

2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Brazeau County	Alberta
Total Population	7,040	3,290,350
Urban Population	0	2,699,851
Rural Population	7,040	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>17.9</i>
Number of Farms	527	49,431
Average Farm Size (acres)	544	1,055
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	4,188	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	913,676	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	51,303	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	55,490	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	227	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	63	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	x	79
Number of Pigs (head)	x	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	273	51.8
Partnership	195	37.0
With Written Agreement	17	3.2
Without Written Agreement	178	33.8
Corporation	58	11.0
Family	50	9.5
Non-Family	8	1.5
Other*	1	0.2
Total Farms	527	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	11	2.1
10 to 129 Acres	80	15.2
130 to 239 Acres	146	27.7
240 to 399 Acres	85	16.1
400 to 559 Acres	57	10.8
560 to 759 Acres	48	9.1
760 to 1,119 Acres	45	8.5
1,120 Acres and Over	55	10.4
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	28	5.3
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	13	2.5
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	5	0.9
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	0	0.0
3,520 Acres and Over	9	1.7
Total Farms	527	100.0

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	3	0.6
Cattle (Beef)	259	53.5
Hog	3	0.6
Poultry and Egg	1	0.2
Wheat	2	0.4
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	18	3.7
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	77	15.9
Fruit	2	0.4
Vegetable	0	0.0
Miscellaneous Specialty	103	21.3
Livestock Combination	10	2.1
Other Combination	6	1.2
Total Farms Classified	484	100.0

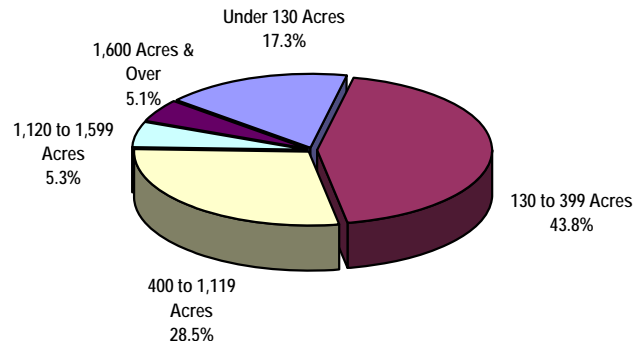
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	512	173,344	60.5
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	210	113,229	39.5
Rented/Leased from Government	63	x	x
Rented/Leased from Others	159	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	26	4,607	1.6
Total Area of Farms	527	286,573	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	409	92,951	32.4
Summerfallow	40	2,787	1.0
Total Pasture Land	...	127,471	44.5
Tame or Seeded Pasture	302	65,276	22.8
Natural Land for Pasture	307	62,195	21.7
All Other Land	415	63,364	22.1
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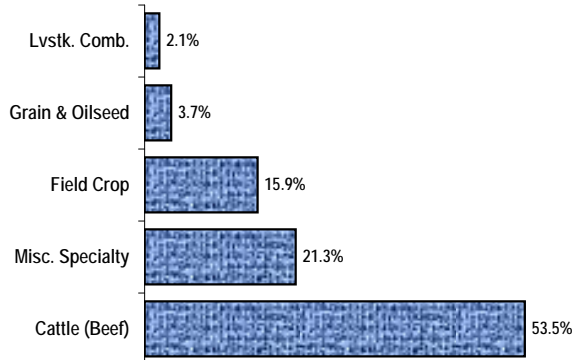
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	44	2,072	73.9
Seasonal or Temporary	76	731	26.1
Total Paid Labour	109	2,803	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	205	38.9
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	130	24.7

Per Cent Distribution of Farms by Size



Per Cent Distribution of Top Five Farm Types



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 * Institutions, Community Pastures, etc. ** Farms reporting total gross farm receipts greater than \$2,500. # "Farms" refers to number of farms reporting.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Agriculture, and 2006 Census of Population Refer to census definitions and notes for more information.
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2006 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

	Brazeau County	Alberta
Number of Farms	527	49,431
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	4,188	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	913,676	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	51,303	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	7,768	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	55,490	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	527	60,377	12.5
Livestock and Poultry	434	29,309	6.1
Land and Buildings	527	391,821	81.4
Owned	513	305,658	63.5
Rented or Leased from Others	211	86,163	17.9
Total Farm Capital	527	481,507	100.0

Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	2	0.4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	1	0.2
\$100,000 - \$199,999	14	2.7
\$200,000 - \$349,999	94	17.8
\$350,000 - \$499,999	88	16.7
\$500,000 - \$999,999	180	34.2
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	72	13.7
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	29	5.5
\$2,000,000 and Over	47	8.9
Total Farms	527	100.0

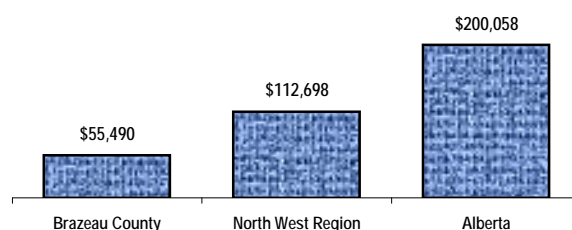
Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	263	2,043	7.6
Custom and Contract Work	230	1,500	5.5
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	166	941	3.5
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	60	170	0.6
Wages and Salaries	109	1,180	4.4
Paid to Family Members	71	709	2.6
Paid to all Other Persons	58	470	1.7
All Fuel Expenses	502	3,122	11.5
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	469	2,483	9.2
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	152	825	3.1
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	122	181	0.7
Seed/Seedling Purchases	212	501	1.9
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	196	3,859	14.3
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	372	874	3.2
Feed and Supplement Purchases	353	3,334	12.3
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	474	1,217	4.5
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	410	969	3.6
All Other Expenses	482	3,840	14.2
Total Operating Expenses	527	27,037	100.0

Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	503	1,793	43,584
Total Farm Trucks	475	1,075	26,436
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	446	694	20,524
Other Farm Trucks	236	381	14,421
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	247	286	14,523
Swathers/Mower Cond.	310	462	9,913
Combines	179	223	10,238
Balers	310	417	10,075
Forage Harvesters	29	32	14,786
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	355	1,291	12,863
Irrigation Equipment	6	...	6,625
Other*	365	...	25,331

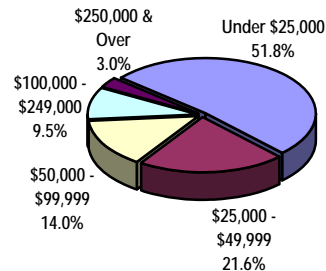
	\$ '000	% Alta.
Total Gross Farm Receipts	29,243	0.3

Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	156	29.6
\$10,000 - \$24,999	117	22.2
\$25,000 - \$49,999	114	21.6
\$50,000 - \$99,999	74	14.0
\$100,000 - \$249,999	50	9.5
\$250,000 - \$499,999	9	1.7
\$500,000 - \$999,999	5	0.9
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	2	0.4
\$2,000,000 and Over	0	0.0
Total Farms	527	100.0

Average Gross Receipts Per Farm



Per Cent Distribution of Farms by Class of Gross Farm Receipts



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2006 Agriculture Profile - 3. Livestock, Poultry and Farm Machinery

Cattle and Calves	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Total Cows	297	18,061	0.9
Dairy Cows	5	x	x
Beef Cows	294	x	x
Heifers	205	4,709	0.4
Bulls	258	903	0.8
Steers	99	1,167	0.1
Calves	290	14,621	0.7
Total Cattle and Calves	323	39,461	0.6

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	5	6	0.1
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	4	12	0.0
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	1	x	x
Grower and Finishing Pigs	10	x	x
Total Pigs	12	x	x

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	21	30	0.6
Ewes	23	568	0.5
Lambs	18	681	0.6
Total Sheep and Lambs	25	1,279	0.6

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	226	1,946	1.3
Goats	17	175	0.6
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	13	523	0.5
Deer (excluding wild deer)	2	x	x
Elk	6	x	x
Llamas and Alpacas	33	x	x
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	10	1,953	0.8
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	0	0	0.0

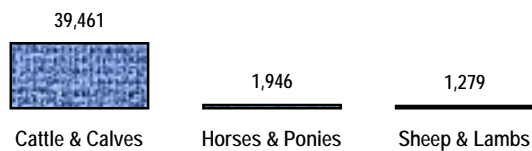
Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	41	2,708	0.0
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	13	500	0.0
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	6	378	0.0
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	36	1,830	0.1
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	5	90	0.0
Other Poultry	14	389	0.2

Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	3	5,897	0.0
Turkey Production	3	x	x

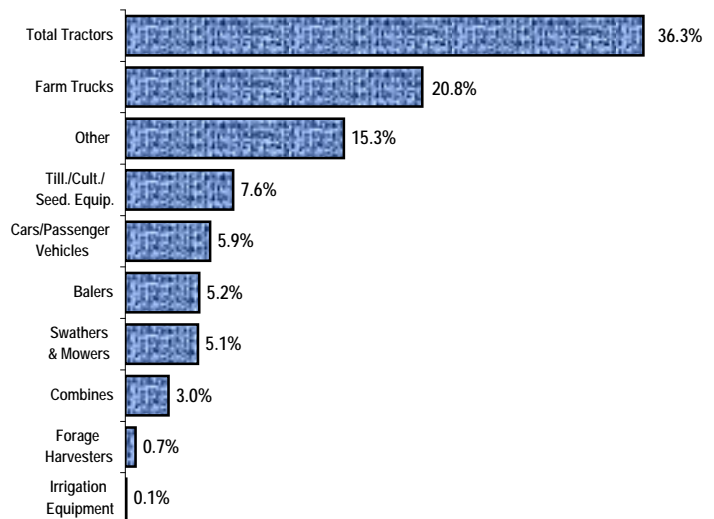
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
	0	0	x

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	503	1,793	21,923
Total Farm Trucks	475	1,075	12,557
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	446	694	9,154
Other Farm Trucks	236	381	3,403
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	247	286	3,587
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	310	462	3,073
Combines	179	223	1,833
Balers	310	417	3,123
Forage Harvesters	29	32	429
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	355	1,291	4,567
Irrigation Equipment	6	...	40
Other*	365	...	9,246

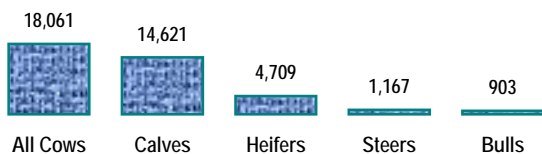
Livestock Inventory, May 16, 2006
(Number of Head)



Per Cent Distribution of Total Market Value of Machinery and Equipment



Cattle Inventory, May 16, 2006
(Number of Head)



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2006 Agriculture Profile - 4. Crops and Organic Production

Grains*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Wheat	12	751	0.0
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	12	751	0.0
Durum Wheat	0	0	0.0
Winter Wheat	0	0	0.0
Oats	148	12,728	1.0
Barley	41	4,919	0.1
Mixed Grains	10	1,061	0.3
Corn for Grain	0	0	0.0
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	4	290	0.2
Fall Rye	4	290	0.3
Spring Rye	0	0	0.0

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	6	943	0.0
Flaxseed	0	0	0.0
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	0	0	0.0

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	0	0	0.0
Dry Field Peas	2	x	x
Lentils	0	0	0.0
Dry White Beans	0	0	0.0
Chick Peas	0	0	0.0
Other Dry Beans	1	x	x
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Caraway Seed	0	0	0.0
Triticale	2	x	x
Forage Seed for Seed	6	x	x
All Other Field Crops	2	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	0	0	0.0
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	203	32,568	0.8
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	240	39,000	1.9

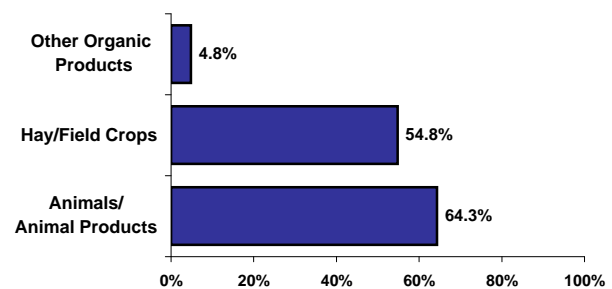
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	1	x	x
Tomatoes	0	0	0.0
Cucumbers	0	0	0.0
Green Peas	2	x	x
Green or Wax Beans	1	x	x
Cabbage	1	x	x
Cauliflower	1	x	x
Broccoli	1	x	x
Carrots	1	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	1	x	x
Radishes	1	x	x
Dry Onions	0	0	0.0
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	1	x	x
Lettuce	1	x	x
Celery	0	0	0.0
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	0	0	0.0

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	6	28	1.0
Saskatoons	5	12	0.7
Strawberries	2	x	x
Raspberries	3	x	x
Area of Nursery Products	6	45	0.5
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	1	x	x
Sod Grown for Sale	1	x	x
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	8	65,860	1.0

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	3	x	x
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	3	x	x
Flowers	3	x	x
Vegetables	0	0	0.0
Other Greenhouse Products	0	0	0.0
Mushroom House Growing Area	0	0	0.0

Organic Production (Certified and Not Certified)	# Farms	% Total Farms
Total Farms Reporting Organic Production	42	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	23	54.8
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Total Animals or Animal Products	27	64.3
Total Other Organic Products	2	4.8
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	1	2.4
Hay or Field Crops	0	0.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	1	2.4
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Transitional Organic Products	0	0.0
Hay or Field Crops	0	0.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	0	0.0
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Not Certified Organic Products	41	97.6
Hay or Field Crops	23	54.8
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	26	61.9
Other Organic Products	2	4.8

Per Cent of All Organic Farms Reporting Types of Organic Production



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2006 Agriculture Profile - 5. Land Management and Farm Operators

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Farms Reporting	527	286,573	100.0
Use of Irrigation	3	18	0.0
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	108	35,685	12.5
Use of Herbicides	53	3,973	1.4
Use of Insecticides	6	509	0.2
Use of Fungicides	1	x	x

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	240	28,928	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	182	17,900	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	56	7,646	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	20	3,382	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	333	63.2
Farms Applying Manure	165	31.3

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	68	2,856	1.0
Field Crop Land	41	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	33	...	...
Other Land	6	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	32	1,171	0.4
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	29	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	45	2,855	1.0
Field Crop Land	25	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	23	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	35	2,520	0.9
Field Crop Land	4	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	30	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	5	x	x
Field Crop Land	4	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	1	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	6	803	0.3
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	6	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Applied by Irrigation	0	0	0.0
Field Crop Land	0	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	0	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...

Weed Control on Summerfallow	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Summerfallow Land	40	2,787	100.0
Chemical Only	1	x	x
Tillage Only	25	1,969	70.6
Tillage and Chemical Combination	14	x	x

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	245	46.5
Rotational Grazing	305	57.9
Winter Cover Crops	15	2.8
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	115	21.8
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	277	52.6
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	50	9.5

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	840	1.2

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	230 27.5
On Farms with Two or More Operators	605 72.5
Total Male Operators	525 62.5
Total Female Operators	315 37.5

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	52.5
On Farms with One Operator	55.1
On Farms with Two Operators	51.6

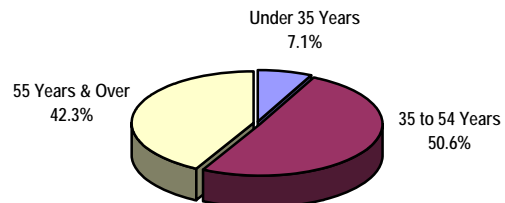
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	60	7.1
35 - 54 Years	425	50.6
55 Years and Over	355	42.3

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	320	38.1
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	520	61.9

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	285	34.1
20 - 40 Hours	280	33.5
More than 40 Hours	270	32.3

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	75	14.4
20 - 40 Hours	175	33.7
More than 40 Hours	270	51.9

Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age



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