

2001 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Lacombe Co.	Alberta
Total Population	10,159	2,974,807
Urban Population	183	2,405,160
Rural Population	9,976	569,647
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>19</i>
Number of Farms (1)	1,328	53,652
Average Farm Size (acres)	520	970
Average Per Reporting Farm	Dollars	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	32,588	23,764
Farm Capital	1,132,566	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	152,824	166,043
Gross Farm Receipts	179,004	184,885
Area in Crops (acres)	394	522
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	259	439
Number of Beef Cows (head)	68	74
Number of Pigs (head)	1,600	757

Farm Operating Arrangements (3)	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	737	55.5
Partnership	411	30.9
With Written Agreement	70	5.3
Without Written Agreement	341	25.7
Corporation	175	13.2
Family	159	12.0
Non-Family	16	1.2
Other*	5	0.4
Total Farms	1,328	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	46	3.5
10 to 129 Acres	249	18.8
130 to 239 Acres	314	23.6
240 to 399 Acres	204	15.4
400 to 559 Acres	142	10.7
560 to 759 Acres	104	7.8
760 to 1,119 Acres	104	7.8
1,120 Acres and Over	165	12.4
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	85	6.4
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	37	2.8
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	19	1.4
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	11	0.8
3,520 Acres and Over	13	1.0
Total Farms	1,328	100.0

Farms by Type (4)	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	61	4.9
Cattle (Beef)	610	48.8
Hog	59	4.7
Poultry and Egg	16	1.3
Wheat	26	2.1
Grain and Oilseed (Except Wheat)	187	15.0
Field Crop (Except Grain and Oilseed)	92	7.4
Fruit	1	0.1
Vegetable	0	0.0
Miscellaneous Speciality	158	12.6
Livestock Combination	27	2.2
Other Combination	13	1.0
Total Farms Classified	1,250	100.0

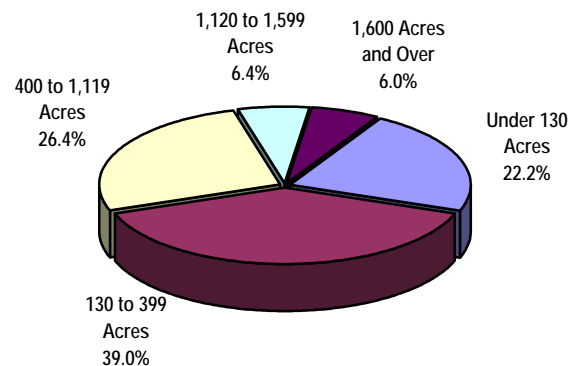
Land Tenure (5)	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	1,266	458,621	66.4
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	532	231,569	33.6
Rented/Leased from Government	67	26,976	3.9
Rented/Leased from Others	459	166,421	24.1
Crop Shared from Others	121	38,172	5.5
Total Area of Farms	1,328	690,190	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	1,053	414,748	60.1
Summerfallow	149	10,373	1.5
Total Pasture Land	...	227,826	33.0
Tame or Seeded Pasture	703	116,964	16.9
Natural Land for Pasture	755	110,862	16.1
All Other Land (6)	1,013	37,243	5.4
Total Area of Farms	1,328	690,190	100.0

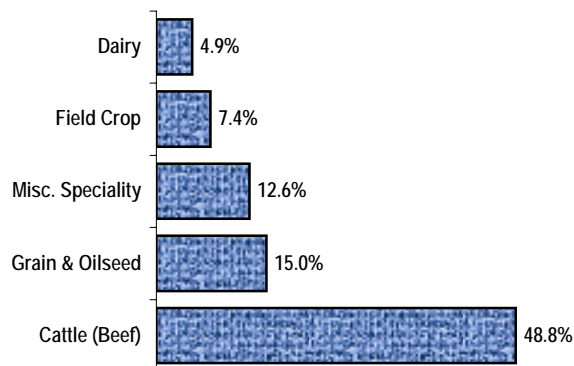
Paid Agricultural Labour (7)	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	314	26,977	72.3
Seasonal or Temporary	331	10,352	27.7
Total Paid Labour	558	37,329	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	
Number of Farms Reporting Use	615
% of Total Farms	46.3

Distribution of Farms by Size



Top Five Farm Types



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*Institutions, Community Pastures, etc. "% Distr." refers to % of total ...not available

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Lacombe County

2001 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

	Lacombe Co.	Alberta
Number of Farms	1,328	53,652
Average Per Reporting Farm		
	Dollars	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	32,588	23,764
Farm Capital	1,132,566	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	152,824	166,043
Farm Interest Expenses	17,913	14,319
Gross Farm Receipts	179,004	184,885

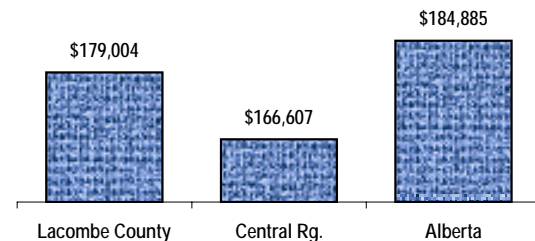
Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment (8)	1,328	208,795	13.9
Livestock and Poultry	1,075	189,469	12.6
Land and Buildings (9)	1,328	1,105,783	73.5
Owned	1,279	853,869	56.8
Rented or Leased from Others	534	251,914	16.7
Total Farm Capital	1,328	1,504,047	100.0

Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	4	0.3
\$50,000 - \$99,999	14	1.1
\$100,000 - \$199,999	79	5.9
\$200,000 - \$349,999	237	17.8
\$350,000 - \$499,999	207	15.6
\$500,000 - \$999,999	321	24.2
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	177	13.3
\$1,500,000 and Over	289	21.8
Total Farms	1,328	100.0

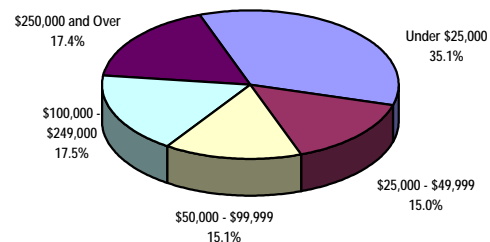
Farm Operating Expenses (10)	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	934	16,731	8.2
Custom and Contract Work	793	7,700	3.8
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	453	4,643	2.3
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	230	1,775	0.9
Wages and Salaries	558	16,944	8.3
Paid to Family Members	428	8,510	4.2
Paid to all Other Persons	292	8,433	4.2
All Fuel Expenses	1,279	10,913	5.4
Repair/Maint. to Mach./Equip./Vehicles	1,237	10,103	5.0
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	815	12,174	6.0
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	631	6,370	3.1
Seed/Seedling Purchases	738	3,905	1.9
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	722	45,370	22.4
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	978	4,334	2.1
Feed and Supplement Purchases	1,007	36,863	18.2
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	1,244	4,985	2.5
Repair/Maint. to Farm Bldgs./Fences	1,120	4,086	2.0
All Other Expenses	1,249	16,055	7.9
Total Operating Expenses	1,328	202,951	100.0

Owned and Leased Machinery	Total	Owned Number	Leased
Tractors	3,993	3,937	56
Farm Trucks	3,395	3,359	36
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	2,224	2,194	30
Other Farm Trucks	1,171	1,165	6
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	840	830	10
Combines	605	597	8
Swathers/Mower Conditioners	1,101	1,094	7
Balers	825	820	5
Forage Harvesters	135	x	x
Tillage/Cult./Seed./Plant. Equip.	2,955	2,945	10
Total Gross Farm Receipts (11)		\$ '000	% Alta.
		237,718	2.4
Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.	
Under \$25,000	466	35.1	
Under \$10,000	217	16.3	
\$10,000 - \$24,999	249	18.8	
\$25,000 - \$49,999	199	15.0	
\$50,000 - \$99,999	200	15.1	
\$100,000 and Over	463	34.9	
\$100,000 - \$249,999	232	17.5	
\$250,000 - \$499,999	115	8.7	
\$500,000 and Over	116	8.7	
Total Farms	1,328	100.0	

Average Gross Receipts Per Farm



Distribution of Farms by Class of Gross Farm Receipts



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2001 Agriculture Profile - 3. Crops and Land Management

Grains*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Wheat	267	69,085	1.0
Spring Wheat (Excl. Durum) (12)	263	67,529	1.2
Durum Wheat	3	708	0.1
Winter Wheat (13)	9	848	1.1
Oats	150	9,523	0.7
Barley	513	137,603	2.8
Mixed Grains	73	7,323	1.8
Corn for Grain	2	x	x
Buckwheat	1	x	x
Total Rye	29	1,492	1.3
Fall Rye (13)	21	1,206	1.3
Spring Rye	8	286	1.0

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	225	54,269	2.0
Flaxseed	3	x	x
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	1	x	x
Safflower	0	0	0.0

Other Field Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	21	3,796	6.5
Dry Field Peas	41	6,510	1.1
Lentils	1	x	x
Total Dry Field Beans	1	x	x
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
Triticale	13	1,205	1.8
Forage Seed for Seed	6	799	0.2
All Other Field Crops	1	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	14	419	1.1
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	592	76,074	1.9
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	318	45,924	2.0

Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale (15)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	3	x	x
Tomatoes	3	1.6	3.2
Cucumbers	4	x	x
Green Peas	2	x	x
Green or Wax Beans	3	1	0.2
Cabbage	3	x	x
Cauliflower	3	2	1.1
Broccoli	3	2	3.0
Carrots	5	2	0.2
Rutabagas and Turnips	1	x	x
Beets	4	x	x
Radishes	2	x	x
Dry Onions	2	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	1	x	x
Lettuces	2	x	x
Squash, Pumpkins and Zucchini	2	x	x
Total Vegetables	13	x	x

Fruits, Berries and Nuts	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Grown For Sale (16)			
Producing Area of Fruits/Berries/Nuts	14	37	1.8
Producing Area of Strawberries	4	x	x
Producing Area of Raspberries	6	x	x
Area of Nursery Products	27	127	1.9
Area of Christmas Trees			
Grown For Sale (17)	2	x	x
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	5	24,024	0.3

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	21	1,207,321	10.9
Area in Use on May 15, 2001	21	1,132,324	10.7
Flowers	13	x	x
Vegetables	10	x	x
Other Greenhouse Products	3	x	x

Mushroom Houses	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Growing Area	0	0	0.0

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Number of Farms	1,328	690,190	1.3
Use of Irrigation	16	642	0.1
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	712	314,833	1.9
Use of Herbicides (18)	624	267,366	1.6
Use of Insecticides (18)	25	8,580	1.0
Use of Fungicides (18)	48	28,505	2.1

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Area Prepared for Seeding	762	306,148	1.7
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	507	161,715	2.4
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	214	84,681	1.3
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	125	59,752	1.2

Manure Application (19)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Using a Solid Spreader	481	28,642	2.8
Using an Irrigation System	5	725	14.9
Using a Liquid Spreader (On Surface)	134	19,440	10.3
Using a Liquid Spreader (Injected)	8	1,775	4.2

Forms of Weed Control Use on Summerfallow Land	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Summerfallow Land	149	10,373	0.3
Chemical Only	23	792	0.1
Tillage Only	81	4,798	0.4
Tillage and Chemical Combination	48	4,783	0.4

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices (20)	# Farms	% of Total Farms
Crop Rotation	721	54.3
Permanent Grass Cover	577	43.4
Winter Cover Crops	27	2.0
Contour Cultivation	40	3.0
Strip-Cropping	16	1.2
Grassed Waterways	250	18.8
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	324	24.4

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2001 Agriculture Profile - 4. Livestock, Poultry and Farm Machinery

Cattle and Calves (21)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Total Cows	757	55,502	2.5
Dairy Cows	79	7,506	8.9
Beef Cows	701	47,996	2.3
Heifers	536	21,796	1.9
Bulls	603	2,424	2.2
Steers	198	12,381	1.2
Calves	772	51,631	2.4
Total Cattle and Calves	830	143,734	2.2

Pigs (22)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	69	540	5.8
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	74	13,993	7.0
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	71	51,734	7.5
Grower and Finishing Pigs	86	98,554	8.7
Total Pigs	103	164,821	8.1

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	66	275	4.2
Ewes	95	3,734	2.8
Lambs	90	4,591	2.7
Total Sheep and Lambs	104	8,600	2.8

Other Livestock (23)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	419	4,941	3.1
Goats	61	948	2.2
Rabbits	6	106	1.9
Mink	0	0	0.0
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	26	3,135	3.9
Deer (Excluding Wild Deer)	3	x	x
Elk	21	2,459	7.9
Llamas and Alpacas	47	330	2.6
Wild Boars	4	143	1.8

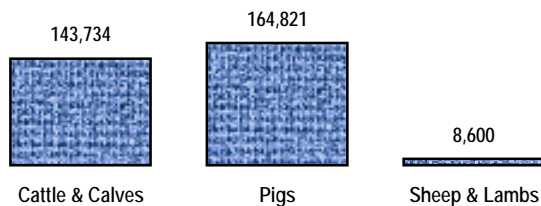
Colonies of Bees (24)	# Farms	Colonies	% Alta.
Alberta	467	209,821	100.0
Lacombe County	5	1,063	0.5

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	132	398,938	3.3
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	46	330,261	3.8
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	22	x	x
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	99	x	x
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	19	474	0.1
Other Poultry	41	5,840	2.7

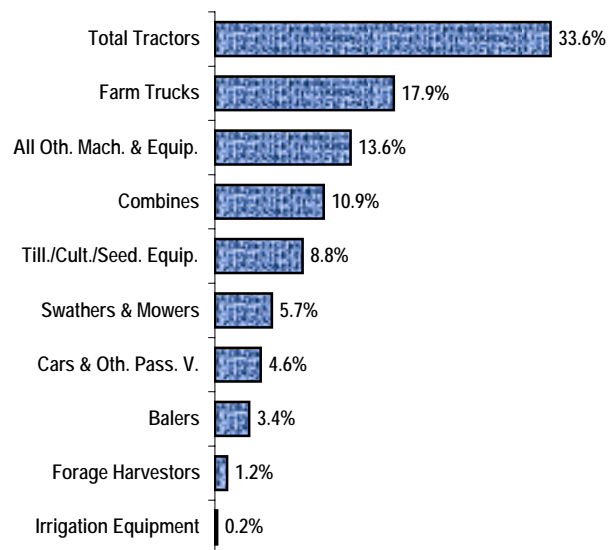
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.	
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	21	3,682,572	3.5	
Turkey Production	14	x	x	
		# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	0	0	0.0	

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment (8)	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	1,215	3,993	70,240
Total Farm Trucks	1,240	3,395	37,426
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,209	2,224	24,703
Other Farm Trucks	645	1,171	12,722
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	709	840	9,566
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	709	1,101	11,934
Combines	488	605	22,740
Balers	626	825	7,191
Forage Harvestors	125	135	2,513
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	810	2,955	18,340
Irrigation Equipment	15	n/a	446
Other*	1,034	n/a	28,401

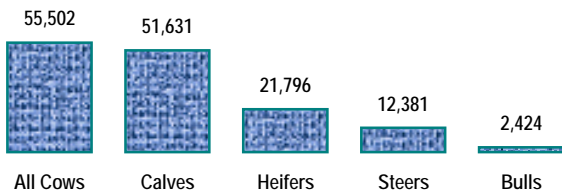
Livestock Inventory, May 15, 2001
(Number of Head)



Per Cent Distribution of Total Market Value of Machinery and Equipment



Cattle Inventory, May 15, 2001
(Number of Head)



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