

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

	Minburn County No. 27	Alberta
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>3,290,350</b>
Urban Population	0	2,699,851
Rural Population	3,319	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>17.9</i>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>49,431</b>
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,055	1,055
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	24,239	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,208,754	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	141,084	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	165,324	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	739	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	424	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	74	79
Number of Pigs (head)	838	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	437	63.8
Partnership	159	23.2
With Written Agreement	13	1.9
Without Written Agreement	146	21.3
Corporation	88	12.8
Family	83	12.1
Non-Family	5	0.7
Other*	1	0.1
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	7	1.0
10 to 129 Acres	63	9.2
130 to 239 Acres	114	16.6
240 to 399 Acres	84	12.3
400 to 559 Acres	64	9.3
560 to 759 Acres	48	7.0
760 to 1,119 Acres	105	15.3
<b>1,120 Acres and Over</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>29.2</b>
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	65	9.5
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	55	8.0
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	32	4.7
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	12	1.8
3,520 Acres and Over	36	5.3
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	2	0.3
Cattle (Beef)	220	32.9
Hog	2	0.3
Poultry and Egg	3	0.4
Wheat	40	6.0
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	307	45.9
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	17	2.5
Fruit	3	0.4
Vegetable	1	0.1
Miscellaneous Specialty	51	7.6
Livestock Combination	14	2.1
Other Combination	9	1.3
<b>Total Farms Classified</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>100.0</b>

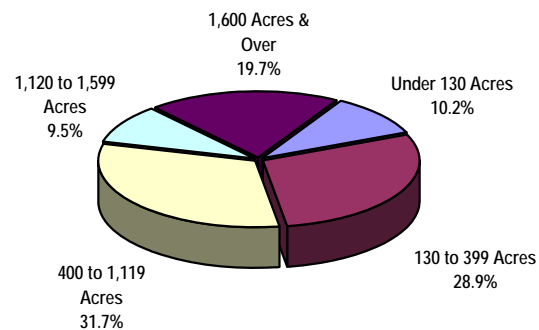
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	665	436,870	60.5
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	338	285,597	39.5
Rented/Leased from Government	40	25,928	3.6
Rented/Leased from Others	301	239,373	33.1
Crop Shared from Others	50	20,296	2.8
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>722,467</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	625	461,964	63.9
Summerfallow	115	19,395	2.7
Total Pasture Land	...	193,717	26.8
Tame or Seeded Pasture	311	95,916	13.3
Natural Land for Pasture	401	97,801	13.5
All Other Land	505	47,391	6.6
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>722,467</b>	<b>100.0</b>

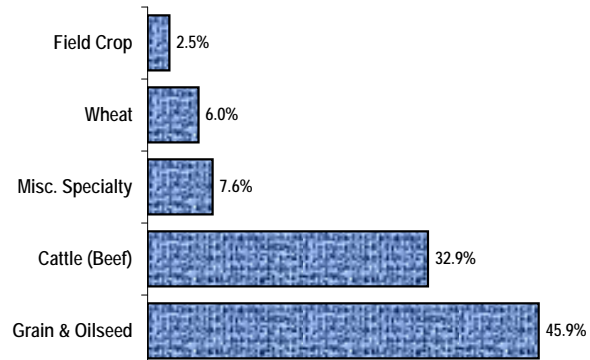
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	117	5,509	71.4
Seasonal or Temporary	181	2,207	28.6
<b>Total Paid Labour</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>7,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	288	42.0
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	200	29.2

**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**

	Minburn County No. 27	Alberta
Number of Farms	685	49,431
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	24,239	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,208,754	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	141,084	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	12,960	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	165,324	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	685	158,971	19.2
Livestock and Poultry	470	46,885	5.7
Land and Buildings	685	622,140	75.1
Owned	666	419,922	50.7
Rented or Leased from Others	340	202,218	24.4
Total Farm Capital	685	827,996	100.0

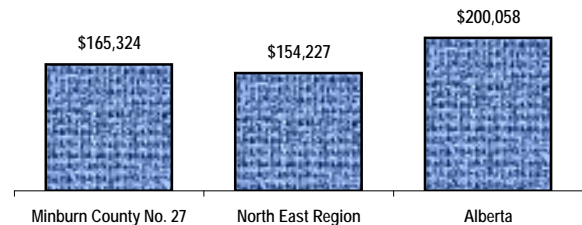
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	0	0.0
\$50,000 - \$99,999	7	1.0
\$100,000 - \$199,999	52	7.6
\$200,000 - \$349,999	95	13.9
\$350,000 - \$499,999	101	14.7
\$500,000 - \$999,999	190	27.7
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	75	10.9
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	55	8.0
\$2,000,000 and Over	110	16.1
Total Farms	685	100.0

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	479	6,208	6.4
Custom and Contract Work	453	4,065	4.2
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	312	5,679	5.9
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	123	618	0.6
Wages and Salaries	264	4,007	4.1
Paid to Family Members	183	2,593	2.7
Paid to all Other Persons	150	1,414	1.5
All Fuel Expenses	670	8,989	9.3
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	656	7,668	7.9
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	499	12,988	13.4
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	467	9,188	9.5
Seed/Seedling Purchases	431	3,470	3.6
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	238	10,770	11.1
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	424	1,358	1.4
Feed and Supplement Purchases	379	6,181	6.4
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	641	2,709	2.8
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	555	2,495	2.6
All Other Expenses	656	10,250	10.6
Total Operating Expenses	685	96,643	100.0

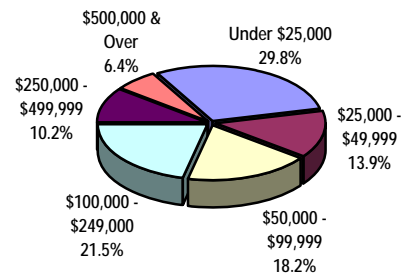
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	644	2,251	70,115
Total Farm Trucks	658	2,270	42,055
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	633	1,282	23,898
Other Farm Trucks	492	989	25,498
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	361	442	15,277
Swathers/Mower Cond.	512	706	20,757
Combines	452	584	62,429
Balers	374	470	11,377
Forage Harvesters	53	53	11,488
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	518	1,480	33,944
Irrigation Equipment	6	...	35,167
Other*	545	...	35,094

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
Total Gross Farm Receipts	113,247	1.1
Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	69	10.1
\$10,000 - \$24,999	135	19.7
\$25,000 - \$49,999	95	13.9
\$50,000 - \$99,999	125	18.2
\$100,000 - \$249,999	147	21.5
\$250,000 - \$499,999	70	10.2
\$500,000 - \$999,999	29	4.2
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	10	1.5
\$2,000,000 and Over	5	0.7
Total Farms	685	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	362	26,825	1.3
Dairy Cows	6	284	0.4
Beef Cows	360	26,541	1.3
Heifers	242	7,644	0.7
Bulls	311	1,336	1.2
Steers	138	5,187	0.5
Calves	358	22,156	1.1
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>63,148</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	8	44	0.6
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	10	1,346	0.7
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	9	5,247	0.8
Grower and Finishing Pigs	16	8,443	0.7
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15,080</b>	<b>0.7</b>

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	24	106	2.1
Ewes	29	2,416	2.3
Lambs	26	2,652	2.3
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>2.3</b>

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	203	1,297	0.8
Goats	8	133	0.5
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	1	x	x
Bison (Buffalo)	12	3,612	3.7
Deer (excluding wild deer)	1	x	x
Elk	7	684	2.0
Llamas and Alpacas	18	196	1.3
Wild Boars	3	x	x

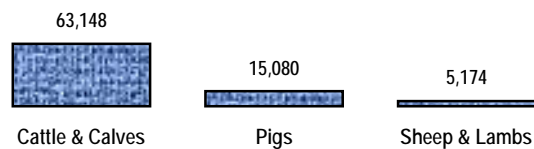
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	5	x	x
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	1	x	x

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	41	44,448	0.4
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	24	x	x
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	6	x	x
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	28	25,754	1.2
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	11	x	x
Other Poultry	9	6,563	3.1

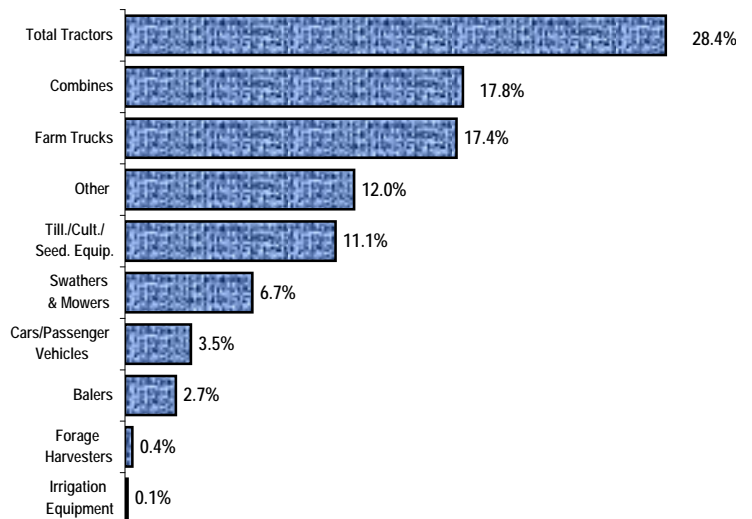
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	13	76,039	0.1
Turkey Production	7	x	x
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
	0	0	x

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	644	2,251	45,154
Total Farm Trucks	658	2,270	27,673
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	633	1,282	15,127
Other Farm Trucks	492	989	12,545
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	361	442	5,515
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	512	706	10,627
Combines	452	584	28,218
Balers	374	470	4,255
Forage Harvesters	53	53	609
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	518	1,480	17,583
Irrigation Equipment	6	...	211
Other*	545	...	19,126

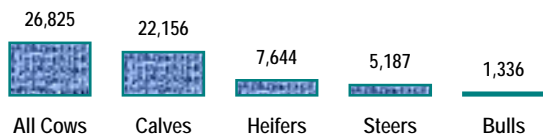
**Livestock Inventory, May 16, 2006  
(Number of Head)**



**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	314	133,102	2.1
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	311	132,162	2.3
Durum Wheat	4	x	x
Winter Wheat	2	x	x
Oats	207	31,531	2.5
Barley	247	66,246	1.6
Mixed Grains	37	5,632	1.5
Corn for Grain	3	131	3.0
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	12	1,010	0.9
Fall Rye	10	x	x
Spring Rye	2	x	x

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	333	141,092	3.5
Flaxseed	4	654	1.1
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	0	0	0.0

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	2	x	x
Dry Field Peas	61	17,042	2.9
Lentils	2	x	x
Dry White Beans	0	0	0.0
Chick Peas	1	x	x
Other Dry Beans	0	0	0.0
Canary Seed	1	x	x
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Caraway Seed	0	0	0.0
Triticale	7	679	0.9
Forage Seed for Seed	5	1,021	0.4
All Other Field Crops	0	0	0.0

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	14	1,791	2.5
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	291	41,278	1.0
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	147	19,941	1.0

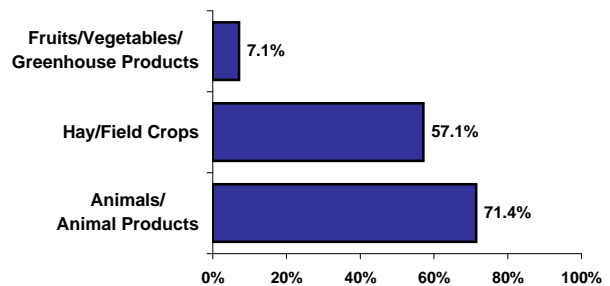
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	3	x	x
Tomatoes	2	x	x
Cucumbers	5	3	1.7
Green Peas	3	3	0.1
Green or Wax Beans	3	1	0.3
Cabbage	3	3	0.7
Cauliflower	2	x	x
Broccoli	2	x	x
Carrots	3	3	0.3
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	3	1	1.8
Radishes	1	x	x
Dry Onions	2	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	1	x	x
Lettuce	3	1	1.8
Celery	0	0	0.0
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	2	x	x

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	7	32	1.1
Saskatoons	5	14	0.9
Strawberries	3	x	x
Raspberries	4	6	2.4
Area of Nursery Products	3	13	0.1
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.
	1	x	x

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	3	x	x
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	3	x	x
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	14	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	8	57.1
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	7.1
Total Animals or Animal Products	10	71.4
Total Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	2	14.3
Hay or Field Crops	2	14.3
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	2	14.3
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	12	85.7
Hay or Field Crops	6	42.9
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	7.1
Animals or Animal Products	8	57.1
Other Organic Products	0	0.0

**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	685	722,467	100.0
Use of Irrigation	5	655	0.1
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	446	368,963	51.1
Use of Herbicides	410	349,668	48.4
Use of Insecticides	54	25,232	3.5
Use of Fungicides	48	33,723	4.7

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	542	416,661	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	163	53,833	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	147	77,012	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	286	285,816	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	384	56.1
Farms Applying Manure	255	37.2

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	89	5,952	0.8
Field Crop Land	65	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	22	...	...
Other Land	4	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	42	2,537	0.4
Field Crop Land	15	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	26	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	87	7,023	1.0
Field Crop Land	79	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	6	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	57	4,980	0.7
Field Crop Land	26	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	33	...	...
Other Land	1	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	3	250	0.0
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	0	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	2	x	x
Field Crop Land	0	...	...
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	115	19,395	100.0
Chemical Only	13	2,654	13.7
Tillage Only	54	7,297	37.6
Tillage and Chemical Combination	50	9,444	48.7

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	522	76.2
Rotational Grazing	263	38.4
Winter Cover Crops	26	3.8
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	120	17.5
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	372	54.3
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	18	2.6

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	950	1.3

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	430 44.8
On Farms with Two or More Operators	530 55.2
Total Male Operators	705 74.2
Total Female Operators	250 26.3

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	52.7
On Farms with One Operator	54.2
On Farms with Two Operators	51.5

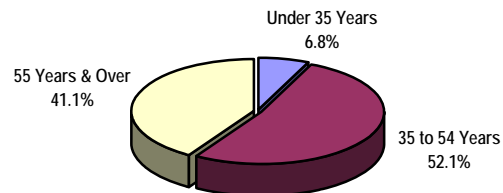
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	65	6.8
35 - 54 Years	500	52.1
55 Years and Over	395	41.1

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	415	43.7
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	535	56.3

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	255	26.6
20 - 40 Hours	280	29.2
More than 40 Hours	425	44.3

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	95	17.8
20 - 40 Hours	210	39.3
More than 40 Hours	230	43.0

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



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