#  <br> CENSUS OF <br> AGRICULTURE 2001 And Historical Comparisons 

## BC SUMMARY

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## 2001 Census of Agriculture: Results For British Columbia

Initial results from the 2001 Census of Agriculture released mid-May 2002 by Statistics Canada include the following highlights for British Columbia:

## Farm Numbers

$\Rightarrow$ The total number of farms in British Columbia has decreased by 7 percent to 20,290 in 2001, from 21,835 in 1996.
$\Rightarrow$ The number of non-family corporation farms decreased 44 percent from 573 to 323 farms.
$\Rightarrow$ Family controlled farms decreased by 6 percent from 21,175 to 19,880. These represent 98 percent of all British Columbia farms.
$\Rightarrow$ The large commercial sized farms in British Columbia with sales of \$500,000 and over, increased by 23 percent from 805 to 989.

## Farmland

$\Rightarrow$ Total land in farms expanded by 2 percent to a total of 2.587 million hectares (6.393 million acres). The area under crops increased by 9 percent (or 51,807 hectares) due mainly to a 6 percent decline in the area under summerfallow.
$\Rightarrow$ The area of owned land decreased 2 percent to 1.525 million hectares ( 3.768 million acres) and rented/leased land increased by almost 10 percent to 1.062 million hectares ( 2.624 million acres).
$\Rightarrow$ The increase in total farmland reported by a fewer total number of farms than in 1996 meant that the average size of farm in British Columbia was larger, showing an increase from 116 hectares in 1996 to 128 hectares in 2001.

## Land Management Practices

$\Rightarrow$ There were 4,193 less hectares of farmland irrigated in 2001 than in 1996 and 14,800 less hectares of commercially fertilized farmland. British Columbia had the second largest farm area under irrigation among the provinces and the smallest farm area commercially fertilized among the larger provinces.
$\Rightarrow$ Improved soil practices were more evident in 2001. The area of no-tillage increased by 61 percent, and the area of conservation tillage retaining most of the residue on surface, decreased by 2 percent. The area subject to manuring increased by 11 percent. Additionally, the increase in the area to which pesticides were applied was smaller than in earlier census years.

## Farm Capital

$\Rightarrow$ The value of farm capital in British Columbia in 2001 was $\$ 15.8$ billion an increase of 14.5 percent. This increase reflected mainly the higher values of land and buildings.

## Farm Labor

$\Rightarrow$ The amount of paid labor increased by 9 percent and the number of farms reporting such labor decreased by 8 percent. In other words, the amount of paid labor per farm increased.
$\Rightarrow$ Year round labor increased by 16 percent, much faster than seasonal labor, reflecting an increased full-time labor force.

## Farm Enterprises and Production

$\Rightarrow$ Among types of enterprises, there were increases in farms producing beef, poultry and eggs, and field crops other than grain and oilseed. On the other hand, there were fewer farms in specialty crops and livestock such as mushrooms, greenhouse products, nursery products, Christmas trees and game farm animals. The number of hog farms also continued to decline.
$\Rightarrow$ The total cattle on farms increased slightly. Beef cow numbers were up by 2.4 percent but dairy cow numbers were down by 13 percent reflecting higher cow productivity. Poultry on farms were up 37 percent. Hog numbers declined by 4.8 percent while sheep and lamb numbers increased by 16 percent.
$\Rightarrow$ The crop production base expanded with significant growth in the area planted in forage seed, ginseng, berries, grapes, greenhouse products and nursery products. However, the overall area in field crops declined by 146,188 hectares or 27 percent, reflecting a drop in tame hay and in grain and oilseeds area.
$\Rightarrow$ The market value of agricultural products sold by British Columbia farms increased to $\$ 2.3$ billion in 2001 compared with $\$ 1.8$ billion in 1996. Operating expenses reached $\$ 2.1$ billion compared with $\$ 1.7$ billion in 1996. Thus the ratio of operating expenses to gross farm receipts increased slightly from 1996.

## Organic Farms

$\Rightarrow$ The question on certified organic farming was new in 2001. There were a total of 319 farms reporting organic products. Eighty-four percent were producing fruits, vegetables or greenhouse products while field crops were reported on 22 percent of these farms and animal products on 16 percent. [Due to both response errors and undercoverage the number of farms reporting certified organic products for sale is under reported in the census].

## Farm Business Management

$\Rightarrow$ There were 8,146 British Columbia farms using computers, slightly more than 40 percent of the total number of farms. The proportion is up from 24 percent in 1996. Word processing, bookkeeping and the internet were the most popular uses. British Columbia ranked third (after Quebec and Alberta) in the farm use of personal computers among the provinces.
[Subprovincial data from the 2001 Census of Agriculture will be released by Statistics Canada in midJune 2002]

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|  | Unit | 1971 | 1976 | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 |
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| Total Census Farms | number | 18,400 | 19,432 | 20,012 | 19,063 | 19,225 | 21,835 | 20,290 |
| Family farms | number | 18,260 | 19,211 | 19,779 | 18,815 | 18,787 | 21,175 | 19,880 |
| Non-family corporations | number | 101 | 157 | 164 | 145 | 363 | 573 | 323 |
| Other types | number | 39 | 64 | 69 | 103 | 75 | 87 | 87 |
| Total Land Area in B.C. | hectares | 89,307,184 | 89,307,184 | 89,307,184 | 89,307,184 | 89,307,184 | 89,307,184 | 89,307,184 |
| Areas of Census Farms | hectares | 2,356,578 | 2,449,525 | 2,178,596 | 2,411,060 | 2,392,341 | 2,529,060 | 2,587,118 |
| Farms reporting | number | 18,400 | 19,432 | 20,012 | 16,063 | 19,225 | 21,835 | 20,290 |
| Total area owned | hectares | 1,544,956 | 1,501,543 | 1,537,035 | 1,457,108 | 1,500,189 | 1,562,141 | 1,525,403 |
| Farms reporting | number | 17,509 | 18,438 | 18,995 | 17,990 | 18,313 | 20,701 | 19,327 |
| Total area rented | hectares | 811,622 | 947,982 | 641,561 | 953,952 | 892,152 | 966,919 | 1,061,715 |
| Farms reporting | number | 4,016 | 4,299 | 4,368 | 4,732 | 4,573 | 5,098 | 4,981 |
| Use of Land on Census Farms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Land in crops | hectares | 442,157 | 489,614 | 568,241 | 570,843 | 556,796 | 565,738 | 617,545 |
| Farms reporting | number | 14,052 | 14,842 | 15,880 | 14,602 | 14,335 | 15,490 | 15,023 |
| Summerfallow | hectares | 69,936 | 67,641 | 63,528 | 81,166 | 57,476 | 39,017 | 36,765 |
| Farms reporting | number | 2,229 | 1,906 | 1,917 | 1,806 | 1,641 | 1,135 | 1,158 |
| Improved land for pasture or grazing | hectares | 161,010 | 175,696 | 266,884 | 206,428 | 241,004 | 240,236 | 233,044 |
| Farms reporting | number | 8,413 | 8,883 | 9,615 | 7,321 | 7,055 | 6,249 | 5,784 |
| Unimproved land for pasture or grazing | hectares | .. | .. | . | 1,033,384 | 1,030,568 | 1,172,591 | 1,207,553 |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  |  | 8,341 | 10,094 | 9,720 |
| All other land | hectares | 1,683,475 | 1,716,575 | 1,280,061 | 519,235 | 506,497 | 511,478 | 492,211 |
| Farms reporting | number | 15,726 | 16,118 | 16,394 | 15,394 | 16,631 | 17,286 | 15,355 |
| Land Management Practices |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Irrigation - area | hectares | 89,430 | .. | 100,475 | 117,811 | 94,864 | 115,374 | 111,181 |
| Farms reporting | number | 5,847 | .. | 6,706 | 7,138 | 6,327 | 7,761 | 6,861 |
| Commercial fertilizer - area | hectares | 129,598 | .. | 362,105 | 374,186 | 330,937 | 361,320 | 346,521 |
| Farms reporting | number | 6,010 | .. | 10,035 | 10,044 | 8,725 | 9,312 | 8,219 |
| Herbicide - area | hectares | 55,212 | .. | 121,154 | 141,166 | 126,472 | 142,767 | 149,256 |
| Farms reporting | number | 2,454 | .. | 3,739 | 4,794 | 4,085 | 4,570 | 4,547 |
| Insecticide or fungicide - area | hectares | 30,659 | .. | 31,025 | 30,794 | 38,102 | 51,375 | 52,182 |
| Farms reporting | number | 3,916 | .. | 3,885 | 3,511 | 3,192 | 5,694 | 5,055 |
| Manure - area (7) | hectares | .. | . | .. | .. | 78,208 | 85,133 | 94,380 |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6,460 | 7,703 | 7,251 |
| No tillage | hectares | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11,137 | 18,052 | 29,057 |
| Farms reporting | number | . | . | . | .. | 624 | 344 | 788 |
| Conservation tillage | hectares | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28,742 | 43,753 | 43,020 |
| Farms reporting | number | . | .. | . | .. | 754 | 739 | 802 |
| Machinery and Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total tractors | number | 21,953 | 25,229 | 28,761 | 31,768 | 33,527 | 36,361 | 40,498 |
| Farms reporting | number | 13,386 | 14,519 | 15,560 | 15,745 | 16,024 | 17,455 | 17,119 |
| Grain combines | number | 1,673 | 1,769 | 1,870 | 1,795 | 1,752 | 1,526 | 1,535 |
| Farms reporting | number | 1,559 | 1,578 | 1,623 | 1,562 | 1,476 | 1,310 | 1,259 |
| Swathers | number | 1,925 | 3,241 | 3,729 | 3,212 | 3,222 | 3,098 | 8,254 |
| Farms reporting | number | 1,799 | 2,999 | 3,334 | 2,826 | 2,814 | 2,706 | 6,669 |
| Mower-conditioners** | number | .. | .. | .. | 5,565 | 6,305 | 6,419 | .. |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  | 5,122 | 5,601 | 5,681 | . |
| Balers | number | 4,527 | 4,927 | 7,186 | 7,484 | 8,133 | 8,537 | 8,796 |
| Farms reporting | number | 4,319 | 4,621 | 6,378 | 6,387 | 6,503 | 6,630 | 6,669 |
| Forage harvesters | number | 1,879 | 2,062 | 2,211 | 1,863 | 2,045 | 1,661 | 1,743 |
| Farms reporting | number | 1,666 | 1,729 | 1,898 | 1,632 | 1,704 | 1,393 | 1,407 |
| Farm trucks | number | 17,243 | 17,106 | 23,087 | 25,346 | 26,773 | 28,789 | 28,980 |
| Farms reporting | number | 12,504 | 10,867 | 14,931 | 15,138 | 15,514 | 16,747 | 16,301 |
| ** mower-conditioners for 2001 have been combined with grain combines |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farms Using Personal Compu | number | .. | .. | .. | 670 | 2,745 | 5,144 | 8,146 |
| Bookkeeping, payroll or tax p |  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5,880 |
| Livestock and/or crop record |  |  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  | 3,680 |
| Word processing (writing lette |  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |  | 5,957 |
| Internet |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | * |  | 5,700 |
| Email |  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |  | 5,480 |
| Other applications |  | .. | . | .. | .. | . | . | 26 |

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| Total Farm Capital | \$'000 | 1,606,924 | 3,589,842 | 8,526,380 | 6,487,882 | 8,614,244 | 13,822,213 | 15,831,578 |
| Farms reporting | number | 18,400 | 19,432 | 20,012 | 19,063 | 19,225 | 21,835 | 20,290 |
| Land and buildings | \$'000 | 1,293,261 | 3,051,563 | 7,261,012 | 5,263,842 | 7,037,507 | 11,863,945 | 13,066,698 |
| Farms reporting | number | 18,400 | 19,432 | 20,012 | 19,063 | 19,225 | 21,835 | 20,290 |
| Machinery and equipment | \$'000 | 163,172 | 346,525 | 693,367 | 726,126 | 891,629 | 1,227,932 | 1,608,420 |
| Farms reporting | number | 17,558 | 18,835 | 19,602 | 18,291 | 18,836 | 20,954 | 20,290 |
| Livestock and poultry | \$'000 | 150,429 | 191,754 | 572,001 | 497,914 | 685,108 | 730,336 | 1,156,460 |
| Farms reporting | number | 13,610 | 13,946 | 13,961 | 13,467 | 13,661 | 15,405 | 14,339 |
| Selected Farm Operating Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rent or lease costs | \$'000 | 3,759 | .. | 17,228 | 22,302 | 25,063 | 34,977 | 34,415 |
| Cash wages | \$'000 | 25,495 | .. | 101,136 | 168,953 | 229,282 | 339,911 | 405,679 |
| Electricity | \$'000 | .. | .. | 12,470 | 22,465 | 24,374 | 38,083 | 56,338 |
| Interest | \$'000 | . | .. |  | 117,315 | 140,828 | 117,471 | 149,706 |
| Machinery fuel, oil, lubricants * | \$'000 | 7,190 | .. | 37,529 | 51,628 | 49,495 | 53,699 | .. |
| All fuel expenses** | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 113,476 |
| Machinery maintenance | \$'000 | .. | .. | 34,350 | 51,256 | 65,280 | 75,475 | 88,314 |
| Fertilizer and lime | \$'000 | 4,703 | .. | 29,132 | 36,488 | 39,394 | 55,518 | 62,146 |
| Herbicides, insecticides, fungicides | \$'000 | 2,319 | .. | 9,914 | 14,606 | 16,334 | 23,237 | 28,059 |
| Seed and seedlings | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | 19,591 | 23,446 | 62,451 | 95,137 |
| Feed and supplements | \$'000 | 45,644 | .. | 177,726 | 213,958 | 217,771 | 290,123 | 309,710 |
| Livestock and poultry purchases | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | 94,191 | 104,298 | 168,223 | 237,826 |
| Veterinary services | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | 13,374 | 17,764 | 26,800 | 31,419 |
| Fuel for heating*** | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | 13,038 | 10,408 | 18,334 | .. |
| Custom work and contract work**** | \$'000 | 3,203 | . | 12,700 | 15,929 | 22,875 | 66,946 | 122,789 |
| Machine rental | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | . | .. | 15,199 |

*Included in "All fuel expenses" for 2001
**All fuel expenses", rental and leasing of land and buildings," electricity, telephone and all other telecommunciation services," and "all other expenses" were phrased differently in 1996. These changes limit the comparability of the data between 2001 and previous censuses.
***Fuel for heating - is now included with "All fuel expenses".
${ }^{* * * *}$ Custom work and contract work" and "rental and leasing of farm machinery, equipment and vehicles" were separate entries for expenses in 2001 ; in 1996 they were grouped together. This change limits the comparability of the data between 2001 and previous censuses.

| Total Farm Operating Expenses | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | 975,599 | 1,126,932 | 1,661,722 | 2,088,607 |
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| Weeks of Paid Labour | number | 310,666 | 338,593 | 484,165 | 582,576 | 575,854 | 709,376 | 776,892 |
| Farms reporting | number | 7,355 | 6,484 | 7,904 | 9,162 | 8,709 | 8,575 | 7,854 |
| Year round | number | .. | .. | 253,559 | 275,695 | 294,220 | 414,259 | 481,194 |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | 2,510 | 2,593 | 2,986 | 3,373 | 3,250 |
| Seasonal or temporary | number | .. | .. | 230,606 | 306,881 | 281,634 | 295,117 | 295,698 |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | 6,391 | 8,170 | 7,151 | 6,494 | 5,869 |
| Capital Expenditures (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construction/renovations | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 105,921 | .. |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  |  |  | 4,832 |  |
| Land purchases | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 87,694 | .. |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  |  |  | 463 |  |
| Land improvements | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15,782 | .. |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  |  |  | 1,958 |  |
| Quota purchases | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26,976 | .. |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  |  |  | 236 |  |
| Farm vehicles, machinery \& equipment | \$'000 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 130,099 |  |
| Farms reporting | number | . | .. | . | .. |  | 6,732 |  |
| Total Gross Farm Receipts (4) | \$'000 | 209,598 | .. | 799,654 | 1,058,987 | 1,321,200 | 1,839,217 | 2,307,697 |
| Farms Classified by Gross Receipts Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$2,500 | number | 9,756 | 9,396 | 6,415 | 5,364 | 4,707 | 3,813 | 2,908 |
| \$2,500-\$4,999 | number | 2,170 | 2,377 | 3,060 | 2,807 | 2,693 | 4,443 | 4,097 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 | number | 2,016 | 2,047 | 2,487 | 2,456 | 2,624 | 3,274 | 3,082 |
| \$10,000-\$24,999 | number | 2,282 | 2,297 | 2,802 | 2,832 | 2,965 | 3,413 | 3,426 |
| \$25,000-\$49,999 | number | 1,295 | 1,256 | 1,748 | 1,757 | 1,818 | 1,959 | 1,936 |
| \$50,000-\$99,999 | number | 594 | 1,116 | 1,346 | 1,231 | 1,416 | 1,533 | 1,464 |
| \$100,000-\$249,999 | number | 226 | 943 | 1,491 | 1,472 | 1,494 | 1,589 | 1,509 |
| \$250,000-\$499,999 | number | 45 | . | 502 | 801 | 978 | 1,006 | 879 |
| \$500,000 and over | number | 16 | .. | 161 | 343 | 530 | 805 | 989 |


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| Farms with Gross Receipts of \$2,500 or More Classified by Farm Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dairy | number | 1,637 | 1,437 | 1,345 | 1,150 | 1,158 | 1,184 | 795 |
| Cattle | number | 2,238 | 3,136 | 4,558 | 4,266 | 4,224 | 4,413 | 4,690 |
| Hogs | number | 160 | 116 | 347 | 290 | 254 | 206 | 146 |
| Poultry and eggs | number | 644 | 564 | 850 | 752 | 584 | 925 | 973 |
| Wheat | number | 166 | 206 | 185 | 151 | 91 | 119 | 62 |
| Grains and oilseeds | number | 390 | 870 | 684 | 663 | 361 | 240 | 184 |
| Field crops (other than grains \& oilseeds) | number | 388 | 220 | 623 | 356 | 886 | 1,621 | 1,808 |
| Fruits | number | 1,694 | .. | 2,500 | 2,518 | 2,406 | 2,836 | 2,521 |
| Vegetables | number | 242 |  | 275 | 402 | 344 | 595 | 4,775 |
| Miscellaneous specialty (5) | number | 785 | 813 | 1,550 | 1,893 | 3,364 | 4,784 | 636 |
| Livestock combinations | number | 99 | 185 | 369 | 238 | 520 | 623 | 416 |
| Other combinations | number | 201 | .. | 311 | 1,020 | 326 | 476 | 376 |
| Sales of Forest Products | \$'000 | 2,435 | .. | 14,928 | 13,461 | 20,692 | 37,647 | 17,757 |
| Area in Field Crops | hectares | 416,769 | 465,205 | 541,867 | 542,548 | 526,832 | 536,175 | 389,987 |
| Wheat | hectares | 44,237 | 26,304 | 42,938 | 39,940 | 44,240 | 40,146 | 31,084 |
| Oats | hectares | 52,801 | 57,564 | 49,894 | 46,666 | 29,625 | 34,083 | 32,507 |
| Barley | hectares | 79,197 | 81,675 | 93,659 | 73,985 | 43,212 | 45,116 | 34,934 |
| Mixed grains | hectares | 2,834 | 2,147 | 1,786 | 1,735 | 3,363 | 2,232 | 2,821 |
| Corn for grain | hectares | 218 | 647 | 82 | 184 | 214 | 642 | 1,084 |
| Rye | hectares | 574 | 2,735 | 3,734 | 3,634 | 2,380 | 2,849 | 1,626 |
| Flaxseed | hectares | 133 | 203 | 51 | 167 | 318 | 189 | 23 |
| Canola | hectares | 7,928 | 11,317 | 25,379 | 42,733 | 40,532 | 25,821 | 23,548 |
| Corn for silage | hectares | 5,242 | 8,379 | 11,729 | 11,310 | 9,489 | 9,636 | 10,945 |
| Tame hay \& other fodder | hectares | 217,064 | 267,893 | 304,692 | 302,748 | 326,632 | 347,972 | 205,475 |
| Forage seed for seed | hectares |  | .. |  | 15,583 | 22,211 | 18,987 | 37,770 |
| Potatoes | hectares | 3,676 | 4,374 | 3,510 | 3,182 | 3,369 | 3,642 | 3,507 |
| Dry field peas | hectares | 985 | 291 | 221 |  | 669 | 3,606 | 3,249 |
| Ginseng | hectares |  |  |  | .. | 107 | 661 | 1,023 |
| Other field crops | hectares | 1,880 | 1,676 | 4,192 | 681 | 471 | 593 | 391 |
| Area in Vegetables | hectares | 7,250 | 7,464 | 7,867 | 7,568 | 8,275 | 7,117 | 7,277 |
| Sweet corn | hectares | 1,890 | .. | 1,570 | 1,571 | 1,692 | 1,472 | 1,354 |
| Tomatoes | hectares | 150 | . | 163 | 145 | 127 | 167 | 119 |
| Cucumbers | hectares | 173 | . | 132 | 134 | 164 | 147 | 132 |
| Green peas | hectares | 1,614 | . | 1,608 | 1,162 | 1,846 | 757 | 854 |
| Green or wax beans | hectares | 784 | .. | 645 | 551 | 802 | 547 | 799 |
| Cabbage | hectares | 335 | . | 349 | 329 | 298 | 235 | 290 |
| Chinese cabbage | hectares |  | .. |  |  | 37 | 85 | 102 |
| Cauliflower | hectares | 336 | .. | 564 | 634 | 444 | 351 | 214 |
| Broccoli | hectares | 242 | .. | 765 | 737 | 627 | 701 | 612 |
| Brussels sprouts | hectares |  | . |  | 453 | 286 | 290 | 294 |
| Carrots | hectares | 189 | .. | 273 | 264 | 260 | 317 | 381 |
| Rutabagas | hectares | 192 | .. | 129 | 104 | 78 | 68 | 65 |
| Beets | hectares | 45 | .. | 69 | 39 | 62 | 79 | 82 |
| Radishes | hectares |  | .. |  | 34 | 59 | 73 | 58 |
| Dry onions | hectares | 263 | .. | 237 | 163 | 171 | 211 | 115 |
| Green onion and shallots | hectares |  | .. |  | 23 | 59 | 57 | 58 |
| Celery | hectares | 68 | .. |  | 89 | 83 | 52 | 23 |
| Lettuce | hectares | 227 | .. | 297 | 300 | 361 | 363 | 341 |
| Spinach | hectares | 12 | .. | .. | 48 | 50 | 73 | 75 |
| Peppers | hectares | .. | .. | .. | 34 | 70 | 153 | 153 |
| Squash, zucchini, pumpkins | hectares |  | .. | .. | 207 | 225 | 366 | 530 |
| Asparagus, producing | hectares | 329 | .. | 246 | 216 | 157 | 106 | 97 |
| Rhubarb | hectares | .. | .. | .. | 31 | 31 | 43 | 49 |
| Other Vegetables | hectares | 402 | .. | 813 | 208 | 273 | 366 | 462 |
| Area in Berries and Grapes | hectares | 3,983 | 3,922 | 5,580 | 4,912 | 6,098 | 6,887 | 9,906 |
| Strawberries for harvest | hectares | 1,045 | .. | 1,317 | 828 | 649 | 613 | 643 |
| Raspberries for harvest | hectares | 882 | .. |  | 1,634 | 2,107 | 2,056 | 2,031 |
| Grapes for harvest | hectares | 974 | .. | 1,247 | 1,107 | 590 | 833 | 2,467 |
| Blueberries for harvest | hectares | .. | .. | .. | 720 | 1,655 | 2,068 | 2,579 |
| Cranberries for harvest | hectares |  | . |  | 605 | 963 | 1,187 | 1,476 |
| Other berries for harvest | hectares | 1,082 | .. | 3,015 | 18 | 134 | 131 | 710 |

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| Area in Tree Fruits | hectares | 13,299 | 11,715 | 11,516 | 11,249 | 11,138 | 10,453 | 7,538 |
| Apples | hectares | 8,750 | .. | 7,914 | 7,779 | 8,030 | 7,467 | 5,355 |
| Pears | hectares | 1,437 | .. | 875 | 694 | 580 | 524 | 339 |
| Prunes and plums | hectares | 573 |  | 424 | 311 | 277 | 217 | 159 |
| Sweet cherry | hectares | 1,131 | .. | 919 | 754 | 669 | 689 | 824 |
| Sour cherry | hectares | 155 | . | 151 | 182 | 172 | 152 | 114 |
| Peach | hectares | 943 |  | 963 | 964 | 727 | 633 | 568 |
| Apricot | hectares | 311 | .. | 267 | 272 | 280 | 245 | 179 |
| Area in Greenhouse Products | sq. m. | 476,425 | .. | 1,007,737 | 1,306,079 | 1,787,225 | 2,834,332 | 4,552,771 |
| Flowers | sq. m. | .. | . | .. | 660,284 | 888,488 | 1,323,038 | 1,797,536 |
| Greenhouse vegetables | sq. m. | .. | .. | .. | 436,474 | 628,137 | 763,167 | 1,891,485 |
| Other greenhouse products | sq. m. | .. | .. | .. | 209,321 | 270,600 | 748,127 | 863,750 |
| Area in Mushroom Houses | sq. m. | 67,002 | .. | x | 199,211 | 210,421 | 243,909 | 228,579 |
| Area in Nursery Products and Sod | hectares | . | . | 1,244 | 2,204 | 3,302 | 4,149 | 5,044 |
| Nursery products | hectares | 817 | . | 1,244 | 1,565 | 2,373 | 3,213 | 4,207 |
| Sod | hectares | .. | .. | .. | 639 | 929 | 936 | 837 |
| Area in Christmas Trees | hectares | .. | .. | .. | . | . | 9,453 | 6,018 |
| Total Cattle and Calves | number | 573,171 | 690,443 | 789,841 | 689,957 | 752,414 | 814,103 | 814,949 |
| Farms reporting | number | 10,364 | 11,652 | 11,246 | 9,333 | 8,698 | 9,185 | 7,726 |
| Bulls | number | 11,928 | 14,972 | 18,377 | 14,199 | 15,901 | 18,805 | 17,215 |
| Farms reporting | number | 3,678 | 4,740 | 5,239 | 4,343 | 4,548 | 4,952 | 4,253 |
| Dairy cows | number | 80,485 | 81,506 | 89,279 | 75,005 | 74,919 | 82,008 | 71,401 |
| Farms reporting | number | 5,285 | 4,818 | 3,695 | 2,601 | 2,038 | 1,644 | 1,044 |
| Beef cows | number | 184,304 | 223,384 | 233,911 | 214,670 | 242,742 | 273,217 | 279,927 |
| Farms reporting | number | 5,553 | 7,366 | 6,613 | 5,868 | 5,852 | 6,182 | 5,365 |
| Heifers | number | 79,925 | 97,579 | 127,058 | 106,703 | 114,813 | 114,455 | 112,032 |
| Farms reporting | number | 6,971 | 7,870 | 7,804 | 6,142 | 5,562 | 5,687 | 5,023 |
| Steers | number | 48,161 | 83,063 | 79,111 | 52,598 | 50,693 | 60,182 | 46,851 |
| Farms reporting | number | 4,227 | 6,213 | 5,165 | 3,589 | 2,958 | 3,577 | 2,575 |
| Calves | number | 168,368 | 189,939 | 242,105 | 226,782 | 253,346 | 265,436 | 287,523 |
| Farms reporting | number | 8,507 | 9,013 | 9,165 | 7,368 | 6,953 | 7,298 | 6,425 |
| Total Pigs | number | 78,621 | 55,549 | 254,895 | 216,732 | 223,776 | 174,169 | 165,816 |
| Farms reporting | number | 2,729 | 2,057 | 2,348 | 1,399 | 1,349 | 1,411 | 1,120 |
| Boars | number | .. | .. | 1,778 | 1,324 | 1,493 | 1,376 | 884 |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  | 642 | 380 | 427 | 415 | 290 |
| Sows and bred gilts | number | 8,426 | 6,699 | 28,546 | 21,672 | 22,674 | 19,640 | 18,308 |
| Farms reporting | number | 910 | 667 | 986 | 559 | 570 | 556 | 404 |
| All other pigs (6) | number | 70,195 | 48,450 | 224,571 | 193,736 | 199,609 | 153,153 | 146,624 |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  | 2,159 | 1,271 | 1,266 | 1,211 | 1,078 |
| Total Sheep and Lambs | number | 53,112 | 42,729 | 66,988 | 57,243 | 74,136 | 71,603 | 83,307 |
| Farms reporting | number | 1,108 | 1,155 | 1,590 | 1,536 | 1,870 | 1,913 | 1,865 |
| Rams | number | .. | .. | .. | 1,479 | 1,954 | 2,081 | 2,725 |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  | 900 | 1,091 | 1,178 | 1,265 |
| Ewes and wethers (7) | number | 27,980 | 19,030 | 34,370 | 25,868 | 34,122 | 32,631 | 36,590 |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  | 1,466 | 1,411 | 1,720 | 1,764 | 1,732 |
| Lambs | number | 25,132 | 18,908 | 32,618 | 29,896 | 38,060 | 36,891 | 43,992 |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | 1,424 | 1,382 | 1,644 | 1,633 | 1,516 |
| Poultry Inventory |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Hens and chickens | number | 7,861,488 | 9,772,121 | 9,975,871 | 9,229,529 | 11,284,526 | 13,759,261 | 18,820,347 |
| Farms reporting | number | 6,362 | 7,831 | 7,894 | 5,581 | 4,914 | 4,840 | 5,198 |
| Pullets \& pullet chicks under 20 weeks (8) | number | 1,361,033 | 1,334,132 | 1,386,942 | 1,278,531 | 1,087,662 | 1,077,199 | 1,436,793 |
| Farms reporting | number | .. |  | 2,914 | 1,822 | 1,761 | 1,250 | 1,367 |
| Hens \& pullets 20 weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  | 6,862 | 4,794 | 4,108 | 4,213 | 4,475 |
| All other chickens | number | 3,409,110 | 5,310,677 | 5,717,193 | 5,176,238 | 7,508,236 | 9,656,204 | 13,972,170 |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | 4,898 | 3,233 | 1,919 | 1,348 | 1,776 |
| Birds in hatchery supply flocks | number | .. | .. | .. | 242,432 | 359,284 | 497,391 | 786,105 |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  | 153 | 40 | 55 | 63 |
| Turkeys | number | 805,158 | 718,946 | 711,623 | 648,615 | 800,531 | 850,680 | 819,569 |
| Farms reporting | number | 404 | 778 | 1,132 | 697 | 745 | 601 | 769 |
| Other poultry | number | 28,307 | 18,166 | 61,965 | 123,231 | 242,212 | 485,162 | 847,617 |
| Farms reporting | number | 2,109 | .. | 3,339 | 1,412 | 1,355 | 1,883 | 1,497 |

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|  | Unit | 1971 | 1976 | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other Livestock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Horses and ponies | number | 32,461 | .. | 39,356 | 42,034 | 39,785 | 49,305 | 53,366 |
| Farms reporting | number | 6,279 | .. | 6,414 | 6,561 | 6,303 | 7,123 | 6,820 |
| Goats | number | 2,068 | .. | .. | 7,713 | 9,172 | 13,121 | 18,759 |
| Farms reporting | number | 435 | . | . | 927 | 891 | 1,135 | 1,040 |
| Rabbits | number | 35,381 | .. | .. | 29,582 | 32,373 | 20,598 | 17,757 |
| Farms Reporting | number | 1,022 | .. | .. | 1,091 | 989 | 910 | 264 |
| Mink | number | 245,669 | .. | .. | 247,098 | 189,705 | 248,602 | 266,065 |
| Farms reporting | number | 114 | .. | .. | 45 | 34 | 23 | 17 |
| Fox | number | .. | . | . | 3,349 | 6,021 | 1,241 | x |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | .. | 21 | 30 | 10 | 8 |
| All other livestock | number | . | . | . | .. | 33,432 | 32,376 | 20,996 |
| Farms reporting | number | . | .. | .. | .. | 370 | 661 | 750 |
| Colonies of bees | number | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30,791 | 35,088 | 28,848 |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | .. | .. | 694 | 595 | 571 |
| Organic Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 319 |
| Fruits, vegetables or greenhouse products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 267 |
| Field crops (grains, oilseeds, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 70 |
| Animals or animal products (meat, milk, eggs, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farms reporting | number |  |  |  |  |  |  | 53 |
| Other (maple syrup, herbs, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farms reporting | number | .. | . | . | . | . | .. | 45 |

(1) Includes sum of all manure applications. Some double counting may have occurred which may affect comparability slightly.
(2) for 1981 and earlier includes heating fuel.
(3) Capital expenditures were not calculated for the 2001 census.
(4) includes interfarm sales and therefore does not compare with annual farm cash receipts reported by Statistics Canada which are net of interfarm sales.
(5) includes mushrooms, greenhouse products, nursery, christmas trees, game farm animals, etc.
(6) includes small pigs and market pigs.
(7) for 1981 and earlier includes rams.
(8) for 1996 the category has changed to Pullets \& pullet chicks under 19 weeks. This may affect comparability slightly.
(9) for 1996 the category has changed to Laying hens 19 weeks and over. This may affect comparability slightly.
.. means the data are not available.
$x$ means the data are not available due to confidentiality.
(NB: Totals may not add up due to non availability of detailed data, confidentiality, or rounding on conversion.)
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