

**2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land**

	Taber	Alberta
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,280</b>	<b>3,290,350</b>
Urban Population	86	2,699,851
Rural Population	6,194	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>98.6</i>	<i>17.9</i>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>49,431</b>
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,297	1,055
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	101,946	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	2,328,677	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	546,276	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	648,223	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	799	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	600	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	75	79
Number of Pigs (head)	3,165	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	397	51.7
Partnership	156	20.3
With Written Agreement	24	3.1
Without Written Agreement	132	17.2
Corporation	206	26.8
Family	186	24.2
Non-Family	20	2.6
Other*	9	1.2
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	16	2.1
10 to 129 Acres	137	17.8
130 to 239 Acres	90	11.7
240 to 399 Acres	88	11.5
400 to 559 Acres	78	10.2
560 to 759 Acres	83	10.8
760 to 1,119 Acres	75	9.8
<b>1,120 Acres and Over</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>26.2</b>
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	52	6.8
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	54	7.0
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	24	3.1
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	14	1.8
3,520 Acres and Over	57	7.4
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	5	0.7
Cattle (Beef)	251	33.4
Hog	22	2.9
Poultry and Egg	2	0.3
Wheat	106	14.1
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	115	15.3
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	160	21.3
Fruit	0	0.0
Vegetable	11	1.5
Miscellaneous Specialty	41	5.5
Livestock Combination	10	1.3
Other Combination	28	3.7
<b>Total Farms Classified</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>100.0</b>

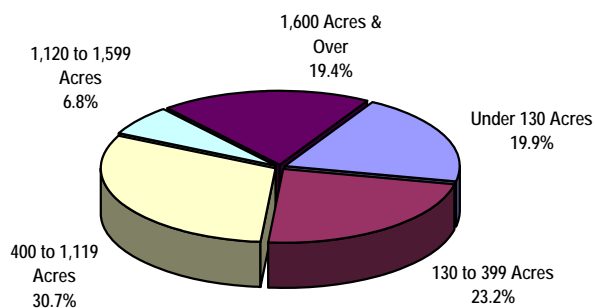
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	717	505,875	50.8
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	429	490,347	49.2
Rented/Leased from Government	129	x	x
Rented/Leased from Others	339	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	52	22,166	2.2
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>996,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	661	528,076	53.0
Summerfallow	220	56,952	5.7
Total Pasture Land	...	392,376	39.4
Tame or Seeded Pasture	308	57,468	5.8
Natural Land for Pasture	287	334,908	33.6
All Other Land	479	18,818	1.9
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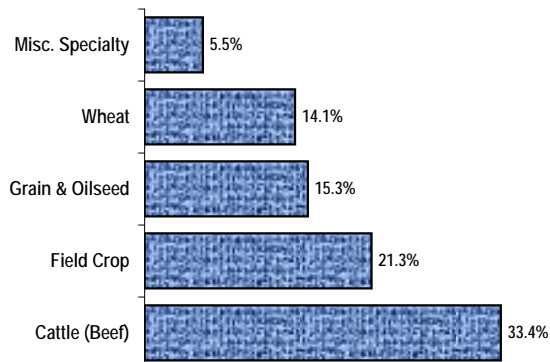
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	259	33,906	72.4
Seasonal or Temporary	250	12,932	27.6
<b>Total Paid Labour</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>46,838</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	448	58.3
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	335	43.6

**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.

**2006 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics**

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<b>Number of Farms</b>	768	49,431
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Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	29,589	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	648,223	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	768	340,942	19.1
Livestock and Poultry	499	123,186	6.9
Land and Buildings	768	1,324,297	74.0
Owned	721	1,005,662	56.2
Rented or Leased from Others	432	318,635	17.8
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1,788,424</b>	<b>100.0</b>

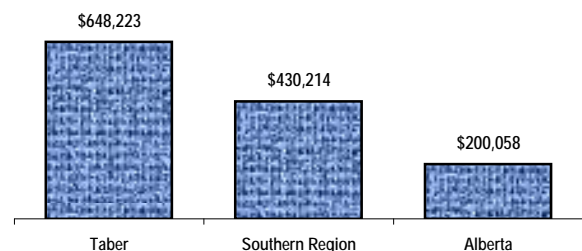
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	6	0.8
\$50,000 - \$99,999	5	0.7
\$100,000 - \$199,999	23	3.0
\$200,000 - \$349,999	79	10.3
\$350,000 - \$499,999	68	8.9
\$500,000 - \$999,999	170	22.1
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	115	15.0
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	67	8.7
\$2,000,000 and Over	235	30.6
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	540	15,978	3.8
Custom and Contract Work	573	27,565	6.6
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	405	15,265	3.6
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	217	6,642	1.6
Wages and Salaries	422	31,451	7.5
Paid to Family Members	330	11,804	2.8
Paid to all Other Persons	239	19,646	4.7
All Fuel Expenses	730	18,028	4.3
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	716	18,435	4.4
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	551	23,674	5.6
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	543	21,141	5.0
Seed/Seedling Purchases	510	11,023	2.6
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	309	121,990	29.1
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	437	4,254	1.0
Feed and Supplement Purchases	404	59,629	14.2
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	710	9,519	2.3
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	560	4,854	1.2
All Other Expenses	735	30,092	7.2
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>419,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>

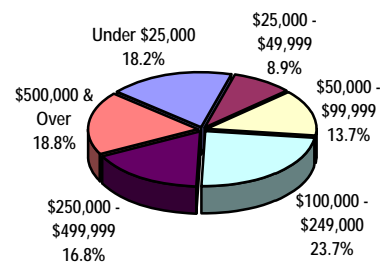
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	701	2,736	129,534
Total Farm Trucks	719	3,300	71,291
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	705	1,859	32,291
Other Farm Trucks	533	1,441	53,458
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	391	486	15,913
Swathers/Mower Cond.	477	716	19,146
Combines	410	544	74,211
Balers	347	467	17,170
Forage Harvesters	60	79	58,869
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	561	2,840	58,586
Irrigation Equipment	498	...	144,617
Other*	610	...	63,481

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>	<b>497,835</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	54	7.0
\$10,000 - \$24,999	86	11.2
\$25,000 - \$49,999	68	8.9
\$50,000 - \$99,999	105	13.7
\$100,000 - \$249,999	182	23.7
\$250,000 - \$499,999	129	16.8
\$500,000 - \$999,999	68	8.9
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	37	4.8
\$2,000,000 and Over	39	5.1
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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	363	27,925	1.3
Dairy Cows	14	1,231	1.6
Beef Cows	355	26,694	1.3
Heifers	217	64,291	5.7
Bulls	320	1,287	1.2
Steers	131	18,210	1.9
Calves	375	39,330	1.9
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>151,043</b>	<b>2.4</b>

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	22	267	3.8
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	24	13,604	7.2
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	22	33,582	5.2
Grower and Finishing Pigs	24	63,307	5.2
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>110,760</b>	<b>5.4</b>

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	21	50	1.0
Ewes	31	1,632	1.6
Lambs	29	1,777	1.6
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>1.6</b>

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	186	1,089	0.7
Goats	13	642	2.2
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	4	140	0.1
Deer (excluding wild deer)	1	x	x
Elk	1	x	x
Llamas and Alpacas	22	498	3.4
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

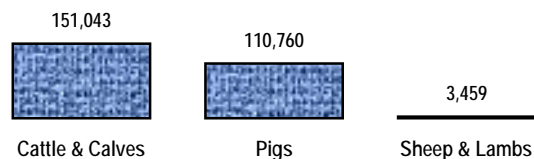
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	2	x	x
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	4	x	x

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	52	205,499	1.7
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	17	145,242	1.7
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	6	19,254	2.0
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	44	41,003	1.8
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	1	x	x
Turkeys	5	x	x
Other Poultry	13	2,475	1.2

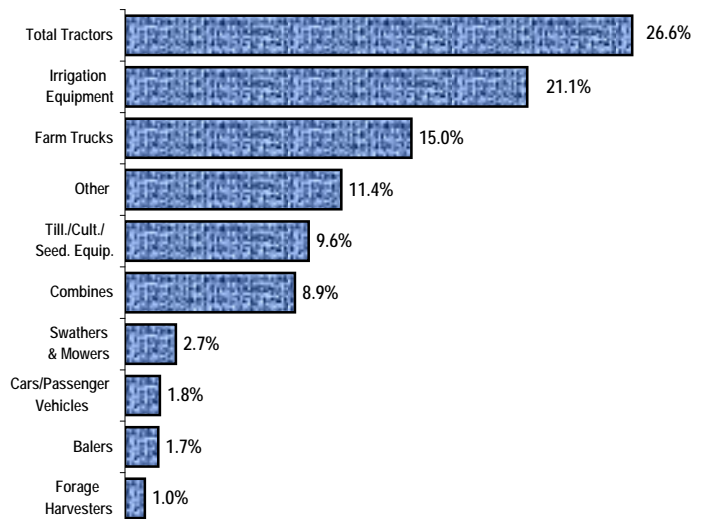
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	4	1,921,563	1.7
Turkey Production	1	x	x
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	0	0	x

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	701	2,736	90,803
Total Farm Trucks	719	3,300	51,258
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	705	1,859	22,765
Other Farm Trucks	533	1,441	28,493
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	391	486	6,222
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	477	716	9,132
Combines	410	544	30,427
Balers	347	467	5,958
Forage Harvesters	60	79	3,532
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	561	2,840	32,867
Irrigation Equipment	498	...	72,019
Other*	610	...	38,723

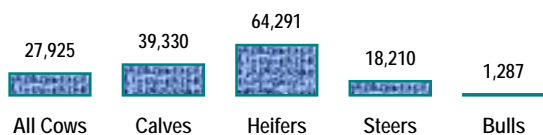
**Livestock Inventory, May 16, 2006  
(Number of Head)**



**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	368	220,917	3.4
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	322	158,256	1.6
Durum Wheat	131	51,009	8.9
Winter Wheat	31	11,652	9.1
Oats	65	5,078	0.4
Barley	267	72,604	1.8
Mixed Grains	10	1,583	0.4
Corn for Grain	11	928	21.5
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	9	989	0.8
Fall Rye	8	x	x
Spring Rye	1	x	x

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	161	43,256	1.1
Flaxseed	26	2,476	4.1
Soybeans	1	x	x
Mustard Seed	10	1,460	2.3
Sunflowers	2	x	x

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	72	35,925	65.6
Dry Field Peas	49	21,135	3.6
Lentils	3	700	6.5
Dry White Beans	18	2,837	37.3
Chick Peas	29	9,836	24.1
Other Dry Beans	109	20,333	37.4
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	113	20,796	53.6
Caraway Seed	0	0	0.0
Triticale	18	1,657	2.2
Forage Seed for Seed	12	2,278	0.9
All Other Field Crops	11	1,765	5.7

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	37	7,256	10.3
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	325	35,364	0.9
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	88	11,330	0.5

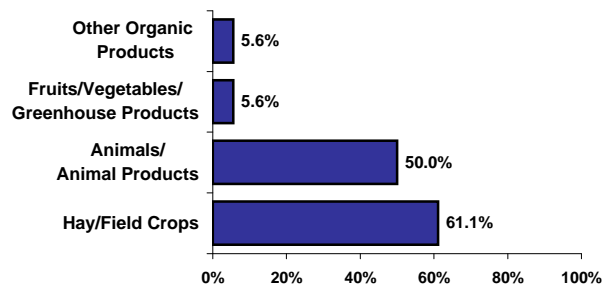
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	28	3,698	80.7
Tomatoes	1	x	x
Cucumbers	4	1	0.8
Green Peas	19	2,380	58.0
Green or Wax Beans	3	x	x
Cabbage	2	x	x
Cauliflower	2	x	x
Broccoli	3	x	x
Carrots	4	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	4	x	x
Radishes	0	0	0.0
Dry Onions	4	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	0	0	0.0
Lettuces	2	x	x
Celery	1	x	x
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	7	131	29.0

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	7	11	0.4
Saskatoons	3	x	x
Strawberries	2	x	x
Raspberries	3	5	2.1
Area of Nursery Products	1	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.
	5	9,749	0.1

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	3	33,884	0.3
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	3	31,884	0.3
Flowers	2	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	18	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	11	61.1
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	5.6
Total Animals or Animal Products	9	50.0
Total Other Organic Products	1	5.6
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	5	27.8
Hay or Field Crops	4	22.2
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	2	11.1
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Transitional Organic Products	1	5.6
Hay or Field Crops	1	5.6
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	1	5.6
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Not Certified Organic Products	12	66.7
Hay or Field Crops	6	33.3
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	5.6
Animals or Animal Products	6	33.3
Other Organic Products	1	5.6

**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	768	996,222	100.0
Use of Irrigation	585	293,865	29.5
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	517	448,696	45.0
Use of Herbicides	499	448,211	45.0
Use of Insecticides	205	95,667	9.6
Use of Fungicides	192	112,183	11.3

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	606	497,095	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	395	206,159	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	205	113,463	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	131	177,473	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	446	58.1
Farms Applying Manure	317	41.3

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	90	8,374	0.8
Field Crop Land	72	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	19	...	...
Other Land	4	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	30	2,253	0.2
Field Crop Land	8	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	20	...	...
Other Land	2	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	153	22,143	2.2
Field Crop Land	138	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	14	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	41	3,651	0.4
Field Crop Land	22	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	19	...	...
Other Land	1	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	27	7,657	0.8
Field Crop Land	26	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	3	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	8	985	0.1
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	6	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Applied by Irrigation	5	1,020	0.1
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	2	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...

Weed Control on Summerfallow	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Summerfallow Land	220	56,952	100.0
Chemical Only	80	28,397	49.9
Tillage Only	83	14,396	25.3
Tillage and Chemical Combination	71	14,159	24.9

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	575	74.9
Rotational Grazing	200	26.0
Winter Cover Crops	78	10.2
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	86	11.2
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	203	26.4
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	25	3.3

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	1,070	1.5

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	475 44.4
On Farms with Two or More Operators	595 55.6
Total Male Operators	815 76.2
Total Female Operators	255 23.8

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	49.2
On Farms with One Operator	50.5
On Farms with Two Operators	48.2

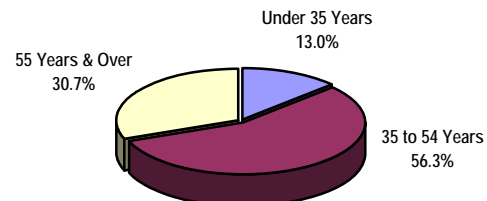
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	140	13.0
35 - 54 Years	605	56.3
55 Years and Over	330	30.7

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	635	59.6
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	430	40.4

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	220	20.7
20 - 40 Hours	220	20.7
More than 40 Hours	625	58.7

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	115	26.7
20 - 40 Hours	145	33.7
More than 40 Hours	170	39.5

**Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age**



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