

2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Wetaskiwin County No. 10	Alberta
Total Population	10,535	3,290,350
Urban Population	0	2,699,851
Rural Population	10,535	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100.6</i>	<i>17.9</i>
Number of Farms	1,207	49,431
Average Farm Size (acres)	573	1,055
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	15,882	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,244,810	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	114,769	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	130,651	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	364	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	368	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	68	79
Number of Pigs (head)	745	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	694	57.5
Partnership	390	32.3
With Written Agreement	40	3.3
Without Written Agreement	350	29.0
Corporation	120	9.9
Family	104	8.6
Non-Family	16	1.3
Other*	3	0.2
Total Farms	1,207	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	38	3.1
10 to 129 Acres	209	17.3
130 to 239 Acres	277	22.9
240 to 399 Acres	198	16.4
400 to 559 Acres	115	9.5
560 to 759 Acres	116	9.6
760 to 1,119 Acres	104	8.6
1,120 Acres and Over	150	12.4
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	69	5.7
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	41	3.4
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	19	1.6
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	9	0.7
3,520 Acres and Over	12	1.0
Total Farms	1,207	100.0

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	28	2.5
Cattle (Beef)	519	45.9
Hog	11	1.0
Poultry and Egg	10	0.9
Wheat	15	1.3
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	172	15.2
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	97	8.6
Fruit	4	0.4
Vegetable	3	0.3
Miscellaneous Specialty	238	21.0
Livestock Combination	27	2.4
Other Combination	7	0.6
Total Farms Classified	1,131	100.0

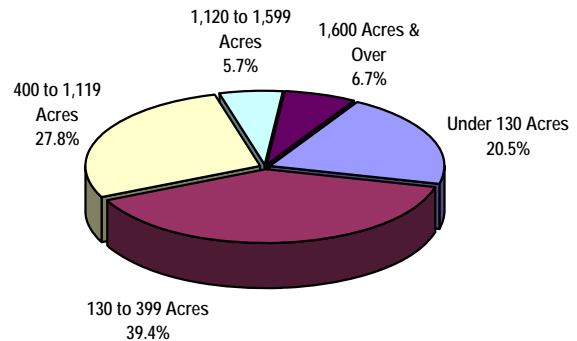
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	1,175	417,367	60.4
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	490	273,803	39.6
Rented/Leased from Government	94	x	x
Rented/Leased from Others	436	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	52	10,318	1.5
Total Area of Farms	1,207	691,170	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	946	344,527	49.8
Summerfallow	96	9,898	1.4
Total Pasture Land	...	249,352	36.1
Tame or Seeded Pasture	648	134,736	19.5
Natural Land for Pasture	672	114,616	16.6
All Other Land	960	87,393	12.6
Total Area of Farms	1,207	691,170	100.0

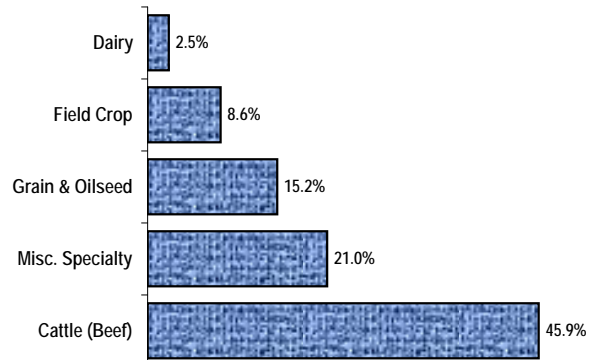
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	175	12,223	69.9
Seasonal or Temporary	238	5,265	30.1
Total Paid Labour	368	17,488	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	551	45.7
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	395	32.7

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

	Wetaskiwin County No. 10	Alberta
Number of Farms	1,207	49,431
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	15,882	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,244,810	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	114,769	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	13,226	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	130,651	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	1,207	192,679	12.8
Livestock and Poultry	951	90,871	6.0
Land and Buildings	1,207	1,218,936	81.1
Owned	1,177	865,382	57.6
Rented or Leased from Others	492	353,554	23.5
Total Farm Capital	1,207	1,502,486	100.0

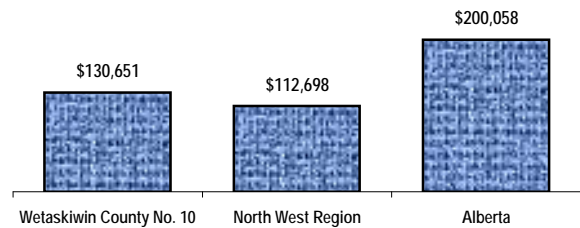
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	5	0.4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	8	0.7
\$100,000 - \$199,999	39	3.2
\$200,000 - \$349,999	177	14.7
\$350,000 - \$499,999	192	15.9
\$500,000 - \$999,999	361	29.9
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	158	13.1
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	87	7.2
\$2,000,000 and Over	180	14.9
Total Farms	1,207	100.0

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	680	8,994	6.5
Custom and Contract Work	637	6,820	4.9
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	441	4,931	3.6
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	227	1,118	0.8
Wages and Salaries	368	9,336	6.7
Paid to Family Members	248	4,579	3.3
Paid to all Other Persons	206	4,756	3.4
All Fuel Expenses	1,154	10,502	7.6
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	1,110	8,645	6.2
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	549	9,634	7.0
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	498	4,538	3.3
Seed/Seedling Purchases	612	3,298	2.4
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	508	31,969	23.1
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	814	2,859	2.1
Feed and Supplement Purchases	785	14,574	10.5
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	1,099	3,877	2.8
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	962	3,187	2.3
All Other Expenses	1,126	14,245	10.3
Total Operating Expenses	1,207	138,527	100.0

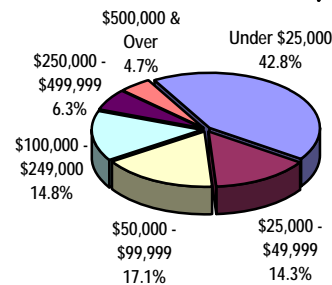
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	1,126	4,262	58,742
Total Farm Trucks	1,133	3,021	31,626
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,077	1,888	21,754
Other Farm Trucks	659	1,133	18,820
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	616	731	14,523
Swathers/Mower Cond.	718	1,090	14,041
Combines	476	581	39,229
Balers	677	924	11,594
Forage Harvesters	111	118	17,532
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	815	2,999	19,414
Irrigation Equipment	17	...	10,806
Other*	909	...	29,925

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
Total Gross Farm Receipts	157,695	1.6
Farms by Gross Farm Receipts		
# Farms	% Distr.	
Under \$10,000	274	22.7
\$10,000 - \$24,999	242	20.0
\$25,000 - \$49,999	173	14.3
\$50,000 - \$99,999	206	17.1
\$100,000 - \$249,999	179	14.8
\$250,000 - \$499,999	76	6.3
\$500,000 - \$999,999	39	3.2
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	12	1.0
\$2,000,000 and Over	6	0.5
Total Farms	1,207	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	634	44,468	2.1
Dairy Cows	40	2,812	3.6
Beef Cows	611	41,656	2.0
Heifers	456	14,434	1.3
Bulls	530	2,279	2.1
Steers	223	12,543	1.3
Calves	636	38,048	1.9
Total Cattle and Calves	694	111,772	1.8

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	18	153	2.2
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	19	2,382	1.3
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	20	8,619	1.3
Grower and Finishing Pigs	28	17,895	1.5
Total Pigs	39	29,049	1.4

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	54	181	3.5
Ewes	75	3,372	3.3
Lambs	64	4,952	4.4
Total Sheep and Lambs	80	8,505	3.8

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	465	5,792	3.7
Goats	29	x	x
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	50	4,835	5.0
Deer (excluding wild deer)	6	407	4.5
Elk	22	2,046	6.1
Llamas and Alpacas	56	312	2.1
Wild Boars	1	x	x

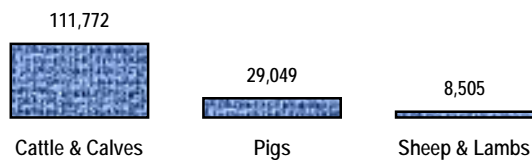
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	9	1,066	0.5
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	0	0	0.0

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	102	x	x
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	40	x	x
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	19	706	0.1
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	79	21,153	0.9
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	23	69,063	9.8
Other Poultry	34	3,333	1.6

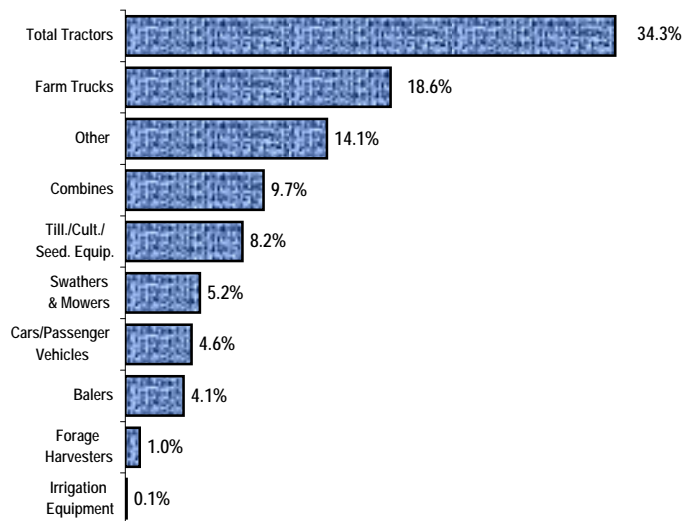
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.	
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	16	x	x	
Turkey Production	9	849,109	5.3	
		# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	1	x	x	

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	1,126	4,262	66,144
Total Farm Trucks	1,133	3,021	35,832
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,077	1,888	23,430
Other Farm Trucks	659	1,133	12,403
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	616	731	8,946
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	718	1,090	10,082
Combines	476	581	18,673
Balers	677	924	7,849
Forage Harvesters	111	118	1,946
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	815	2,999	15,822
Irrigation Equipment	17	...	184
Other*	909	...	27,201

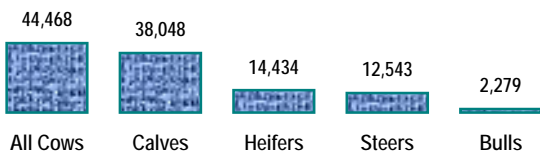
**Livestock Inventory, May 16, 2006
(Number of Head)**



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	154	56,628	0.9
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	148	53,310	0.9
Durum Wheat	5	2,950	0.5
Winter Wheat	7	368	0.3
Oats	261	21,305	1.7
Barley	272	57,716	1.4
Mixed Grains	77	7,244	1.9
Corn for Grain	1	x	x
Buckwheat	1	x	x
Total Rye	25	1,412	1.2
Fall Rye	21	1,016	1.0
Spring Rye	4	396	3.0

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	215	73,507	1.8
Flaxseed	1	x	x
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	1	x	x

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	11	464	0.8
Dry Field Peas	11	3,125	0.5
Lentils	0	0	0.0
Dry White Beans	1	x	x
Chick Peas	0	0	0.0
Other Dry Beans	0	0	0.0
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Caraway Seed	0	0	0.0
Triticale	10	849	1.1
Forage Seed for Seed	8	810	0.3
All Other Field Crops	4	221	0.7

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	19	x	x
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	502	62,626	1.6
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	385	55,324	2.7

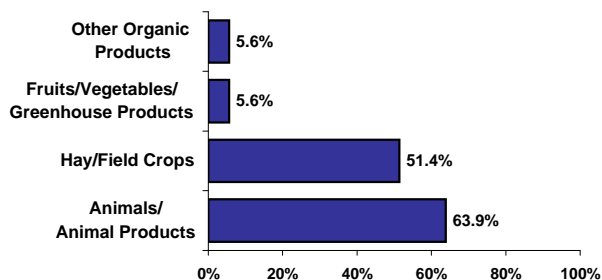
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	2	x	x
Tomatoes	2	x	x
Cucumbers	3	1	0.8
Green Peas	5	1	0.0
Green or Wax Beans	6	x	x
Cabbage	2	x	x
Cauliflower	1	x	x
Broccoli	3	0	0.6
Carrots	5	1	0.1
Rutabagas and Turnips	2	x	x
Beets	5	1	0.7
Radishes	2	x	x
Dry Onions	6	2	0.2
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	5	1	0.8
Lettuce	5	1	3.4
Celery	0	0	0.0
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	4	x	x

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	13	39	1.3
Saskatoons	7	18	1.1
Strawberries	3	x	x
Raspberries	4	2	1.0
Area of Nursery Products	18	357	4.0
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	6	153	12.0
Sod Grown for Sale	1	x	x
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	14	99,663	1.5

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	12	x	x
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	12	125,305	1.0
Flowers	8	108,156	1.9
Vegetables	4	17,149	0.4
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	72	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	37	51.4
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	4	5.6
Total Animals or Animal Products	46	63.9
Total Other Organic Products	4	5.6
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	1	1.4
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	1	1.4
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	71	98.6
Hay or Field Crops	37	51.4
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	4	5.6
Animals or Animal Products	46	63.9
Other Organic Products	3	4.2

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	1,207	691,170	100.0
Use of Irrigation	14	644	0.1
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	473	221,163	32.0
Use of Herbicides	410	175,729	25.4
Use of Insecticides	22	6,602	1.0
Use of Fungicides	46	25,150	3.6

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	700	246,782	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	422	67,757	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	189	62,890	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	165	116,135	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	792	65.6
Farms Applying Manure	472	39.1

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	186	9,936	1.4
Field Crop Land	132	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	54	...	...
Other Land	16	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	77	3,404	0.5
Field Crop Land	14	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	62	...	...
Other Land	9	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	159	12,550	1.8
Field Crop Land	123	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	43	...	...
Other Land	2	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	88	5,915	0.9
Field Crop Land	15	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	75	...	...
Other Land	4	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	21	2,624	0.4
Field Crop Land	20	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	3	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	13	1,892	0.3
Field Crop Land	7	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	9	...	...
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	96	9,898	100.0
Chemical Only	9	833	8.4
Tillage Only	65	5,255	53.1
Tillage and Chemical Combination	24	3,810	38.5

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	683	56.6
Rotational Grazing	600	49.7
Winter Cover Crops	36	3.0
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	265	22.0
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	725	60.1
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	71	5.9

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	1,795	2.5

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	660 36.8
On Farms with Two or More Operators	1,135 63.2
Total Male Operators	1,255 69.9
Total Female Operators	540 30.1

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	53.0
On Farms with One Operator	55.6
On Farms with Two Operators	51.5

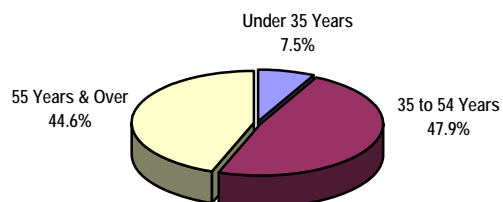
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	135	7.5
35 - 54 Years	860	47.9
55 Years and Over	800	44.6

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	825	45.8
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	975	54.2

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week		% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	540	29.9
20 - 40 Hours	530	29.4
More than 40 Hours	735	40.7

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week		% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	195	20.0
20 - 40 Hours	360	36.9
More than 40 Hours	420	43.1

Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age



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