and 2006. Ducks had a similar experience, an increase of 72% from 1996 to 2001, but a decline of 14% between 2001 and 2006. Wild boars were down 37% between 2001 and 2006.

For the past five census periods, the most popular other type of large livestock on farms remains horses and ponies, whether kept for work, breeding or recreation. Canada's horse and pony numbers did decline 1% between 2001 and 2006, but there were significant shifts in the number of animals from the western to eastern provinces.

## Methods and definitions

These numbers include only animals that are located on agricultural holdings. The definition of an agricultural holding has varied since 1981. In 1981 and 1986, the definition included a farm, ranch or holding that had sold \$250 or more of agricultural product in the previous 12 months or that the operator intended to sell \$250 of agricultural product in that calendar year. Beginning with the 1991 census, the \$250 threshold was dropped and it was only necessary that the operation had sold or intended to sell agricultural product. As well, starting with the 1996 census, Christmas tree only operations were included in the definition of agricultural

product, expanding the Census coverage. These definitional changes could have resulted in more animals being accounted for than in previous censuses.

Users of this data should be aware that there is potential for greater numbers of alternative livestock in Canada than what the census data reports. For example, animals kept on operations that are not agricultural holdings are not included in this data. Horses are the most notable in this regard. Other examples would be animals in petting zoos or kept as pets.

Horses and ponies - includes all horses and ponies on agricultural operations, including operations involved in the collection of pregnant mare's urine (PMU) for the pharmaceutical industry and being raised for slaughter. The Census also attempts to collect the number of horses on operations involved in boarding horses, riding stables and stables for housing and/or training horses even if no agricultural products are sold.

Ranched deer - includes a variety of species; fallow, red, sika, white-tailed, reindeer and those just reported as deer. It does not include wapiti (elk), nor does it include wild deer that range on a farm, ranch or holding.

Ducks and geese - please note that when respondents reported ducks and geese together, the combined number is reported in ducks.

**Table 1 Horses and ponies**

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	358,122	394,953	356,204	443,889	460,569	453,965	10	-10	25	4	-1
Number of farms reporting	69,178	69,148	58,509	56,707	53,925	54,169	0	-15	-3	-5	0
Average number per farm	5.2	5.7	6.1	7.8	8.5	8.4	10	7	28	9	-1
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	340	410	309	275	288	286	21	-25	-11	5	-1
Number of farms reporting	158	153	113	80	72	77	-3	-26	-29	-10	7
Average number per farm	2.2	2.7	2.7	3.4	4.0	3.7	23	0	26	18	-8
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	2,317	2,357	1,891	1,869	1,565	1,921	2	-20	-1	-16	23
Number of farms reporting	687	657	432	379	289	288	-4	-34	-12	-24	0
Average number per farm	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.9	5.4	6.7	6	22	11	10	24
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	3,297	3,171	2,957	2,907	3,009	3,705	-4	-7	-2	4	23
Number of farms reporting	1,049	927	780	648	592	643	-12	-16	-17	-9	9
Average number per farm	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.5	5.1	5.8	10	12	18	13	14
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	2,972	3,339	3,133	2,757	2,661	2,973	12	-6	-12	-3	12
Number of farms reporting	930	839	667	552	471	476	-10	-21	-17	-15	1
Average number per farm	3.2	4.0	4.7	5.0	5.6	6.2	25	18	6	12	11
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	24,682	25,481	25,787	25,108	22,284	26,522	3	1	-3	-11	19
Number of farms reporting	7,047	6,607	5,307	4,518	3,838	4,259	-6	-20	-15	-15	11
Average number per farm	3.5	3.9	4.9	5.6	5.8	6.2	11	26	14	4	7
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	74,986	74,961	75,132	76,553	83,337	97,285	0	0	2	9	17
Number of farms reporting	14,535	13,523	12,358	11,829	11,258	12,333	-7	-9	-4	-5	10
Average number per farm	5.2	5.5	6.1	6.5	7.4	7.9	6	11	7	14	7
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	31,284	40,691	44,130	68,783	62,791	46,580	30	8	56	-9	-26
Number of farms reporting	5,593	5,540	4,203	4,155	3,730	3,646	-1	-24	-1	-10	-2
Average number per farm	5.6	7.3	10.5	16.6	16.8	12.8	30	44	58	1	-24
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	60,180	67,484	53,843	66,372	71,306	65,914	12	-20	23	7	-8
Number of farms reporting	13,474	13,420	10,564	9,472	9,048	8,531	0	-21	-10	-4	-6
Average number per farm	4.5	5.0	5.1	7.0	7.9	7.7	11	2	37	13	-3
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	118,708	135,025	109,237	149,960	159,962	155,533	14	-19	37	7	-3
Number of farms reporting	19,291	20,921	17,782	17,951	17,807	17,219	8	-15	1	-1	-3
Average number per farm	6.2	6.5	6.1	8.4	9.0	9.0	5	-6	38	7	0
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	39,356	42,034	39,785	49,305	53,366	53,246	7	-5	24	8	0
Number of farms reporting	6,414	6,561	6,303	7,123	6,820	6,697	2	-4	13	-4	-2
Average number per farm	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.9	7.8	8.0	5	-2	10	13	3



Table 2 Bison

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	15,775	45,437	145,094	195,728	..	..	188	219	35
Number of farms reporting	..	..	285	745	1,887	1,898	..	..	161	153	1
Average number per farm	..	..	55.4	61.0	76.9	103.1	..	..	10	26	34
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	x	x	x	..	..	..	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	1	1	1	..	..	..	0	0
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	x	x	x	..	..	..	x	x
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	x	x	x	..	..	x	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	-67	0	0
Average number per farm	..	..	x	x	x	x	..	..	x	x	x
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	x	x	x	..	..	x	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	2	2	2	3	..	..	0	0	50
Average number per farm	..	..	x	x	x	x	..	..	x	x	x
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	1,726	2,236	4,192	4,322	..	..	30	87	3
Number of farms reporting	..	..	27	56	58	69	..	..	107	4	19
Average number per farm	..	..	63.9	39.9	72.3	62.6	..	..	-38	81	-13
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	1,008	2,344	3,755	4,106	..	..	133	60	9
Number of farms reporting	..	..	29	46	58	71	..	..	59	26	22
Average number per farm	..	..	34.8	51.0	64.7	57.8	..	..	47	27	-11
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	1,107	4,621	13,437	19,609	..	..	317	191	46
Number of farms reporting	..	..	32	73	157	166	..	..	128	115	6
Average number per farm	..	..	34.6	63.3	85.6	118.1	..	..	83	35	38
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	1,644	7,006	34,781	57,395	..	..	326	396	65
Number of farms reporting	..	..	63	175	562	597	..	..	178	221	6
Average number per farm	..	..	26.1	40.0	61.9	96.1	..	..	53	55	55
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	6,866	22,782	79,731	97,366	..	..	232	250	22
Number of farms reporting	..	..	97	334	950	869	..	..	244	184	-9
Average number per farm	..	..	70.8	68.2	83.9	112.0	..	..	-4	23	33
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	3,212	6,246	8,964	12,656	..	..	94	44	41
Number of farms reporting	..	..	32	57	98	121	..	..	78	72	23
Average number per farm	..	..	100.4	109.6	91.5	104.6	..	..	9	-17	14

**Table 3 Goats**

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	89,839	75,788	88,116	125,819	182,851	177,698	-16	16	43	45	-3
Number of farms reporting	10,127	8,936	7,735	8,252	7,706	6,725	-12	-13	7	-7	-13
Average number per farm	8.9	8.5	11.4	15.2	23.7	26.4	-4	34	33	56	11
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	296	276	186	249	194	99	-7	-33	34	-22	-49
Number of farms reporting	31	32	24	38	25	20	3	-25	58	-34	-20
Average number per farm	9.5	8.6	7.8	6.6	7.8	5.0	-9	-9	-15	18	-36
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	348	272	114	227	324	229	-22	-58	99	43	-29
Number of farms reporting	65	51	29	36	31	31	-22	-43	24	-14	0
Average number per farm	5.4	5.3	3.9	6.3	10.5	7.4	-2	-26	62	67	-30
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	1,405	911	2,313	2,572	2,051	2,111	-35	154	11	-20	3
Number of farms reporting	224	177	176	194	159	165	-21	-1	10	-18	4
Average number per farm	6.3	5.1	13.1	13.3	12.9	12.8	-19	157	2	-3	-1
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	816	448	547	806	1,172	1,119	-45	22	47	45	-5
Number of farms reporting	126	90	90	78	91	77	-29	0	-13	17	-15
Average number per farm	6.5	5.0	6.1	10.3	12.9	14.5	-23	22	69	25	12
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	13,111	11,853	12,317	15,445	27,337	30,870	-10	4	25	77	13
Number of farms reporting	1,252	1,129	889	931	975	1,070	-10	-21	5	5	10
Average number per farm	10.5	10.5	13.9	16.6	28.0	28.9	0	32	19	69	3
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	45,500	32,460	33,405	45,258	62,310	76,114	-29	3	35	38	22
Number of farms reporting	4,212	2,999	2,400	2,521	2,342	2,169	-29	-20	5	-7	-7
Average number per farm	10.8	10.8	13.9	18.0	26.6	35.1	0	29	29	48	32
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	4,684	3,663	5,895	7,213	12,637	13,159	-22	61	22	75	4
Number of farms reporting	581	597	559	515	507	470	3	-6	-8	-2	-7
Average number per farm	8.1	6.1	10.5	14.0	24.9	28.0	-25	72	33	78	12
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	4,317	5,722	8,511	7,968	15,797	11,793	33	49	-6	98	-25
Number of farms reporting	961	1,221	1,093	941	861	599	27	-10	-14	-9	-30
Average number per farm	4.5	4.7	7.8	8.5	18.3	19.7	4	66	9	115	8
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	10,567	12,470	15,656	32,960	42,270	29,113	18	26	111	28	-31
Number of farms reporting	1,542	1,713	1,584	1,863	1,675	1,220	11	-8	18	-10	-27
Average number per farm	6.9	7.3	9.9	17.7	25.2	23.9	6	36	79	42	-5
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	8,795	7,713	9,172	13,121	18,759	13,091	-12	19	43	43	-30
Number of farms reporting	1,133	927	891	1,135	1,040	904	-18	-4	27	-8	-13
Average number per farm	7.8	8.3	10.3	11.6	18.0	14.5	6	24	13	55	-19

**Table 4 Wild boars**

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	4,691	37,659	33,131	20,898	..	..	703	-12	-37
Number of farms reporting	..	..	58	296	505	256	..	..	410	71	-49
Average number per farm	..	..	80.9	127.2	65.6	81.6	..	..	57	-48	24
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	x	x	x	..	..	..	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	2	2	1	..	..	..	0	-50
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	x	x	x	..	..	..	x	x
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	x	x	..	..	..	..	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	1	1	..	..	..	..	0
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	x	x	..	..	..	..	x
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	1,987	4,002	2,908	2,304	..	..	101	-27	-21
Number of farms reporting	..	..	28	66	66	46	..	..	136	0	-30
Average number per farm	..	..	71.0	60.6	44.1	50.1	..	..	-15	-27	14
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	646	2,007	1,499	1,006	..	..	211	-25	-33
Number of farms reporting	..	..	12	35	58	38	..	..	192	66	-34
Average number per farm	..	..	53.8	57.3	25.8	26.5	..	..	7	-55	3
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	7,559	3,285	2,514	..	..	x	-57	-23
Number of farms reporting	..	..	6	70	56	24	..	..	1,067	-20	-57
Average number per farm	..	..	x	108.0	58.7	104.8	..	..	x	-46	79
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	18,686	15,633	12,108	..	..	x	-16	-23
Number of farms reporting	..	..	2	76	150	81	..	..	3,700	97	-46
Average number per farm	..	..	x	245.9	104.2	149.5	..	..	x	-58	43
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	862	4,499	8,067	2,608	..	..	422	79	-68
Number of farms reporting	..	..	7	42	128	53	..	..	500	205	-59
Average number per farm	..	..	123.1	107.1	63.0	49.2	..	..	-13	-41	-22
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	632	x	x	x	..	..	x	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	3	5	44	12	..	..	67	780	-73
Average number per farm	..	..	210.7	x	x	x	..	..	x	x	x

Table 5 Ranched deer

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	20,456	50,859	53,258	46,748	..	..	149	5	-12
Number of farms reporting	..	..	313	714	809	620	..	..	128	13	-23
Average number per farm	..	..	65.4	71.2	65.8	75.4	..	..	9	-8	15
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	153	500	175	..	..	..	227	-65
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	6	9	5	..	..	..	50	-44
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	25.5	55.6	35.0	..	..	..	118	-37
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	525	760	177	..	..	x	45	-77
Number of farms reporting	..	..	3	7	8	5	..	..	133	14	-38
Average number per farm	..	..	x	75.0	95.0	35.4	..	..	x	27	-63
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	6,732	15,813	14,209	..	..	x	135	-10
Number of farms reporting	..	..	62	188	159	164	..	..	203	-15	3
Average number per farm	..	..	x	35.8	99.5	86.6	..	..	x	178	-13
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	7,408	14,377	14,464	8,031	..	..	94	1	-44
Number of farms reporting	..	..	135	234	234	158	..	..	73	0	-32
Average number per farm	..	..	54.9	61.4	61.8	50.8	..	..	12	1	-18
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	27	819	962	716	..	..	2,933	17	-26
Number of farms reporting	..	..	3	18	16	15	..	..	500	-11	-6
Average number per farm	..	..	9.0	45.5	60.1	47.7	..	..	406	32	-21
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	2,369	5,985	6,165	8,581	..	..	153	3	39
Number of farms reporting	..	..	28	85	149	130	..	..	204	75	-13
Average number per farm	..	..	84.6	70.4	41.4	66.0	..	..	-17	-41	59
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	418	2,812	8,331	8,965	..	..	573	196	8
Number of farms reporting	..	..	29	95	193	108	..	..	228	103	-44
Average number per farm	..	..	14.4	29.6	43.2	83.0	..	..	106	46	92
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	19,456	6,263	5,894	..	..	x	-68	-6
Number of farms reporting	..	..	53	81	41	35	..	..	53	-49	-15
Average number per farm	..	..	x	240.2	152.8	168.4	..	..	x	-36	10

Table 6 Elks / wapiti

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	9,071	19,024	74,478	69,168	..	..	110	291	-7
Number of farms reporting	..	..	206	443	1,172	905	..	..	115	165	-23
Average number per farm	..	..	44.0	42.9	63.5	76.4	..	..	-3	48	20
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	x	x	..	..	..	..	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	1	1	..	..	..	..	0
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	x	x	..	..	..	..	x
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	x	x	..	..	..	..	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	3	2	..	..	..	..	-33
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	x	x	..	..	..	..	x
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	42	x	x	..	..	x	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	1	3	3	2	..	..	200	0	-33
Average number per farm	..	..	x	14.0	x	x	..	..	x	x	x
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	854	2,745	4,001	..	..	x	221	46
Number of farms reporting	..	..	5	26	71	74	..	..	420	173	4
Average number per farm	..	..	x	32.8	38.7	54.1	..	..	x	18	40
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	1,021	1,358	5,902	3,550	..	..	33	335	-40
Number of farms reporting	..	..	21	34	100	80	..	..	62	194	-20
Average number per farm	..	..	48.6	39.9	59.0	44.4	..	..	-18	48	-25
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	153	247	1,855	2,154	..	..	61	651	16
Number of farms reporting	..	..	5	6	55	41	..	..	20	817	-25
Average number per farm	..	..	30.6	41.2	33.7	52.5	..	..	35	-18	56
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	2,744	8,598	32,118	25,608	..	..	213	274	-20
Number of farms reporting	..	..	65	195	465	353	..	..	200	138	-24
Average number per farm	..	..	42.2	44.1	69.1	72.5	..	..	5	57	5
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	5,011	7,875	31,304	33,783	..	..	57	298	8
Number of farms reporting	..	..	108	176	467	352	..	..	63	165	-25
Average number per farm	..	..	46.4	44.7	67.0	96.0	..	..	-4	50	43
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	50	341	0	..	..	x	582	-100
Number of farms reporting	..	..	1	3	7	0	..	..	200	133	-100
Average number per farm	..	..	x	16.7	48.7	0.0	..	..	x	192	-100

**Table 7 Llamas and alpacas**

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	2,028	8,669	25,782	31,708	..	..	327	197	23
Number of farms reporting	..	..	266	1,180	3,190	4,302	..	..	344	170	35
Average number per farm	..	..	7.6	7.3	8.1	7.4	..	..	-4	11	-9
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	16	26	..	..	..	..	63
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	3	6	..	..	..	..	100
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	5.3	4.3	..	..	..	..	-19
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	71	148	..	..	..	..	108
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	8	21	..	..	..	..	163
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	8.9	7.0	..	..	..	..	-21
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	56	201	416	..	..	..	259	107
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	12	28	47	..	..	..	133	68
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	4.7	7.2	8.9	..	..	..	53	24
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	0	15	204	..	..	x	..	1,260
Number of farms reporting	..	..	2	0	8	29	..	..	-100	..	263
Average number per farm	..	..	x	0.0	1.9	7.0	..	..	x	..	268
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	143	348	758	..	..	x	143	118
Number of farms reporting	..	..	6	40	86	169	..	..	567	115	97
Average number per farm	..	..	x	3.6	4.0	4.5	..	..	x	11	13
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	198	1,114	2,554	4,332	..	..	463	129	70
Number of farms reporting	..	..	30	161	437	696	..	..	437	171	59
Average number per farm	..	..	6.6	6.9	5.8	6.2	..	..	5	-16	7
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	33	196	511	866	..	..	494	161	69
Number of farms reporting	..	..	8	49	106	186	..	..	513	116	75
Average number per farm	..	..	4.1	4.0	4.8	4.7	..	..	-2	20	-2
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	253	815	3,744	4,474	..	..	222	359	19
Number of farms reporting	..	..	27	182	598	768	..	..	574	229	28
Average number per farm	..	..	9.4	4.5	6.3	5.8	..	..	-52	40	-8
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	1,027	3,692	12,894	14,734	..	..	259	249	14
Number of farms reporting	..	..	135	482	1,356	1,680	..	..	257	181	24
Average number per farm	..	..	7.6	7.7	9.5	8.8	..	..	1	23	-7
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	477	2,653	5,428	5,750	..	..	456	105	6
Number of farms reporting	..	..	58	254	560	700	..	..	338	120	25
Average number per farm	..	..	8.2	10.4	9.7	8.2	..	..	27	-7	-15

Table 8 Rabbits

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	369,344	286,589	323,015	285,366	255,762	206,175	-22	13	-12	-10	-19
Number of farms reporting	9,383	9,048	8,115	6,394	1,859	2,747	-4	-10	-21	-71	48
Average number per farm	39.4	31.7	39.8	44.6	137.6	75.1	-20	26	12	209	-45
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	159	238	121	150	28	16	50	-49	24	-81	-43
Number of farms reporting	15	29	18	16	3	5	93	-38	-11	-81	67
Average number per farm	10.6	8.2	6.7	9.4	9.3	3.2	-23	-18	40	-1	-66
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	406	368	263	488	228	158	-9	-29	86	-53	-31
Number of farms reporting	45	77	51	56	8	17	71	-34	10	-86	113
Average number per farm	9.0	4.8	5.2	8.7	28.5	9.3	-47	8	67	228	-67
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	8,480	1,268	2,741	1,442	741	522	-85	116	-47	-49	-30
Number of farms reporting	159	153	161	136	37	59	-4	5	-16	-73	59
Average number per farm	53.3	8.3	17.0	10.6	20.0	8.8	-84	105	-38	89	-56
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	19,448	1,584	1,648	1,579	1,113	1,209	-92	4	-4	-30	9
Number of farms reporting	128	120	118	102	35	35	-6	-2	-14	-66	0
Average number per farm	151.9	13.2	14.0	15.5	31.8	34.5	-91	6	11	105	8
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	93,257	85,460	109,811	105,649	96,213	102,350	-8	28	-4	-9	6
Number of farms reporting	1,755	1,287	1,110	889	327	518	-27	-14	-20	-63	58
Average number per farm	53.1	66.4	98.9	118.8	294.2	197.6	25	49	20	148	-33
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	177,189	128,587	115,332	120,801	117,925	75,680	-27	-10	5	-2	-36
Number of farms reporting	3,485	2,805	2,398	1,952	730	881	-20	-15	-19	-63	21
Average number per farm	50.8	45.8	48.1	61.9	161.5	85.9	-10	5	29	161	-47
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	5,830	8,156	13,276	8,620	11,902	9,891	40	63	-35	38	-17
Number of farms reporting	501	643	586	432	99	152	28	-9	-26	-77	54
Average number per farm	11.6	12.7	22.7	20.0	120.2	65.1	9	79	-12	501	-46
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	12,064	9,378	25,582	7,057	4,189	1,983	-22	173	-72	-41	-53
Number of farms reporting	818	1,080	1,079	652	119	237	32	0	-40	-82	99
Average number per farm	14.7	8.7	23.7	10.8	35.2	8.4	-41	172	-54	226	-76
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	24,859	21,968	21,868	18,982	5,666	5,753	-12	0	-13	-70	2
Number of farms reporting	1,401	1,763	1,605	1,249	237	502	26	-9	-22	-81	112
Average number per farm	17.7	12.5	13.6	15.2	23.9	11.5	-29	9	12	57	-52
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	27,652	29,582	32,373	20,598	17,757	8,613	7	9	-36	-14	-51
Number of farms reporting	1,076	1,091	989	910	264	341	1	-9	-8	-71	29
Average number per farm	25.7	27.1	32.7	22.6	67.3	25.3	5	21	-31	198	-62

Table 9 Ostriches

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	485	14,879	6,576	2,748	..	..	2,968	-56	-58
Number of farms reporting	..	..	23	788	286	78	..	..	3,326	-64	-73
Average number per farm	..	..	21.1	18.9	23.0	35.2	..	..	-10	22	53
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	0	x	0	..	..	..	..	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	0	2	0	..	..	..	..	-100
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	0.0	x	0.0	..	..	..	..	x
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	x	14	0	..	..	..	x	-100
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	2	3	0	..	..	..	50	-100
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	x	4.7	0.0	..	..	..	x	-100
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	x	28	x	..	..	..	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	2	4	1	..	..	..	100	-75
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	x	7.0	x	..	..	..	x	x
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	x	x	x	..	..	..	x	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	1	1	1	..	..	..	0	0
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	x	x	x	..	..	..	x	x
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	0	1,470	894	429	..	..	..	-39	-52
Number of farms reporting	..	..	0	100	44	10	..	..	..	-56	-77
Average number per farm	..	..	0.0	14.7	20.3	42.9	..	..	..	38	111
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	1,022	797	168	..	..	x	-22	-79
Number of farms reporting	..	..	1	64	51	18	..	..	6,300	-20	-65
Average number per farm	..	..	x	16.0	15.6	9.3	..	..	x	-3	-40
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	35	1,220	295	x	..	..	3,386	-76	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	8	69	15	2	..	..	763	-78	-87
Average number per farm	..	..	4.4	17.7	19.7	x	..	..	302	11	x
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	x	1,756	873	75	..	..	x	-50	-91
Number of farms reporting	..	..	3	82	28	4	..	..	2,633	-66	-86
Average number per farm	..	..	x	21.4	31.2	18.8	..	..	x	46	-40
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	334	7,400	2,577	1,496	..	..	2,116	-65	-42
Number of farms reporting	..	..	8	330	96	23	..	..	4,025	-71	-76
Average number per farm	..	..	41.8	22.4	26.8	65.0	..	..	-46	20	143
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	86	1,964	1,069	566	..	..	2,184	-46	-47
Number of farms reporting	..	..	3	138	42	19	..	..	4,500	-70	-55
Average number per farm	..	..	28.7	14.2	25.5	29.8	..	..	-51	80	17



Table 10 Emus and rheas

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	58,875	14,451	4,000	..	..	..	-75	-72
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	910	483	182	..	..	..	-47	-62
Average number per farm	..	..	..	64.7	29.9	22.0	..	..	..	-54	-26
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	8	73	x	..	..	..	813	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	3	3	1	..	..	..	0	-67
Average number per farm	..	..	..	2.7	24.3	x	..	..	..	800	x
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	965	36	x	..	..	..	-96	x
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	35	4	3	..	..	..	-89	-25
Average number per farm	..	..	..	27.6	9.0	x	..	..	..	-67	x
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	83	101	42	..	..	..	22	-58
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	8	6	5	..	..	..	-25	-17
Average number per farm	..	..	..	10.4	16.8	8.4	..	..	..	62	-50
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	493	109	28	..	..	..	-78	-74
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	14	9	3	..	..	..	-36	-67
Average number per farm	..	..	..	35.2	12.1	9.3	..	..	..	-66	-23
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	1,386	2,162	767	..	..	..	56	-65
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	77	70	27	..	..	..	-9	-61
Average number per farm	..	..	..	18.0	30.9	28.4	..	..	..	72	-8
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	43,786	7,324	1,183	..	..	..	-83	-84
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	328	190	65	..	..	..	-42	-66
Average number per farm	..	..	..	133.5	38.5	18.2	..	..	..	-71	-53
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	3,229	658	136	..	..	..	-80	-79
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	115	31	12	..	..	..	-73	-61
Average number per farm	..	..	..	28.1	21.2	11.3	..	..	..	-25	-47
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	1,736	871	655	..	..	..	-50	-25
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	69	30	13	..	..	..	-57	-57
Average number per farm	..	..	..	25.2	29.0	50.4	..	..	..	15	74
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	4,089	1,717	642	..	..	..	-58	-63
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	178	65	22	..	..	..	-63	-66
Average number per farm	..	..	..	23.0	26.4	29.2	..	..	..	15	11
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	..	..	..	3,100	1,400	530	..	..	..	-55	-62
Number of farms reporting	..	..	..	83	75	31	..	..	..	-10	-59
Average number per farm	..	..	..	37.3	18.7	17.1	..	..	..	-50	-9

Table 11 Ducks <sup>1</sup>

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	724,240	..	643,931	734,544	1,262,956	1,087,945	..	..	14	72	-14
Number of farms reporting	16,281	..	6,002	4,072	3,602	2,706	..	..	-32	-12	-25
Average number per farm	44.5	..	107.3	180.4	350.6	402.0	..	..	68	94	15
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	1,109	..	x	x	317	x	..	..	x	x	x
Number of farms reporting	59	..	18	27	22	11	..	..	50	-19	-50
Average number per farm	18.8	..	x	x	14.4	x	..	..	x	x	x
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	2,727	..	x	690	336	x	..	..	x	-51	x
Number of farms reporting	172	..	49	34	26	24	..	..	-31	-24	-8
Average number per farm	15.9	..	x	20.3	12.9	x	..	..	x	-36	x
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	3,618	..	1,270	1,354	1,230	x	..	..	7	-9	x
Number of farms reporting	381	..	114	94	89	74	..	..	-18	-5	-17
Average number per farm	9.5	..	11.1	14.4	13.8	x	..	..	30	-4	x
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	1,443	..	735	x	349	x	..	..	x	x	x
Number of farms reporting	206	..	64	51	39	30	..	..	-20	-24	-23
Average number per farm	7.0	..	11.5	x	8.9	x	..	..	x	x	x
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	122,234	..	122,543	160,709	336,537	252,036	..	..	31	109	-25
Number of farms reporting	1,773	..	357	283	240	229	..	..	-21	-15	-5
Average number per farm	68.9	..	343.3	567.9	1,402.2	1,100.6	..	..	65	147	-22
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	243,089	..	205,521	328,652	644,646	523,902	..	..	60	96	-19
Number of farms reporting	4,778	..	1,886	1,331	1,170	929	..	..	-29	-12	-21
Average number per farm	50.9	..	109.0	246.9	551.0	563.9	..	..	127	123	2
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	106,774	..	16,686	14,763	13,046	10,439	..	..	-12	-12	-20
Number of farms reporting	1,295	..	421	250	194	162	..	..	-41	-22	-16
Average number per farm	82.5	..	39.6	59.1	67.2	64.4	..	..	49	14	-4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	70,535	..	52,248	38,736	39,136	46,137	..	..	-26	1	18
Number of farms reporting	2,633	..	1,083	519	382	260	..	..	-52	-26	-32
Average number per farm	26.8	..	48.2	74.6	102.5	177.5	..	..	55	37	73
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	129,147	..	140,183	101,602	102,915	117,874	..	..	-28	1	15
Number of farms reporting	3,187	..	1,262	800	706	524	..	..	-37	-12	-26
Average number per farm	40.5	..	111.1	127.0	145.8	225.0	..	..	14	15	54
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	43,564	..	103,899	87,006	124,444	135,929	..	..	-16	43	9
Number of farms reporting	1,797	..	748	683	734	463	..	..	-9	7	-37
Average number per farm	24.2	..	138.9	127.4	169.5	293.6	..	..	-8	33	73

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Table 12 Geese <sup>1</sup>

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	% change from 1981 to 1986	% change from 1986 to 1991	% change from 1991 to 1996	% change from 1996 to 2001	% change from 2001 to 2006
<b>Canada</b>											
Number of animals	486,104	..	198,465	191,791	129,799	114,377	..	..	-3	-32	-12
Number of farms reporting	14,656	..	3,554	2,253	1,889	1,320	..	..	-37	-16	-30
Average number per farm	33.2	..	55.8	85.1	68.7	86.6	..	..	53	-19	26
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>											
Number of animals	496	..	153	168	79	41	..	..	10	-53	-48
Number of farms reporting	36	..	11	14	10	9	..	..	27	-29	-10
Average number per farm	13.8	..	13.9	12.0	7.9	4.6	..	..	-14	-34	-42
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>											
Number of animals	4,996	..	531	329	294	234	..	..	-38	-11	-20
Number of farms reporting	151	..	27	15	18	19	..	..	-44	20	6
Average number per farm	33.1	..	19.7	21.9	16.3	12.3	..	..	11	-26	-25
<b>Nova Scotia</b>											
Number of animals	1,995	..	706	381	352	330	..	..	-46	-8	-6
Number of farms reporting	234	..	56	46	40	45	..	..	-18	-13	13
Average number per farm	8.5	..	12.6	8.3	8.8	7.3	..	..	-34	6	-17
<b>New Brunswick</b>											
Number of animals	1,071	..	120	131	161	138	..	..	9	23	-14
Number of farms reporting	125	..	25	24	16	27	..	..	-4	-33	69
Average number per farm	8.6	..	4.8	5.5	10.1	5.1	..	..	15	84	-50
<b>Quebec</b>											
Number of animals	15,575	..	3,257	2,789	2,151	3,921	..	..	-14	-23	82
Number of farms reporting	1,166	..	180	140	129	108	..	..	-22	-8	-16
Average number per farm	13.4	..	18.1	19.9	16.7	36.3	..	..	10	-16	117
<b>Ontario</b>											
Number of animals	65,241	..	21,408	16,350	21,417	21,761	..	..	-24	31	2
Number of farms reporting	3,470	..	932	588	512	386	..	..	-37	-13	-25
Average number per farm	18.8	..	23.0	27.8	41.8	56.4	..	..	21	50	35
<b>Manitoba</b>											
Number of animals	271,493	..	123,382	119,876	59,622	44,846	..	..	-3	-50	-25
Number of farms reporting	1,329	..	376	209	138	103	..	..	-44	-34	-25
Average number per farm	204.3	..	328.1	573.6	432.0	435.4	..	..	75	-25	1
<b>Saskatchewan</b>											
Number of animals	38,273	..	14,295	11,826	17,056	11,956	..	..	-17	44	-30
Number of farms reporting	3,059	..	662	320	217	134	..	..	-52	-32	-38
Average number per farm	12.5	..	21.6	37.0	78.6	89.2	..	..	71	112	13
<b>Alberta</b>											
Number of animals	68,563	..	30,989	27,857	25,928	27,252	..	..	-10	-7	5
Number of farms reporting	3,544	..	861	526	460	296	..	..	-39	-13	-36
Average number per farm	19.3	..	36.0	53.0	56.4	92.1	..	..	47	6	63
<b>British Columbia</b>											
Number of animals	18,401	..	3,624	12,084	2,739	3,898	..	..	233	-77	42
Number of farms reporting	1,542	..	424	371	349	193	..	..	-13	-6	-45
Average number per farm	11.9	..	8.5	32.6	7.8	20.2	..	..	284	-76	159

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