

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

	Taber	Alberta
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,012</b>	<b>2,974,807</b>
Urban Population	93	2,405,160
Rural Population	5,919	569,647
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>19</i>
<b>Number of Farms (1)</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>53,652</b>
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,185	970
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>	<b>Dollars</b>	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	67,456	23,764
Farm Capital	1,661,285	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	442,940	166,043
Gross Farm Receipts	497,054	184,885
Area in Crops (acres)	643	522
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	465	439
Number of Beef Cows (head)	64	74
Number of Pigs (head)	2,192	757

Farm Operating Arrangements (3)	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	426	50.6
Partnership	216	25.7
With Written Agreement	32	3.8
Without Written Agreement	184	21.9
Corporation	191	22.7
Family	173	20.5
Non-Family	18	2.1
Other*	9	1.1
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	21	2.5
10 to 129 Acres	122	14.5
130 to 239 Acres	105	12.5
240 to 399 Acres	115	13.7
400 to 559 Acres	99	11.8
560 to 759 Acres	89	10.6
760 to 1,119 Acres	82	9.7
<b>1,120 Acres and Over</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>24.8</b>
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	56	6.7
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	59	7.0
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	21	2.5
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	28	3.3
3,520 Acres and Over	45	5.3
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Type (4)	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	8	1.0
Cattle (Beef)	292	35.1
Hog	22	2.6
Poultry and Egg	4	0.5
Wheat	126	15.1
Grain and Oilseed (Except Wheat)	104	12.5
Field Crop (Except Grain and Oilseed)	178	21.4
Fruit	1	0.1
Vegetable	10	1.2
Miscellaneous Speciality	35	4.2
Livestock Combination	14	1.7
Other Combination	38	4.6
<b>Total Farms Classified</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>100.0</b>

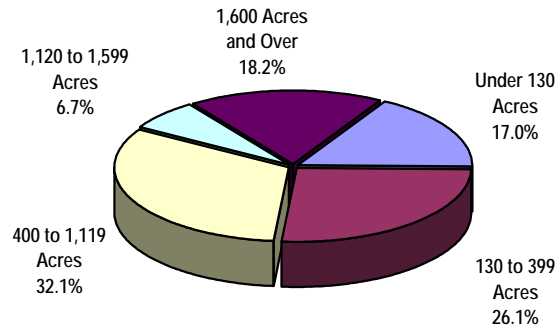
Land Tenure (5)	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	769	540,089	54.1
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	448	457,480	45.9
Rented/Leased from Government	130	276,948	27.8
Rented/Leased from Others	330	137,209	13.8
Crop Shared from Others	72	43,323	4.3
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>997,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	762	489,655	49.1
Summerfallow	347	107,948	10.8
Total Pasture Land	...	382,270	38.3
Tame or Seeded Pasture	287	61,292	6.1
Natural Land for Pasture	321	320,978	32.2
All Other Land (6)	508	17,696	1.8
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>997,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>

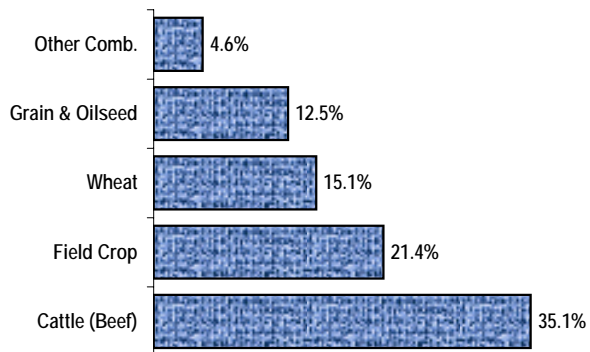
Paid Agricultural Labour (7)	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	300	33,191	66.9
Seasonal or Temporary	316	16,395	33.1
<b>Total Paid Labour</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>49,586</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	
Number of Farms Reporting Use	423
% of Total Farms	50.2

**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**

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<b>Number of Farms</b>	842	53,652
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
	Dollars	
Net Farm Operating Income (2)	67,456	23,764
Farm Capital	1,661,285	1,029,903
Farm Operating Expenses	442,940	166,043
Farm Interest Expenses	26,219	14,319
Gross Farm Receipts	497,054	184,885

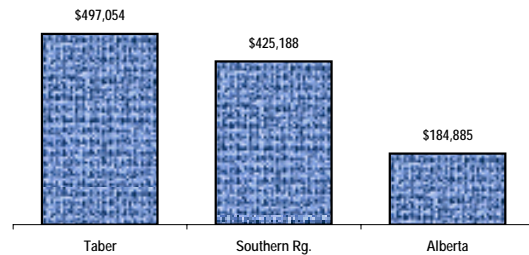
Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment (8)	842	283,726	20.3
Livestock and Poultry	561	174,529	12.5
Land and Buildings (9)	842	940,547	67.2
Owned	779	709,847	50.7
Rented or Leased from Others	451	230,700	16.5
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>1,398,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	2	0.2
\$50,000 - \$99,999	14	1.7
\$100,000 - \$199,999	42	5.0
\$200,000 - \$349,999	89	10.6
\$350,000 - \$499,999	102	12.1
\$500,000 - \$999,999	204	24.2
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	127	15.1
\$1,500,000 and Over	262	31.1
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>100.0</b>

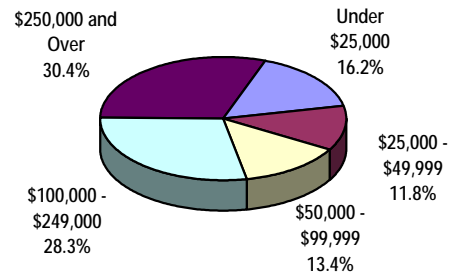
Farm Operating Expenses (10)	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	668	17,514	4.7
Custom and Contract Work	566	18,289	4.9
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	418	10,549	2.8
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	265	5,789	1.6
Wages and Salaries	504	26,056	7.0
Paid to Family Members	402	11,234	3.0
Paid to all Other Persons	266	14,822	4.0
All Fuel Expenses	816	12,974	3.5
Repair/Maint. to Mach./Equip./Vehicles	806	15,262	4.1
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	626	19,194	5.1
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	596	16,093	4.3
Seed/Seedling Purchases	563	11,789	3.2
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	400	124,374	33.3
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	517	3,647	1.0
Feed and Supplement Purchases	496	53,866	14.4
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	795	7,369	2.0
Repair/Maint. to Farm Bldgs./Fences	649	3,210	0.9
All Other Expenses	807	26,982	7.2
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>372,956</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Owned and Leased Machinery	Total	Owned Number	Leased
Tractors	2,799	2,746	54
Farm Trucks	3,433	3,377	56
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	2,004	1,961	43
Other Farm Trucks	1,429	1,416	13
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	544	528	16
Combines	582	570	12
Swathers/Mower Conditioners	817	809	8
Balers	510	504	6
Forage Harvesters	83	x	x
Tillage/Cult./Seed./Plant. Equip.	3,200	3,175	25
		\$ '000	% Alta.
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts (11)</b>		<b>418,520</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Farms by Gross Farm Receipts</b>		# Farms	% Distr.
<b>Under \$25,000</b>		<b>136</b>	<b>16.2</b>
Under \$10,000		51	6.1
\$10,000 - \$24,999		85	10.1
<b>\$25,000 - \$49,999</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>11.8</b>
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>13.4</b>
<b>\$100,000 and Over</b>		<b>494</b>	<b>58.7</b>
\$100,000 - \$249,999		238	28.3
\$250,000 - \$499,999		136	16.2
\$500,000 and Over		120	14.3
<b>Total Farms</b>		<b>842</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	464	215,826	3.1
Spring Wheat (Excl. Durum) (12)	358	105,961	1.8
Durum Wheat	247	106,691	11.1
Winter Wheat (13)	21	3,174	3.9
Oats	75	5,087	0.4
Barley	337	62,074	1.3
Mixed Grains	16	2,510	0.6
Corn for Grain	12	1,624	32.4
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	10	1,309	1.1
Fall Rye (13)	8	1,164	1.3
Spring Rye	3	145	0.5

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	86	13,992	0.5
Flaxseed	9	618	1.5
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	8	1,640	2.9
Sunflowers	3	399	24.7
Safflower	1	x	x

Other Field Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	83	37,309	63.9
Dry Field Peas	49	15,044	2.5
Lentils	7	1,846	9.4
Total Dry Field Beans	165	34,850	23.2
Dry White Beans	34	5,984	38.4
Chick Peas	43	12,529	13.2
Other Dry Beans	110	16,337	41.2
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	120	18,732	63.0
Triticale	3	150	0.2
Forage Seed for Seed	11	2,619	0.6
All Other Field Crops	2	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops* (14)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	37	6,314	17.2
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	387	47,434	1.2
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	120	11,947	0.5

Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale (15)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	32	4,599	86.8
Tomatoes	2	x	x
Cucumbers	2	x	x
Green Peas	24	2,536	75.5
Green or Wax Beans	2	x	x
Cabbage	2	x	x
Cauliflower	3	x	x
Broccoli	3	1	2.6
Carrots	6	171	14.1
Rutabagas and Turnips	1	x	x
Beets	3	x	x
Radishes	1	x	x
Dry Onions	4	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	3	1	0.7
Lettuces	1	x	x
Squash, Pumpkins and Zucchini	3	x	x
<b>Total Vegetables</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7,812</b>	<b>55.0</b>

Fruits, Berries and Nuts	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
<b>Grown For Sale (16)</b>			
Producing Area of Fruits/Berries/Nuts	8	26	1.3
Producing Area of Strawberries	0	0	0.0
Producing Area of Raspberries	3	x	x
<b>Area of Nursery Products</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Area of Christmas Trees</b>			
<b>Grown For Sale (17)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
	<b># Farms</b>	<b>Dollars</b>	<b>% Alta.</b>
<b>Sales of Forest Products</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	4	x	x
Area in Use on May 15, 2001	4	44,050	0.4
Flowers	2	x	x
Vegetables	2	x	x
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	842	997,569	1.9
Use of Irrigation	607	282,986	22.9
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	571	407,643	2.5
Use of Herbicides (18)	581	436,625	2.7
Use of Insecticides (18)	239	77,380	9.1
Use of Fungicides (18)	174	80,090	6.0

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Area Prepared for Seeding	679	448,853	2.4
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	451	205,358	3.0
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	270	143,341	2.2
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	93	100,154	2.0

Manure Application (19)	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Using a Solid Spreader	222	18,396	1.8
Using an Irrigation System	2	x	x
Using a Liquid Spreader (On Surface)	25	4,211	2.2
Using a Liquid Spreader (Injected)	12	2,060	4.9

Forms of Weed Control Use on Summerfallow Land	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Summerfallow Land	347	107,948	3.5
Chemical Only	112	47,442	6.6
Tillage Only	178	34,802	2.9
Tillage and Chemical Combination	113	25,704	2.2

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices (20)	# Farms	% of Total Farms
Crop Rotation	602	71.5
Permanent Grass Cover	229	27.2
Winter Cover Crops	53	6.3
Contour Cultivation	36	4.3
Strip-Cropping	165	19.6
Grassed Waterways	28	3.3
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	66	7.8

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

Cattle and Calves (21)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Total Cows	420	27,488	1.3
Dairy Cows	17	1,488	1.8
Beef Cows	409	26,000	1.2
Heifers	248	59,064	5.1
Bulls	346	1,137	1.0
Steers	103	24,969	2.5
Calves	430	45,265	2.1
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>157,923</b>	<b>2.4</b>

Pigs (22)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	27	455	4.9
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	30	8,692	4.3
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	28	31,651	4.6
Grower and Finishing Pigs	35	46,866	4.1
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>87,664</b>	<b>4.3</b>

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	28	66	1.0
Ewes	34	1,824	1.4
Lambs	37	2,714	1.6
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4,604</b>	<b>1.5</b>

Other Livestock (23)	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	188	1,056	0.7
Goats	21	488	1.2
Rabbits	4	x	x
Mink	0	0	0.0
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	7	364	0.5
Deer (Excluding Wild Deer)	1	x	x
Elk	1	x	x
Llamas and Alpacas	24	286	2.2
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

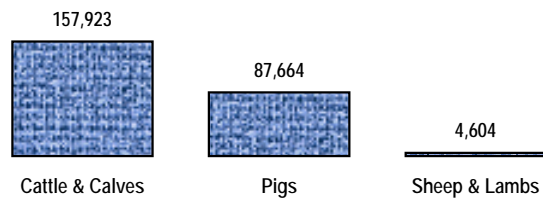
Colonies of Bees (24)	# Farms	Colonies	% Alta.
Alberta	467	209,821	100.0
Taber	1	x	x

Poultry Inventory (24)	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	67	293,841	2.4
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	24	270,111	3.1
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	13	8,401	0.8
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	58	15,329	0.7
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	9	x	x
Other Poultry	25	2,394	1.1

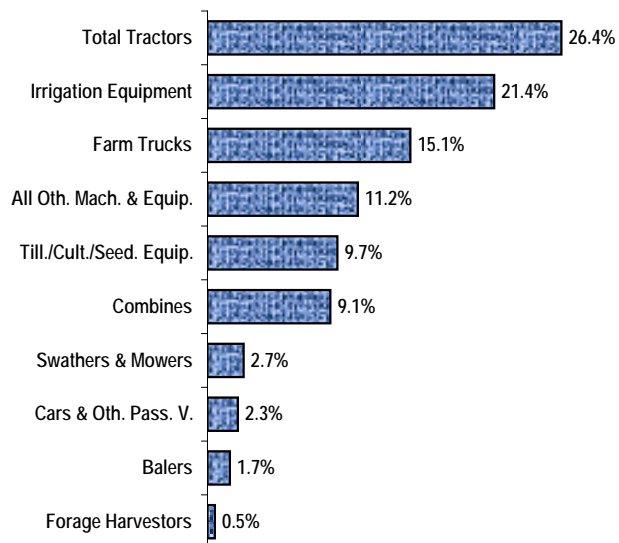
Poultry Production (25)	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	6	482,457	0.5
Turkey Production	1	x	x
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched			
	0	0	0.0

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment (8)			
	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	754	2,799	74,805
Total Farm Trucks	803	3,433	42,849
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	790	2,004	20,486
Other Farm Trucks	584	1,429	22,363
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	446	544	6,407
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	558	817	7,620
Combines	483	582	25,932
Balers	398	510	4,721
Forage Harvestors	71	83	1,546
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	626	3,200	27,480
Irrigation Equipment	575	n/a	60,595
Other*	662	n/a	31,770

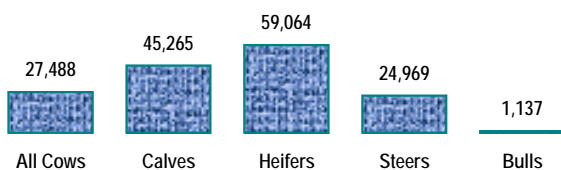
**Livestock Inventory, May 15, 2001  
(Number of Head)**



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



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



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