

2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Stettler County No. 6	Alberta
Total Population	5,216	3,290,350
Urban Population	17	2,699,851
Rural Population	5,199	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>99.7</i>	<i>17.9</i>
Number of Farms	793	49,431
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,253	1,055
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	27,471	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,398,992	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	161,897	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	189,368	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	646	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	527	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	91	79
Number of Pigs (head)	2,281	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	443	55.9
Partnership	262	33.0
With Written Agreement	26	3.3
Without Written Agreement	236	29.8
Corporation	84	10.6
Family	74	9.3
Non-Family	10	1.3
Other*	4	0.5
Total Farms	793	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	7	0.9
10 to 129 Acres	70	8.8
130 to 239 Acres	108	13.6
240 to 399 Acres	100	12.6
400 to 559 Acres	69	8.7
560 to 759 Acres	64	8.1
760 to 1,119 Acres	91	11.5
1,120 Acres and Over	284	35.8
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	92	11.6
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	67	8.4
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	52	6.6
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	23	2.9
3,520 Acres and Over	50	6.3
Total Farms	793	100.0

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	6	0.8
Cattle (Beef)	431	56.3
Hog	11	1.4
Poultry and Egg	4	0.5
Wheat	25	3.3
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	132	17.3
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	52	6.8
Fruit	2	0.3
Vegetable	0	0.0
Miscellaneous Specialty	68	8.9
Livestock Combination	25	3.3
Other Combination	9	1.2
Total Farms Classified	765	100.0

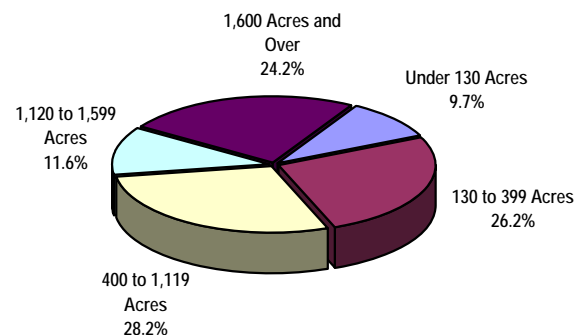
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	763	630,749	63.5
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	386	363,082	36.5
Rented/Leased from Government	99	x	x
Rented/Leased from Others	315	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	78	37,233	3.7
Total Area of Farms	793	993,831	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	664	428,723	43.1
Summerfallow	123	26,097	2.6
Total Pasture Land	...	483,016	48.6
Tame or Seeded Pasture	428	157,195	15.8
Natural Land for Pasture	567	325,821	32.8
All Other Land	565	55,995	5.6
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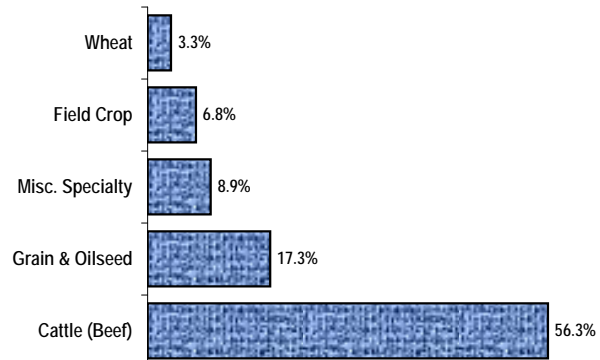
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	138	7,527	72.0
Seasonal or Temporary	175	2,934	28.0
Total Paid Labour	279	10,461	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	362	45.6
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	258	32.5

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.

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2006 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

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Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	14,129	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	189,368	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	793	164,745	14.8
Livestock and Poultry	677	89,448	8.1
Land and Buildings	793	855,208	77.1
Owned	766	611,891	55.2
Rented or Leased from Others	390	243,317	21.9
Total Farm Capital	793	1,109,401	100.0

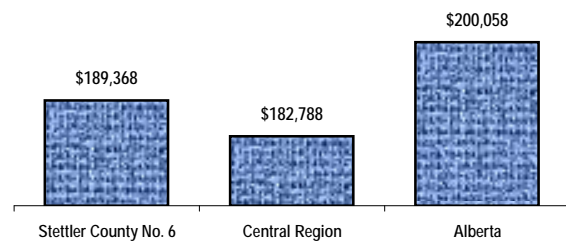
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	1	0.1
\$50,000 - \$99,999	5	0.6
\$100,000 - \$199,999	32	4.0
\$200,000 - \$349,999	96	12.1
\$350,000 - \$499,999	91	11.5
\$500,000 - \$999,999	229	28.9
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	126	15.9
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	66	8.3
\$2,000,000 and Over	147	18.5
Total Farms	793	100.0

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	541	7,644	6.0
Custom and Contract Work	548	7,229	5.6
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	342	4,174	3.3
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	159	1,360	1.1
Wages and Salaries	279	5,310	4.1
Paid to Family Members	196	3,474	2.7
Paid to all Other Persons	144	1,836	1.4
All Fuel Expenses	764	9,473	7.4
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	736	8,482	6.6
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	370	9,460	7.4
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	392	6,783	5.3
Seed/Seeding Purchases	406	2,858	2.2
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	413	33,633	26.2
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	609	2,085	1.6
Feed and Supplement Purchases	565	11,654	9.1
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	735	3,387	2.6
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	660	2,833	2.2
All Other Expenses	745	12,019	9.4
Total Operating Expenses	793	128,384	100.0

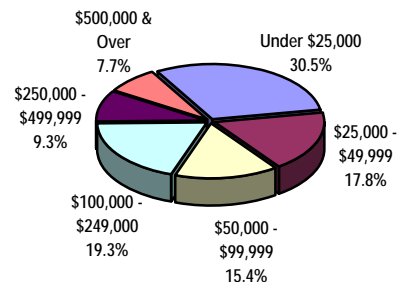
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	723	2,697	74,791
Total Farm Trucks	756	2,347	42,138
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	730	1,507	28,225
Other Farm Trucks	442	840	25,457
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	437	503	15,918
Swathers/Mower Cond.	485	817	22,725
Combines	325	450	61,501
Balers	456	603	12,854
Forage Harvesters	84	91	21,871
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	477	1,529	28,096
Irrigation Equipment	18	...	11,258
Other*	591	...	33,073

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
Total Gross Farm Receipts	150,168	1.5
Farms by Gross Farm Receipts		
# Farms	% Distr.	
Under \$10,000	114	14.4
\$10,000 - \$24,999	128	16.1
\$25,000 - \$49,999	141	17.8
\$50,000 - \$99,999	122	15.4
\$100,000 - \$249,999	153	19.3
\$250,000 - \$499,999	74	9.3
\$500,000 - \$999,999	43	5.4
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	10	1.3
\$2,000,000 and Over	8	1.0
Total Farms	793	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	538	49,649	2.3
Dairy Cows	23	1,545	2.0
Beef Cows	530	48,104	2.4
Heifers	364	18,373	1.6
Bulls	450	2,874	2.6
Steers	187	6,308	0.6
Calves	529	41,931	2.0
Total Cattle and Calves	574	119,135	1.9

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	13	138	1.9
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	13	4,124	2.2
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	12	12,550	1.9
Grower and Finishing Pigs	23	42,487	3.5
Total Pigs	26	59,299	2.9

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	35	143	2.8
Ewes	45	3,172	3.1
Lambs	38	3,396	3.0
Total Sheep and Lambs	45	6,711	3.0

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	331	3,117	2.0
Goats	19	176	0.6
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	8	x	x
Deer (excluding wild deer)	2	x	x
Elk	0	0	0.0
Llamas and Alpacas	31	233	1.6
Wild Boars	2	x	x

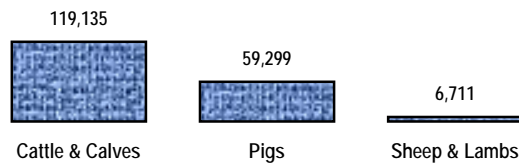
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	6	x	x
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	1	x	x

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	63	90,079	0.8
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	25	45,259	0.5
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	14	13,119	1.3
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	49	31,701	1.4
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	1	x	x
Turkeys	6	767	0.1
Other Poultry	15	3,953	1.9

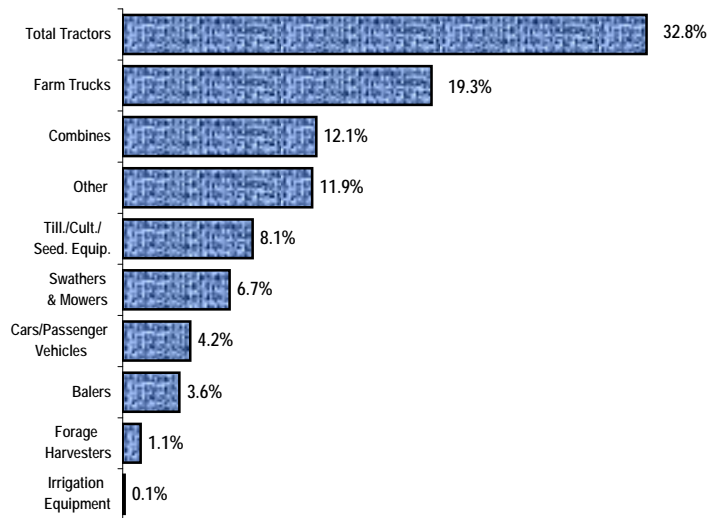
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	12	631,970	0.5
Turkey Production	5	4,632	0.0
	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	0	0	x

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	723	2,697	54,074
Total Farm Trucks	756	2,347	31,856
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	730	1,507	20,604
Other Farm Trucks	442	840	11,252
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	437	503	6,956
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	485	817	11,022
Combines	325	450	19,988
Balers	456	603	5,861
Forage Harvesters	84	91	1,837
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	477	1,529	13,402
Irrigation Equipment	18	...	203
Other*	591	...	19,546

**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	191	100,614	1.6
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	188	98,440	1.7
Durum Wheat	6	x	x
Winter Wheat	1	x	x
Oats	191	22,961	1.8
Barley	224	76,780	1.9
Mixed Grains	67	14,216	3.8
Corn for Grain	0	0	0.0
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	20	1,943	1.6
Fall Rye	17	1,623	1.5
Spring Rye	3	320	2.4

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	159	79,371	2.0
Flaxseed	4	1,020	1.7
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	0	0	0.0

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	5	15	0.0
Dry Field Peas	33	9,563	1.6
Lentils	0	0	0.0
Dry White Beans	0	0	0.0
Chick Peas	1	x	x
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	16	2,000	2.6
Forage Seed for Seed	7	716	0.3
All Other Field Crops	3	230	0.7

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	9	505	0.7
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	428	88,390	2.2
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	160	30,103	1.5

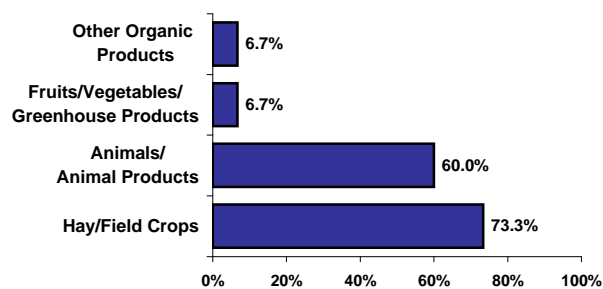
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	1	x	x
Tomatoes	1	x	x
Cucumbers	1	x	x
Green Peas	1	x	x
Green or Wax Beans	1	x	x
Cabbage	1	x	x
Cauliflower	1	x	x
Broccoli	1	x	x
Carrots	3	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	1	x	x
Beets	2	x	x
Radishes	1	x	x
Dry Onions	1	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed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

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	10	31	1.1
Saskatoons	9	24	1.5
Strawberries	2	x	x
Raspberries	1	x	x
Area of Nursery Products	4	x	x
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	0	0	0.0
Sod Grown for Sale	0	0	0.0
Sales of Forest Products	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
	6	4,500	0.1

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	5	68,048	0.5
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	5	66,848	0.5
Flowers	5	x	x
Vegetables	1	x	x
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	30	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	22	73.3
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	2	6.7
Total Animals or Animal Products	18	60.0
Total Other Organic Products	2	6.7
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	1	3.3
Hay or Field Crops	1	3.3
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	1	3.3
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	29	96.7
Hay or Field Crops	21	70.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	2	6.7
Animals or Animal Products	17	56.7
Other Organic Products	2	6.7

Per Cent of All Organic Farms Reporting Types of Organic Production



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 "# Farms" refers to number of farms reporting. "% Total Farms" refers to % of total farms reporting organic products.

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2006 Agriculture Profile - 5. Land Management and Farm Operators

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Farms Reporting	793	993,831	100.0
Use of Irrigation	5	208	0.0
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	336	293,137	29.5
Use of Herbicides	364	292,458	29.4
Use of Insecticides	18	18,369	1.8
Use of Fungicides	26	23,364	2.4

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	490	331,344	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	227	82,518	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	154	85,260	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	175	163,566	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	586	73.9
Farms Applying Manure	390	49.2

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	115	9,390	0.9
Field Crop Land	80	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	42	...	...
Other Land	7	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	55	2,598	0.3
Field Crop Land	14	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	37	...	...
Other Land	6	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	159	14,011	1.4
Field Crop Land	144	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	21	...	...
Other Land	7	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	86	5,688	0.6
Field Crop Land	34	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	55	...	...
Other Land	7	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	14	2,695	0.3
Field Crop Land	12	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	3	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	4	515	0.1
Field Crop Land	2	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	2	...	...
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	123	26,097	100.0
Chemical Only	26	7,318	28.0
Tillage Only	61	10,459	40.1
Tillage and Chemical Combination	43	8,320	31.9

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	425	53.6
Rotational Grazing	402	50.7
Winter Cover Crops	44	5.5
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	125	15.8
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	438	55.2
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	23	2.9

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	1,175	1.6
Total Operators:		% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	425	35.9
On Farms with Two or More Operators	760	64.1
Total Male Operators	825	70.2
Total Female Operators	355	30.2

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	51.8
On Farms with One Operator	54.0
On Farms with Two Operators	50.7

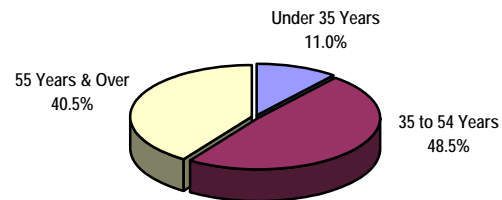
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	130	11.0
35 - 54 Years	575	48.5
55 Years and Over	480	40.5

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	570	48.5
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	605	51.5

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week		
Less than 20 Hours	290	24.7
20 - 40 Hours	310	26.4
More than 40 Hours	575	48.9

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week		
Less than 20 Hours	110	18.2
20 - 40 Hours	215	35.5
More than 40 Hours	280	46.3

Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age



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