

## 2001 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Ponoka Co.	Alberta
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>8,852</b>	<b>2,974,807</b>
Urban Population	0	2,405,160
Rural Population	8,852	569,647
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>19</i>
<b>Number of Farms (1)</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>53,652</b>
Average Farm Size (acres)	495	970
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>	<b>Dollars</b>	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	17,323	23,764
Farm Capital	1,021,008	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	171,164	166,043
Gross Farm Receipts	184,167	184,885
Area in Crops (acres)	303	522
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	181	439
Number of Beef Cows (head)	111	74
Number of Pigs (head)	1,171	757

Farm Operating Arrangements (3)	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	770	57.0
Partnership	447	33.1
With Written Agreement	70	5.2
Without Written Agreement	377	27.9
Corporation	133	9.8
Family	121	9.0
Non-Family	12	0.9
Other*	1	0.1
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	30	2.2
10 to 129 Acres	191	14.1
130 to 239 Acres	339	25.1
240 to 399 Acres	247	18.3
400 to 559 Acres	149	11.0
560 to 759 Acres	134	9.9
760 to 1,119 Acres	124	9.2
<b>1,120 Acres and Over</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>10.1</b>
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	77	5.7
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	33	2.4
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	15	1.1
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	7	0.5
3,520 Acres and Over	5	0.4
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Type (4)	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	74	5.7
Cattle (Beef)	777	60.3
Hog	39	3.0
Poultry and Egg	11	0.9
Wheat	5	0.4
Grain and Oilseed (Except Wheat)	94	7.3
Field Crop (Except Grain and Oilseed)	99	7.7
Fruit	1	0.1
Vegetable	0	0.0
Miscellaneous Speciality	149	11.6
Livestock Combination	27	2.1
Other Combination	13	1.0
<b>Total Farms Classified</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>100.0</b>

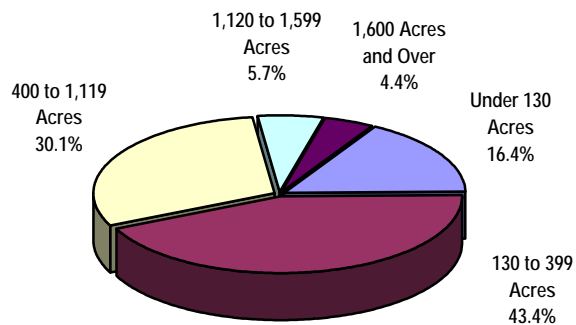
Land Tenure (5)	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	1,307	478,778	71.6
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	498	189,880	28.4
Rented/Leased from Government	71	23,044	3.4
Rented/Leased from Others	425	148,805	22.3
Crop Shared from Others	62	18,031	2.7
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>668,658</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	1,072	324,767	48.6
Summerfallow	143	7,754	1.2
Total Pasture Land	...	293,580	43.9
Tame or Seeded Pasture	782	148,190	22.2
Natural Land for Pasture	872	145,390	21.7
All Other Land (6)	1,037	42,557	6.4
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>668,658</b>	<b>100.0</b>

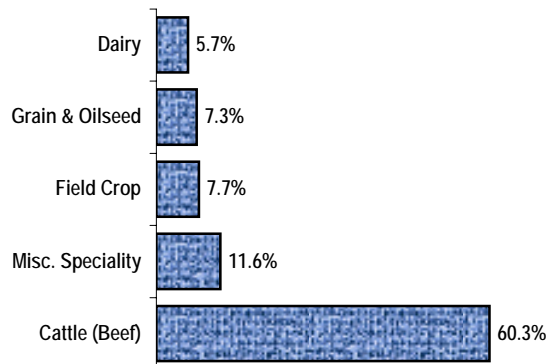
Paid Agricultural Labour (7)	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	287	20,114	82.5
Seasonal or Temporary	315	4,253	17.5
<b>Total Paid Labour</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>24,367</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	
Number of Farms Reporting Use	529
% of Total Farms	39.2

**Distribution of Farms by Size**



**Top Five Farm Types**



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

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Agriculture

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## 2001 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

	Ponoka Co.	Alberta
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,351	53,652
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
	<b>Dollars</b>	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	17,323	23,764
Farm Capital	1,021,008	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	171,164	166,043
Farm Interest Expenses	18,395	14,319
Gross Farm Receipts	184,167	184,885

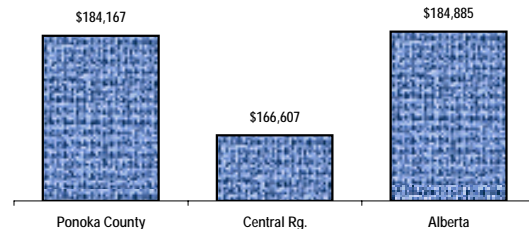
Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment (8)	1,351	174,719	12.7
Livestock and Poultry	1,202	287,215	20.8
Land and Buildings (9)	1,351	917,448	66.5
Owned	1,313	734,796	53.3
Rented or Leased from Others	500	182,651	13.2
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,379,382</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	7	0.5
\$50,000 - \$99,999	17	1.3
\$100,000 - \$199,999	86	6.4
\$200,000 - \$349,999	258	19.1
\$350,000 - \$499,999	207	15.3
\$500,000 - \$999,999	361	26.7
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	163	12.1
\$1,500,000 and Over	252	18.7
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>

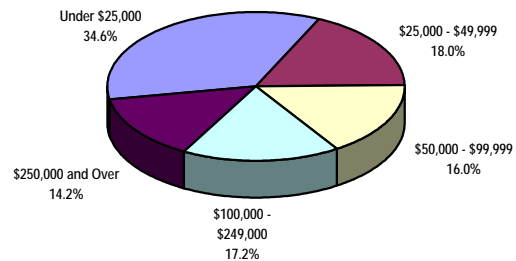
Farm Operating Expenses (10)	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	938	17,255	7.5
Custom and Contract Work	877	8,004	3.5
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	445	4,286	1.9
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	265	1,484	0.6
Wages and Salaries	531	10,402	4.5
Paid to Family Members	407	5,835	2.5
Paid to all Other Persons	270	4,567	2.0
All Fuel Expenses	1,317	8,869	3.8
Repair/Maint. to Mach./Equip./Vehicles	1,280	9,077	3.9
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	807	8,020	3.5
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	561	3,054	1.3
Seed/Seedling Purchases	716	2,192	0.9
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	801	87,704	37.9
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	1,112	4,901	2.1
Feed and Supplement Purchases	1,124	45,210	19.6
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	1,272	3,874	1.7
Repair/Maint. to Farm Bldgs./Fences	1,186	3,929	1.7
All Other Expenses	1,265	12,981	5.6
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>231,242</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Owned and Leased Machinery	Total	Owned Number	Leased
Tractors	4,214	4,172	42
Farm Trucks	3,382	3,359	23
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	2,223	2,204	19
Other Farm Trucks	1,159	1,155	4
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	854	850	5
Combines	567	557	10
Swathers/Mower Conditioners	1,164	1,160	4
Balers	988	985	3
Forage Harvesters	216	216	0
Tillage/Cult./Seed./Plant. Equip.	3,040	3,032	8
		<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>% Alta.</b>
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts (11)</b>		<b>248,810</b>	<b>2.5</b>
		<b># Farms</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>
<b>Under \$25,000</b>		<b>468</b>	<b>34.6</b>
Under \$10,000		210	15.5
\$10,000 - \$24,999		258	19.1
<b>\$25,000 - \$49,999</b>		<b>243</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>		<b>216</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<b>\$100,000 and Over</b>		<b>424</b>	<b>31.4</b>
\$100,000 - \$249,999		232	17.2
\$250,000 - \$499,999		102	7.5
\$500,000 and Over		90	6.7
<b>Total Farms</b>		<b>1,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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	115	20,796	0.3
Spring Wheat (Excl. Durum) (12)	114	20,461	0.4
Durum Wheat	2	x	x
Winter Wheat (13)	1	x	x
Oats	271	15,763	1.2
Barley	459	104,644	2.1
Mixed Grains	99	11,395	2.8
Corn for Grain	2	x	x
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	26	1,348	1.2
Fall Rye (13)	23	1,083	1.2
Spring Rye	3	265	1.0

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	138	24,293	0.9
Flaxseed	1	x	x
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	1	x	x
Sunflowers	0	0	0.0
Safflower	0	0	0.0

Other Field Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	6	491	0.8
Dry Field Peas	16	1,461	0.2
Lentils	0	0	0.0
Total Dry Field Beans	2	x	x
Dry White Beans	0	0	0.0
Chick Peas	1	x	x
Other Dry Beans	1	x	x
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Triticale	11	714	1.0
Forage Seed for Seed	5	310	0.1
All Other Field Crops	1	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	16	1,397	3.8
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	614	78,894	2.0
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	458	62,825	2.8

Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale (15)	# 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	1	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	1	x	x
Radishes	1	x	x
Dry Onions	1	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	0	0	0.0
Lettuces	1	x	x
Squash, Pumpkins and Zucchini	1	x	x
<b>Total Vegetables</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

Fruits, Berries and Nuts	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
<b>Grown For Sale (16)</b>			
Producing Area of Fruits/Berries/Nuts	6	25	1.2
Producing Area of Strawberries	3	x	x
Producing Area of Raspberries	2	x	x
<b>Area of Nursery Products</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1.4</b>

Area of Christmas Trees	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
<b>Grown For Sale (17)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Sales of Forest Products</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>118,117</b>	<b>1.7</b>

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	9	29,036	0.3
Area in Use on May 15, 2001	9	28,334	0.3
Flowers	9	28,098	0.6
Vegetables	4	236	0.0
Other Greenhouse Products	0	0	0.0

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

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Number of Farms	1,351	668,658	1.3
Use of Irrigation	10	1,163	0.1
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	669	226,448	1.4
Use of Herbicides (18)	482	149,810	0.9
Use of Insecticides (18)	11	1,291	0.2
Use of Fungicides (18)	23	11,874	0.9

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Area Prepared for Seeding	777	201,612	1.1
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	614	128,310	1.9
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	155	60,215	0.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	48	13,087	0.3

Manure Application (19)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Using a Solid Spreader	595	40,994	4.0
Using an Irrigation System	6	985	20.2
Using a Liquid Spreader (On Surface)	107	15,948	8.4
Using a Liquid Spreader (Injected)	7	1,180	2.8

Forms of Weed Control Use on Summerfallow Land	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Summerfallow Land	143	7,754	0.3
Chemical Only	28	1,329	0.2
Tillage Only	70	2,441	0.2
Tillage and Chemical Combination	49	3,984	0.3

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices (20)	# Farms	% of Total Farms
Crop Rotation	716	53.0
Permanent Grass Cover	672	49.7
Winter Cover Crops	23	1.7
Contour Cultivation	37	2.7
Strip-Cropping	19	1.4
Grassed Waterways	254	18.8
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	326	24.1

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

Cattle and Calves (21)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Total Cows	901	100,888	4.6
Dairy Cows	94	7,304	8.7
Beef Cows	842	93,584	4.5
Heifers	616	44,513	3.8
Bulls	750	3,678	3.3
Steers	234	24,998	2.5
Calves	891	69,986	3.2
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>244,063</b>	<b>3.7</b>

Pigs (22)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	45	273	2.9
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	45	8,859	4.4
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	45	32,548	4.7
Grower and Finishing Pigs	63	43,818	3.9
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>85,498</b>	<b>4.2</b>

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	77	199	3.0
Ewes	102	4,324	3.3
Lambs	91	5,279	3.1
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>9,802</b>	<b>3.2</b>

Other Livestock (23)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	496	4,108	2.6
Goats	54	1,819	4.3
Rabbits	9	104	1.8
Mink	1	x	x
Fox	1	x	x
Bison (Buffalo)	27	3,611	4.5
Deer (Excluding Wild Deer)	4	199	2.4
Elk	11	806	2.6
Llamas and Alpacas	43	280	2.2
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

Colonies of Bees (24)	# Farms	Colonies	% Alta.
Alberta	467	209,821	100.0
Ponoka County	8	x	x

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	161	385,602	3.2
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	59	298,765	3.4
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	38	x	x
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	123	x	x
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	1	x	x
Turkeys	30	460	0.1
Other Poultry	57	736	0.3

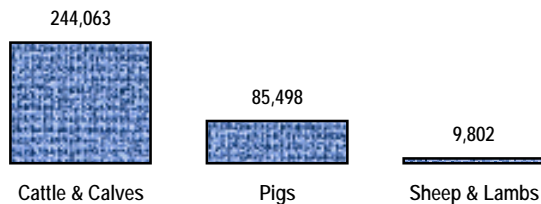
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	18	3,042,175	2.9
Turkey Production	8	x	x

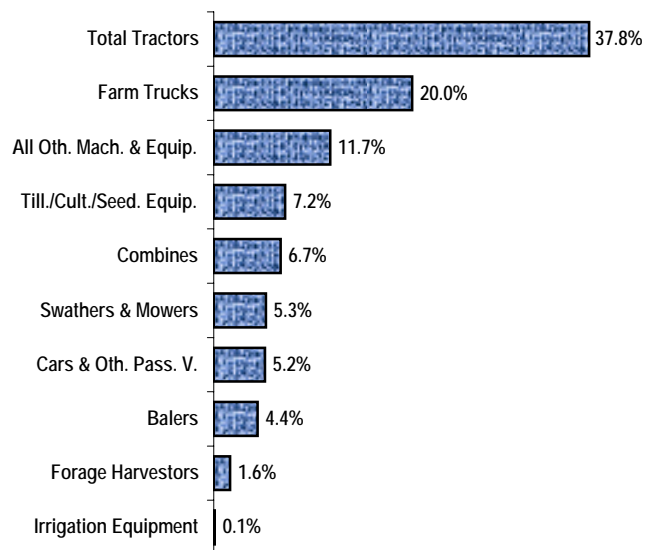
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
	0	0	0.0

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment (8)	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	1,249	4,214	66,030
Total Farm Trucks	1,292	3,382	34,873
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,250	2,223	24,041
Other Farm Trucks	676	1,159	10,833
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	743	854	9,005
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	762	1,164	9,188
Combines	486	567	11,786
Balers	739	988	7,733
Forage Harvestors	189	216	2,867
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	850	3,040	12,538
Irrigation Equipment	11	n/a	196
Other*	996	n/a	20,503

**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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