

2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Northern Sunrise County	Alberta
Total Population	1,747	3,290,350
Urban Population	0	2,699,851
Rural Population	1,747	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>17.9</i>
Number of Farms	217	49,431
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,533	1,055
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	30,489	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	952,406	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	167,732	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	198,221	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	1,029	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	581	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	x	79
Number of Pigs (head)	x	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	125	57.6
Partnership	56	25.8
With Written Agreement	5	2.3
Without Written Agreement	51	23.5
Corporation	34	15.7
Family	31	14.3
Non-Family	3	1.4
Other*	2	0.9
Total Farms	217	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	0	0.0
10 to 129 Acres	10	4.6
130 to 239 Acres	36	16.6
240 to 399 Acres	22	10.1
400 to 559 Acres	29	13.4
560 to 759 Acres	18	8.3
760 to 1,119 Acres	26	12.0
1,120 Acres and Over	76	35.0
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	23	10.6
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	21	9.7
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	6	2.8
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	2	0.9
3,520 Acres and Over	24	11.1
Total Farms	217	100.0

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	2	1.0
Cattle (Beef)	51	24.9
Hog	0	0.0
Poultry and Egg	0	0.0
Wheat	12	5.9
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	78	38.0
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	27	13.2
Fruit	0	0.0
Vegetable	0	0.0
Miscellaneous Specialty	30	14.6
Livestock Combination	3	1.5
Other Combination	2	1.0
Total Farms Classified	205	100.0

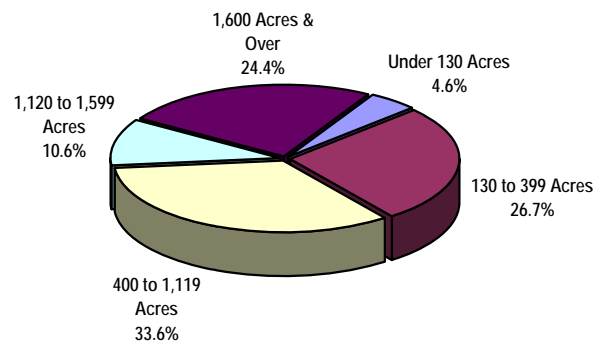
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	210	177,782	53.4
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	100	154,868	46.6
Rented/Leased from Government	21	61,379	18.5
Rented/Leased from Others	83	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	11	x	x
Total Area of Farms	217	332,650	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	195	200,563	60.3
Summerfallow	48	10,545	3.2
Total Pasture Land	...	60,775	18.3
Tame or Seeded Pasture	73	28,405	8.5
Natural Land for Pasture	63	32,370	9.7
All Other Land	172	60,767	18.3
Total Area of Farms	217	332,650	100.0

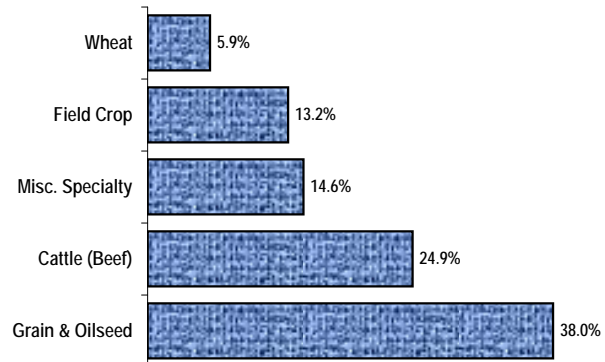
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	35	4,129	61.5
Seasonal or Temporary	54	2,585	38.5
Total Paid Labour	79	6,714	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	108	49.8
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	73	33.6

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.

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

	Northern Sunrise County	Alberta
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Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	167,732	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	12,405	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	198,221	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	217	52,599	25.5
Livestock and Poultry	107	10,136	4.9
Land and Buildings	217	143,938	69.6
Owned	210	105,856	51.2
Rented or Leased from Others	100	38,081	18.4
Total Farm Capital	217	206,672	100.0

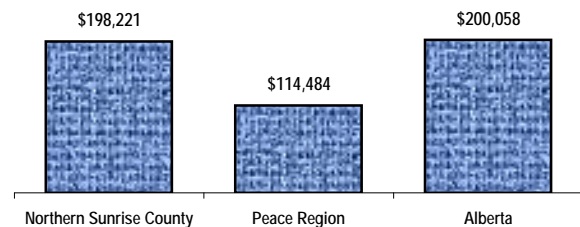
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	0	0.0
\$50,000 - \$99,999	1	0.5
\$100,000 - \$199,999	22	10.1
\$200,000 - \$349,999	31	14.3
\$350,000 - \$499,999	37	17.1
\$500,000 - \$999,999	66	30.4
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	26	12.0
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	11	5.1
\$2,000,000 and Over	23	10.6
Total Farms	217	100.0

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	145	1,799	4.9
Custom and Contract Work	115	2,579	7.1
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	80	2,259	6.2
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	38	510	1.4
Wages and Salaries	79	4,907	13.5
Paid to Family Members	53	1,516	4.2
Paid to all Other Persons	45	3,391	9.3
All Fuel Expenses	207	3,101	8.5
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	203	3,075	8.4
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	127	5,053	13.9
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	123	2,771	7.6
Seed/Seedling Purchases	110	1,398	3.8
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	44	1,188	3.3
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	85	331	0.9
Feed and Supplement Purchases	82	1,779	4.9
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	202	926	2.5
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	152	462	1.3
All Other Expenses	206	4,261	11.7
Total Operating Expenses	217	36,398	100.0

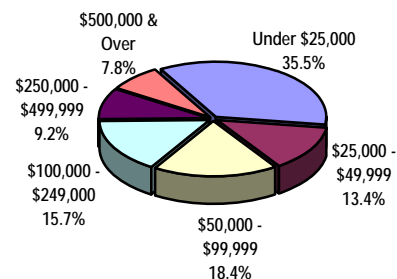
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	202	805	66,542
Total Farm Trucks	204	726	38,641
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	200	384	20,480
Other Farm Trucks	152	342	24,914
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	112	136	16,811
Swathers/Mower Cond.	155	223	20,262
Combines	127	183	61,766
Balers	91	131	15,496
Forage Harvesters	12	14	x
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	160	785	51,522
Irrigation Equipment	3	...	x
Other*	176	...	46,063

	\$ '000	% Alta.
Total Gross Farm Receipts	43,014	0.4
Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	42	19.4
\$10,000 - \$24,999	35	16.1
\$25,000 - \$49,999	29	13.4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	40	18.4
\$100,000 - \$249,999	34	15.7
\$250,000 - \$499,999	20	9.2
\$500,000 - \$999,999	11	5.1
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	1	0.5
\$2,000,000 and Over	5	2.3
Total Farms	217	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	62	4,949	0.2
Dairy Cows	2	x	x
Beef Cows	60	x	x
Heifers	43	1,191	0.1
Bulls	48	160	0.1
Steers	26	881	0.1
Calves	60	3,716	0.2
Total Cattle and Calves	65	10,897	0.2

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	1	x	x
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	1	x	x
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	1	x	x
Grower and Finishing Pigs	1	x	x
Total Pigs	2	x	x

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	7	10	0.2
Ewes	9	214	0.2
Lambs	6	162	0.1
Total Sheep and Lambs	9	386	0.2

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	56	709	0.5
Goats	6	244	0.8
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	17	1,784	1.8
Deer (excluding wild deer)	0	0	0.0
Elk	1	x	x
Llamas and Alpacas	5	15	0.1
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	2	x	x
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	1	x	x

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	10	232	0.0
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	6	x	x
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	2	x	x
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	7	93	0.0
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	0	0	0.0
Other Poultry	3	33	0.0

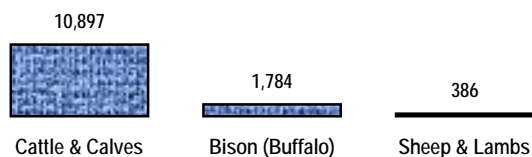
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	0	0	0.0
Turkey Production	0	0	0.0

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

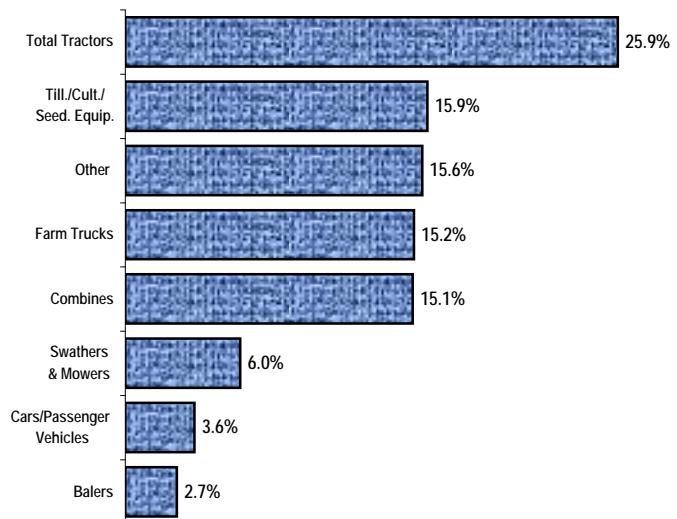
Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment

	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	202	805	13,441
Total Farm Trucks	204	726	7,883
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	200	384	4,096
Other Farm Trucks	152	342	3,787
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	112	136	1,883
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	155	223	3,141
Combines	127	183	7,844
Balers	91	131	1,410
Forage Harvesters	12	14	x
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	160	785	8,244
Irrigation Equipment	3	...	x
Other*	176	...	8,107

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	73	42,395	0.7
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	68	x	x
Durum Wheat	5	1,490	0.3
Winter Wheat	1	x	x
Oats	29	5,059	0.4
Barley	21	4,620	0.1
Mixed Grains	1	x	x
Corn for Grain	0	0	0.0
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	0	0	0.0
Fall Rye	0	0	0.0
Spring Rye	0	0	0.0

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	80	55,969	1.4
Flaxseed	0	0	0.0
Soybeans	1	x	x
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	11	3,035	0.5
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	1	x	x
Triticale	2	x	x
Forage Seed for Seed	40	12,191	5.0
All Other Field Crops	0	0	0.0

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	0	0	0.0
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	92	25,239	0.6
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	83	50,131	2.4

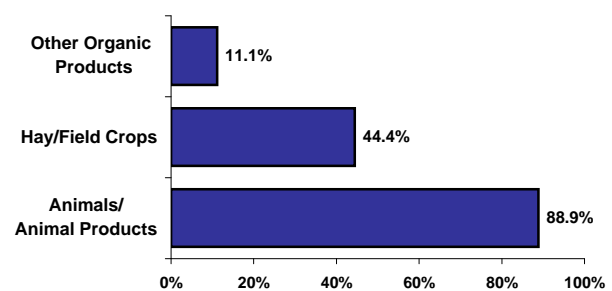
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	0	0	0.0
Tomatoes	0	0	0.0
Cucumbers	0	0	0.0
Green Peas	0	0	0.0
Green or Wax Beans	0	0	0.0
Cabbage	0	0	0.0
Cauliflower	0	0	0.0
Broccoli	0	0	0.0
Carrots	0	0	0.0
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	0	0	0.0
Radishes	0	0	0.0
Dry Onions	0	0	0.0
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	0	0	0.0
Lettuce	0	0	0.0
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	2	x	x
Saskatoons	1	x	x
Strawberries	0	0	0.0
Raspberries	0	0	0.0
Area of Nursery Products	0	0	0.0
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	1	x	x
Sod Grown for Sale	0	0	0.0
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	2	x	x

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	0	0	0.0
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	0	0	0.0
Flowers	0	0	0.0
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	9	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	4	44.4
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Total Animals or Animal Products	8	88.9
Total Other Organic Products	1	11.1
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	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 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	9	100.0
Hay or Field Crops	4	44.4
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	8	88.9
Other Organic Products	1	11.1

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	217	332,650	100.0
Use of Irrigation	0	0	0.0
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	128	162,448	48.8
Use of Herbicides	108	115,577	34.7
Use of Insecticides	38	16,244	4.9
Use of Fungicides	4	1,995	0.6

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	138	134,290	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	59	22,419	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	58	53,099	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	32	58,772	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	85	39.2
Farms Applying Manure	37	17.1

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	15	1,152	0.3
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	10	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	5	242	0.1
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	3	...	...
Other Land	1	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	4	150	0.0
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	1	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	11	1,235	0.4
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	11	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	5	795	0.2
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	2	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	1	x	x
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	0	...	...
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	48	10,545	100.0
Chemical Only	6	2,027	19.2
Tillage Only	19	2,312	21.9
Tillage and Chemical Combination	26	6,206	58.9

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	149	68.7
Rotational Grazing	68	31.3
Winter Cover Crops	10	4.6
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	50	23.0
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	109	50.2
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	13	6.0

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	305	0.4

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	125 41.0
On Farms with Two or More Operators	180 59.0
Total Male Operators	230 75.4
Total Female Operators	80 26.2

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	51.1
On Farms with One Operator	52.4
On Farms with Two Operators	50.1

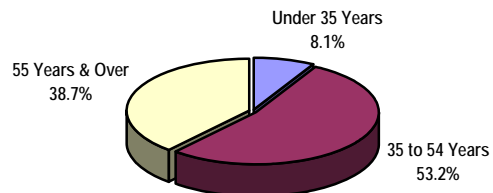
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	25	8.1
35 - 54 Years	165	53.2
55 Years and Over	120	38.7

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	100	33.9
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	195	66.1

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	70	23.0
20 - 40 Hours	100	32.8
More than 40 Hours	135	44.3

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	30	15.4
20 - 40 Hours	75	38.5
More than 40 Hours	90	46.2

Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age



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