

Lethbridge County

2001 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Lethbridge Co.	Alberta
Total Population	9,930	2,974,807
Urban Population	0	2,405,160
Rural Population	9,930	569,647
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>19</i>
Number of Farms (1)	1,080	53,652
Average Farm Size (acres)	679	970
Average Per Reporting Farm	Dollars	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	58,020	23,764
Farm Capital	1,973,614	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	1,131,890	166,043
Gross Farm Receipts	1,177,359	184,885
Area in Crops (acres)	539	522
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	498	439
Number of Beef Cows (head)	61	74
Number of Pigs (head)	1,309	757

Farm Operating Arrangements (3)	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	510	47.2
Partnership	305	28.2
With Written Agreement	53	4.9
Without Written Agreement	252	23.3
Corporation	260	24.1
Family	234	21.7
Non-Family	26	2.4
Other*	5	0.5
Total Farms	1,080	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	46	4.3
10 to 129 Acres	275	25.5
130 to 239 Acres	181	16.8
240 to 399 Acres	176	16.3
400 to 559 Acres	97	9.0
560 to 759 Acres	81	7.5
760 to 1,119 Acres	76	7.0
1,120 Acres and Over	148	13.7
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	55	5.1
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	40	3.7
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	14	1.3
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	13	1.2
3,520 Acres and Over	26	2.4
Total Farms	1,080	100.0

Farms by Type (4)	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	63	6.0
Cattle (Beef)	323	30.7
Hog	60	5.7
Poultry and Egg	24	2.3
Wheat	152	14.4
Grain and Oilseed (Except Wheat)	159	15.1
Field Crop (Except Grain and Oilseed)	112	10.6
Fruit	2	0.2
Vegetable	5	0.5
Miscellaneous Speciality	105	10.0
Livestock Combination	25	2.4
Other Combination	23	2.2
Total Farms Classified	1,053	100.0

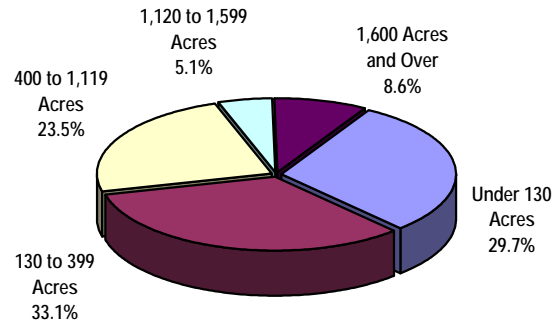
Land Tenure (5)	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	1,000	518,487	70.7
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	404	215,082	29.3
Rented/Leased from Government	49	44,893	6.1
Rented/Leased from Others	321	123,593	16.8
Crop Shared from Others	92	46,596	6.4
Total Area of Farms	1,080	733,569	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	958	516,441	70.4
Summerfallow	275	69,759	9.5
Total Pasture Land	...	130,002	17.7
Tame or Seeded Pasture	316	28,906	3.9
Natural Land for Pasture	261	101,096	13.8
All Other Land (6)	686	17,367	2.4
Total Area of Farms	1,080	733,569	100.0

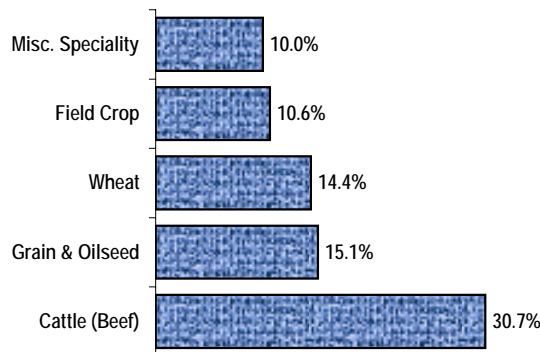
Paid Agricultural Labour (7)	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	375	48,977	84.6
Seasonal or Temporary	328	8,918	15.4
Total Paid Labour	573	57,895	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	
Number of Farms Reporting Use	553
% of Total Farms	51.2

Distribution of Farms by Size



Top Five Farm Types



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

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2001 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

	Lethbridge Co.	Alberta
Number of Farms	1,080	53,652
Average Per Reporting Farm		
	Dollars	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	58,020	23,764
Farm Capital	1,973,614	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	1,131,890	166,043
Farm Interest Expenses	46,168	14,319
Gross Farm Receipts	1,177,359	184,885

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment (8)	1,080	292,682	13.7
Livestock and Poultry	749	649,897	30.5
Land and Buildings (9)	1,080	1,188,924	55.8
Owned	1,009	979,181	45.9
Rented or Leased from Others	408	209,744	9.8
Total Farm Capital	1,080	2,131,504	100.0

Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	9	0.8
\$50,000 - \$99,999	9	0.8
\$100,000 - \$199,999	49	4.5
\$200,000 - \$349,999	140	13.0
\$350,000 - \$499,999	124	11.5
\$500,000 - \$999,999	278	25.7
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	145	13.4
\$1,500,000 and Over	326	30.2
Total Farms	1,080	100.0

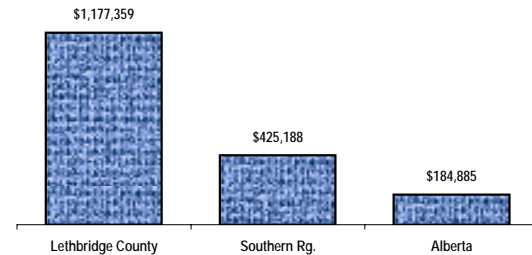
Farm Operating Expenses (10)	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	786	36,288	3.0
Custom and Contract Work	719	22,023	1.8
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	338	6,649	0.5
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	267	2,890	0.2
Wages and Salaries	573	30,621	2.5
Paid to Family Members	431	13,556	1.1
Paid to all Other Persons	321	17,065	1.4
All Fuel Expenses	1,048	13,706	1.1
Repair/Maint. to Mach./Equip./Vehicles	1,022	15,737	1.3
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	811	13,430	1.1
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	714	9,178	0.8
Seed/Seedling Purchases	731	5,132	0.4
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	568	757,822	62.0
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	662	12,382	1.0
Feed and Supplement Purchases	714	251,750	20.6
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	990	7,835	0.6
Repair/Maint. to Farm Bldgs./Fences	820	5,657	0.5
All Other Expenses	1,015	31,342	2.6
Total Operating Expenses	1,080	1,222,442	100.0

Owned and Leased Machinery	Total	Owned Number	Leased
Tractors	3,473	3,415	58
Farm Trucks	3,745	3,667	78
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	2,327	2,280	47
Other Farm Trucks	1,418	1,387	31
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	700	689	11
Combines	540	530	10
Swathers/Mower Conditioners	956	950	6
Balers	596	x	x
Forage Harvesters	153	x	x
Tillage/Cult./Seed./Plant. Equip.	3,265	3,239	26

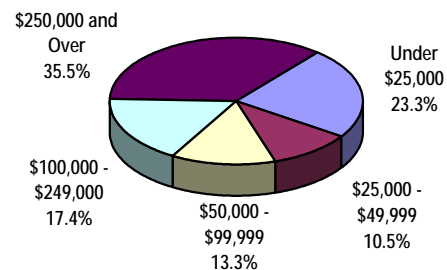
Total Gross Farm Receipts (11)	\$ '000	% Alta.
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Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$25,000	252	23.3
Under \$10,000	118	10.9
\$10,000 - \$24,999	134	12.4
\$25,000 - \$49,999	113	10.5
\$50,000 - \$99,999	144	13.3
\$100,000 and Over	571	52.9
\$100,000 - \$249,999	188	17.4
\$250,000 - \$499,999	130	12.0
\$500,000 and Over	253	23.4
Total Farms	1,080	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	384	191,176	2.8
Spring Wheat (Excl. Durum) (12)	310	118,112	2.0
Durum Wheat	202	64,289	6.7
Winter Wheat (13)	43	8,775	10.9
Oats	60	4,855	0.4
Barley	545	165,873	3.4
Mixed Grains	27	4,755	1.2
Corn for Grain	6	730	14.5
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	19	1,848	1.6
Fall Rye (13)	16	1,573	1.8
Spring Rye	4	275	1.0

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	94	20,030	0.8
Flaxseed	12	1,679	4.2
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	6	1,012	1.8
Sunflowers	4	285	17.6
Safflower	1	x	x

Other Field Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	21	2,134	3.7
Dry Field Peas	35	5,829	1.0
Lentils	5	413	2.1
Total Dry Field Beans	59	12,726	8.5
Dry White Beans	3	455	2.9
Chick Peas	46	10,735	11.3
Other Dry Beans	13	1,536	3.9
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	63	6,592	22.2
Triticale	16	1,998	2.9
Forage Seed for Seed	16	5,684	1.4
All Other Field Crops	2	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	57	12,356	33.6
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	424	37,429	1.0
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	245	37,578	1.6

Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale (15)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	6	x	x
Tomatoes	6	x	x
Cucumbers	10	4	2.8
Green Peas	8	263	7.8
Green or Wax Beans	9	x	x
Cabbage	5	9	2.5
Cauliflower	3	x	x
Broccoli	2	x	x
Carrots	7	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	4	0	0.6
Radishes	4	1	0.6
Dry Onions	7	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	3	x	x
Lettuces	7	1	4.7
Squash, Pumpkins and Zucchini	10	14	4.5
Total Vegetables	24	768	5.4

Fruits, Berries and Nuts	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Grown For Sale (16)			
Producing Area of Fruits/Berries/Nuts	15	82	4.1
Producing Area of Strawberries	7	10	3.3
Producing Area of Raspberries	4	x	x
Area of Nursery Products	21	179	2.7
Area of Christmas Trees			
Grown For Sale (17)	5	24	1.9
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	1	x	x

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	10	206,851	1.9
Area in Use on May 15, 2001	10	181,711	1.7
Flowers	8	98,731	2.0
Vegetables	5	x	x
Other Greenhouse Products	1	x	x

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

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Number of Farms	1,080	733,569	1.4
Use of Irrigation	786	243,423	19.7
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	699	375,341	2.3
Use of Herbicides (18)	697	418,602	2.6
Use of Insecticides (18)	203	52,703	6.2
Use of Fungicides (18)	94	45,779	3.4

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Area Prepared for Seeding	812	462,307	2.5
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	512	177,803	2.6
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	311	142,166	2.2
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	153	142,338	2.8

Manure Application (19)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Using a Solid Spreader	425	56,339	5.4
Using an Irrigation System	5	336	6.9
Using a Liquid Spreader (On Surface)	98	9,439	5.0
Using a Liquid Spreader (Injected)	24	1,855	4.4

Forms of Weed Control Use on Summerfallow Land	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Summerfallow Land	275	69,759	2.3
Chemical Only	91	26,225	3.6
Tillage Only	115	20,555	1.7
Tillage and Chemical Combination	102	22,979	2.0

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices (20)	# Farms	% of Total Farms
Crop Rotation	630	58.3
Permanent Grass Cover	299	27.7
Winter Cover Crops	34	3.1
Contour Cultivation	49	4.5
Strip-Cropping	117	10.8
Grassed Waterways	37	3.4
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	95	8.8

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

Cattle and Calves (21)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Total Cows	378	28,030	1.3
Dairy Cows	89	9,281	11.0
Beef Cows	307	18,749	0.9
Heifers	317	255,781	22.1
Bulls	276	1,104	1.0
Steers	181	215,577	21.7
Calves	437	83,039	3.8
Total Cattle and Calves	547	583,531	8.8

Pigs (22)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	58	502	5.4
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	60	12,053	6.0
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	60	44,295	6.5
Grower and Finishing Pigs	89	75,345	6.7
Total Pigs	101	132,195	6.5

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	67	444	6.7
Ewes	99	7,535	5.7
Lambs	92	11,768	6.9
Total Sheep and Lambs	110	19,747	6.4

Other Livestock (23)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	257	1,799	1.1
Goats	62	1,462	3.5
Rabbits	7	127	2.2
Mink	0	0	0.0
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	13	1,565	2.0
Deer (Excluding Wild Deer)	2	x	x
Elk	0	0	0.0
Llamas and Alpacas	27	199	1.5
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

Colonies of Bees (24)	# Farms	Colonies	% Alta.
Alberta	467	209,821	100.0
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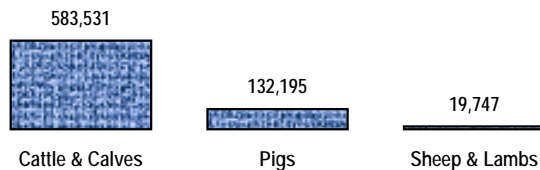
Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	123	1,434,028	11.8
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	65	1,318,275	15.0
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	32	13,400	1.3
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	84	102,353	4.4
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	3	x	x
Turkeys	22	x	x
Other Poultry	32	5,746	2.6

Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	37	14,432,207	13.7
Turkey Production	8	x	x

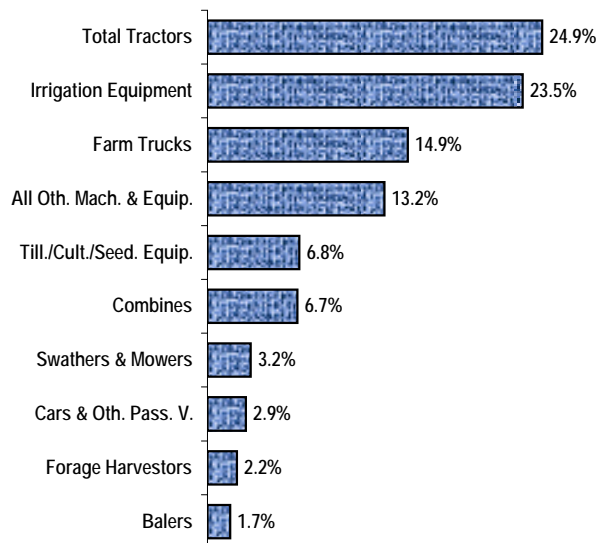
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
	1	x	x

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment (8)	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	981	3,473	72,984
Total Farm Trucks	1,013	3,745	43,626
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	993	2,327	22,290
Other Farm Trucks	635	1,418	21,336
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	563	700	8,385
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	633	956	9,397
Combines	419	540	19,619
Balers	442	596	4,957
Forage Harvestors	135	153	6,420
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	748	3,265	20,030
Irrigation Equipment	761	n/a	68,699
Other*	854	n/a	38,566

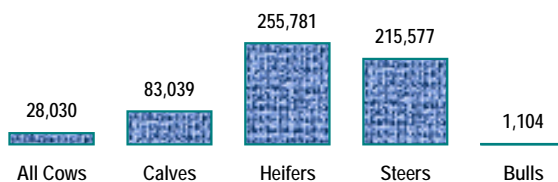
**Livestock Inventory, May 15, 2001
(Number of Head)**



**Per Cent Distribution of Total Market Value of
Machinery and Equipment**



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



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