

2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Ponoka County	Alberta
Total Population	8,640	3,290,350
Urban Population	15	2,699,851
Rural Population	8,625	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>99.8</i>	<i>17.9</i>
Number of Farms	1,233	49,431
Average Farm Size (acres)	523	1,055
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	24,275	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,234,295	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	141,770	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	166,046	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	307	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	241	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	82	79
Number of Pigs (head)	1,510	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	671	54.4
Partnership	419	34.0
With Written Agreement	71	5.8
Without Written Agreement	348	28.2
Corporation	142	11.5
Family	127	10.3
Non-Family	15	1.2
Other*	1	0.1
Total Farms	1,233	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	23	1.9
10 to 129 Acres	237	19.2
130 to 239 Acres	267	21.7
240 to 399 Acres	194	15.7
400 to 559 Acres	124	10.1
560 to 759 Acres	129	10.5
760 to 1,119 Acres	124	10.1
1,120 Acres and Over	135	10.9
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	60	4.9
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	45	3.6
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	13	1.1
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	6	0.5
3,520 Acres and Over	11	0.9
Total Farms	1,233	100.0

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	78	6.7
Cattle (Beef)	651	55.9
Hog	23	2.0
Poultry and Egg	13	1.1
Wheat	10	0.9
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	111	9.5
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	64	5.5
Fruit	3	0.3
Vegetable	2	0.2
Miscellaneous Specialty	178	15.3
Livestock Combination	20	1.7
Other Combination	12	1.0
Total Farms Classified	1,165	100.0

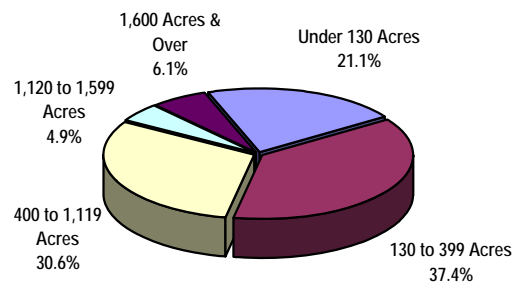
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	1,198	437,968	68.0
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	489	206,309	32.0
Rented/Leased from Government	62	23,612	3.7
Rented/Leased from Others	436	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	49	x	x
Total Area of Farms	1,233	644,277	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	961	295,335	45.8
Summerfallow	72	6,356	1.0
Total Pasture Land	...	279,071	43.3
Tame or Seeded Pasture	725	155,163	24.1
Natural Land for Pasture	719	123,908	19.2
All Other Land	967	63,515	9.9
Total Area of Farms	1,233	644,277	100.0

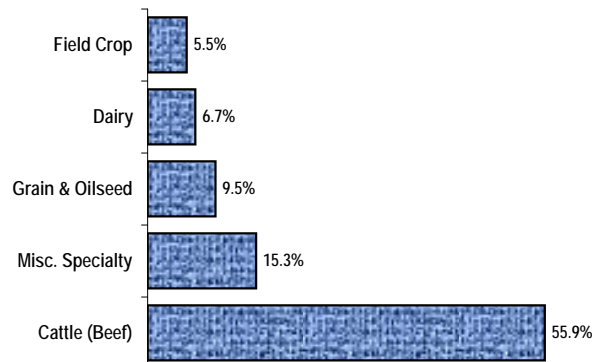
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	201	13,105	75.5
Seasonal or Temporary	265	4,261	24.5
Total Paid Labour	411	17,366	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	605	49.1
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	439	35.6

Per Cent Distribution of Farms by Size



Per Cent Distribution of Top Five Farm Types



Note: Regional data do not include municipalities where confidentiality applies. Numbers may not add up due to rounding. x - confidential ... not available

* 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

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2006 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

	Ponoka County	Alberta
Number of Farms	1,233	49,431
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	24,275	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,234,295	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	141,770	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	17,785	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	166,046	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	1,233	194,757	12.8
Livestock and Poultry	1,063	130,072	8.5
Land and Buildings	1,233	1,197,057	78.7
Owned	1,202	963,303	63.3
Rented or Leased from Others	493	233,753	15.4
Total Farm Capital	1,233	1,521,885	100.0

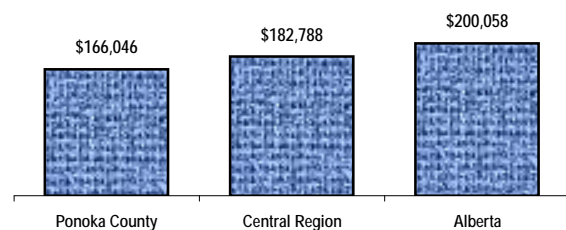
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	2	0.2
\$50,000 - \$99,999	4	0.3
\$100,000 - \$199,999	43	3.5
\$200,000 - \$349,999	157	12.7
\$350,000 - \$499,999	197	16.0
\$500,000 - \$999,999	332	26.9
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	180	14.6
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	110	8.9
\$2,000,000 and Over	208	16.9
Total Farms	1,233	100.0

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	772	13,730	7.9
Custom and Contract Work	801	9,786	5.6
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	450	5,131	2.9
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	251	1,157	0.7
Wages and Salaries	411	10,044	5.7
Paid to Family Members	311	5,593	3.2
Paid to all Other Persons	221	4,451	2.5
All Fuel Expenses	1,183	11,232	6.4
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	1,147	9,760	5.6
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	657	8,349	4.8
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	510	3,366	1.9
Seed/Seedling Purchases	644	2,669	1.5
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	578	38,387	22.0
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	942	4,800	2.7
Feed and Supplement Purchases	942	32,219	18.4
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	1,151	4,717	2.7
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	1,036	4,230	2.4
All Other Expenses	1,169	15,225	8.7
Total Operating Expenses	1,233	174,803	100.0

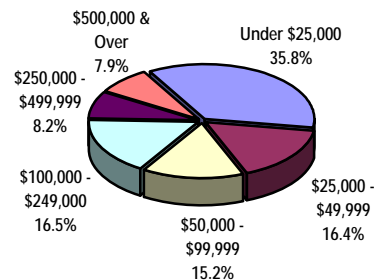
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	1,160	4,141	61,565
Total Farm Trucks	1,178	3,138	32,146
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,125	2,027	22,929
Other Farm Trucks	652	1,112	18,516
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	652	766	14,348
Swathers/Mower Cond.	694	1,088	15,492
Combines	444	543	31,596
Balers	656	876	11,795
Forage Harvesters	140	162	19,380
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	783	2,876	19,047
Irrigation Equipment	10	...	6,660
Other*	936	...	27,680

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
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Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	218	17.7
\$10,000 - \$24,999	223	18.1
\$25,000 - \$49,999	202	16.4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	187	15.2
\$100,000 - \$249,999	204	16.5
\$250,000 - \$499,999	101	8.2
\$500,000 - \$999,999	67	5.4
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	23	1.9
\$2,000,000 and Over	8	0.6
Total Farms	1,233	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	780	67,847	3.2
Dairy Cows	92	8,575	10.9
Beef Cows	722	59,272	2.9
Heifers	530	24,800	2.2
Bulls	635	3,182	2.9
Steers	262	12,754	1.3
Calves	761	60,842	3.0
Total Cattle and Calves	854	169,425	2.7

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	20	134	1.9
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	24	5,665	3.0
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	24	21,888	3.4
Grower and Finishing Pigs	38	41,793	3.5
Total Pigs	46	69,480	3.4

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	52	121	2.4
Ewes	69	1,819	1.8
Lambs	61	2,086	1.8
Total Sheep and Lambs	77	4,026	1.8

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	451	4,001	2.6
Goats	41	1,033	3.5
Mink	1	x	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	19	2,102	2.2
Deer (excluding wild deer)	5	786	8.8
Elk	14	836	2.5
Llamas and Alpacas	43	489	3.3
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

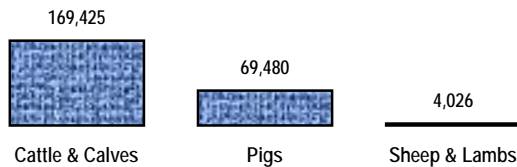
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	13	760	0.3
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	1	x	x

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	125	708,574	6.0
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	44	682,065	8.0
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	24	x	x
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	97	x	x
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	21	x	x
Other Poultry	37	2,021	1.0

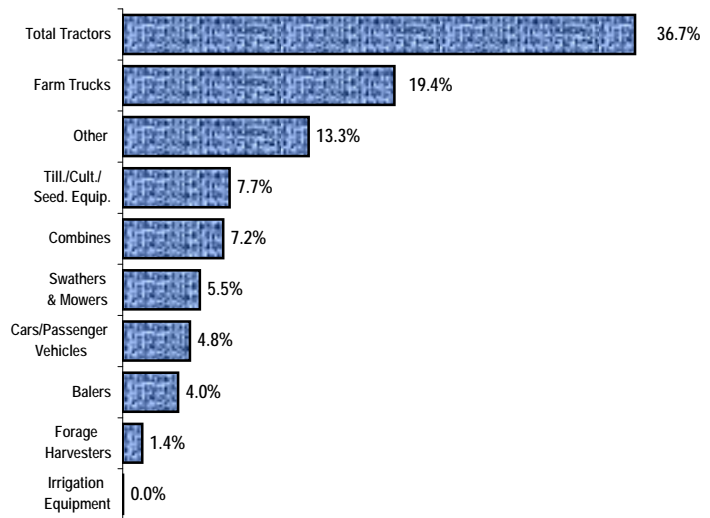
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.	
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	24	10,043,365	8.7	
Turkey Production	9	x	x	
		# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	0	0	x	

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	1,160	4,141	71,415
Total Farm Trucks	1,178	3,138	37,868
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,125	2,027	25,796
Other Farm Trucks	652	1,112	12,073
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	652	766	9,355
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	694	1,088	10,751
Combines	444	543	14,029
Balers	656	876	7,738
Forage Harvesters	140	162	2,713
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	783	2,876	14,914
Irrigation Equipment	10	...	67
Other*	936	...	25,908

**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	99	23,845	0.4
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	97	x	x
Durum Wheat	1	x	x
Winter Wheat	1	x	x
Oats	275	19,535	1.5
Barley	367	77,534	1.9
Mixed Grains	95	12,965	3.5
Corn for Grain	1	x	x
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	25	2,471	2.1
Fall Rye	23	x	x
Spring Rye	2	x	x

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	175	38,611	0.9
Flaxseed	1	x	x
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	0	0	0.0

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	4	477	0.9
Dry Field Peas	19	2,768	0.5
Lentils	4	588	5.4
Dry White Beans	0	0	0.0
Chick Peas	0	0	0.0
Other Dry Beans	1	x	x
Canary Seed	1	x	x
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Caraway Seed	0	0	0.0
Triticale	11	922	1.2
Forage Seed for Seed	5	590	0.2
All Other Field Crops	1	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	26	x	x
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	566	69,201	1.8
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	342	43,172	2.1

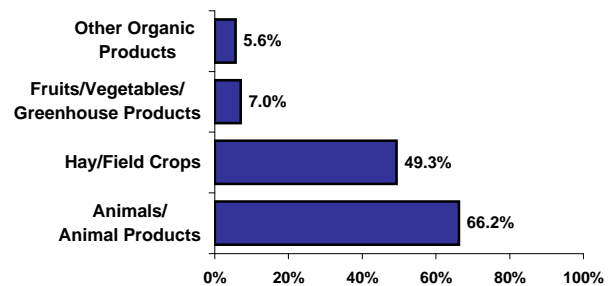
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	2	x	x
Tomatoes	2	x	x
Cucumbers	2	x	x
Green Peas	3	x	x
Green or Wax Beans	3	1	0.2
Cabbage	2	x	x
Cauliflower	1	x	x
Broccoli	1	x	x
Carrots	2	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	2	x	x
Beets	2	x	x
Radishes	2	x	x
Dry Onions	2	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	0	0	0.0
Lettuce	2	x	x
Celery	0	0	0.0
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	2	x	x

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	9	87	3.0
Saskatoons	6	64	4.0
Strawberries	3	x	x
Raspberries	4	4	1.5
Area of Nursery Products	14	173	1.9
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	4	26	2.0
Sod Grown for Sale	1	x	x
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	15	158,798	2.4

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	9	36,378	0.3
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	9	36,378	0.3
Flowers	6	30,758	0.5
Vegetables	4	x	x
Other Greenhouse Products	1	x	x
Mushroom House Growing Area	0	0	0.0

Organic Production (Certified and Not Certified)	# Farms	% Total Farms
Total Farms Reporting Organic Production	71	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	35	49.3
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	5	7.0
Total Animals or Animal Products	47	66.2
Total Other Organic Products	4	5.6
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	2	2.8
Hay or Field Crops	1	1.4
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	2	2.8
Animals or Animal Products	1	1.4
Other Organic Products	1	1.4
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	69	97.2
Hay or Field Crops	34	47.9
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	3	4.2
Animals or Animal Products	46	64.8
Other Organic Products	3	4.2

Per Cent of All Organic Farms Reporting Types of Organic Production



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 "# Farms" refers to number of farms reporting. "% Total Farms" refers to % of total farms reporting organic products.

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2006 Agriculture Profile - 5. Land Management and Farm Operators

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Farms Reporting	1,233	644,277	100.0
Use of Irrigation	10	409	0.1
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	587	216,180	33.6
Use of Herbicides	428	132,582	20.6
Use of Insecticides	26	4,630	0.7
Use of Fungicides	34	13,984	2.2

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	739	198,953	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	503	94,805	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	196	55,861	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	116	48,287	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	940	76.2
Farms Applying Manure	640	51.9

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	196	11,653	1.8
Field Crop Land	144	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	56	...	...
Other Land	10	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	116	5,006	0.8
Field Crop Land	22	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	92	...	...
Other Land	6	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	241	21,147	3.3
Field Crop Land	207	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	45	...	...
Other Land	1	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	120	7,373	1.1
Field Crop Land	19	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	103	...	...
Other Land	2	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	67	13,388	2.1
Field Crop Land	65	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	7	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	25	3,187	0.5
Field Crop Land	7	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	21	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Applied by Irrigation	2	x	x
Field Crop Land	0	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	2	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...

Weed Control on Summerfallow	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Summerfallow Land	72	6,356	100.0
Chemical Only	10	1,567	24.7
Tillage Only	48	4,088	64.3
Tillage and Chemical Combination	15	701	11.0

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	716	58.1
Rotational Grazing	691	56.0
Winter Cover Crops	50	4.1
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	253	20.5
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	728	59.0
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	77	6.2

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	1,850	2.6
Total Operators:		% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	640	34.6
On Farms with Two or More Operators	1,210	65.4
Total Male Operators	1,250	67.6
Total Female Operators	595	32.2

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	51.7
On Farms with One Operator	54.7
On Farms with Two Operators	50.2

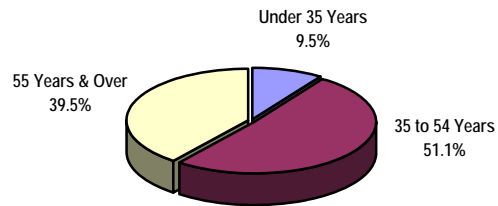
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	175	9.5
35 - 54 Years	945	51.1
55 Years and Over	730	39.5

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	925	50.0
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	925	50.0

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week		
Less than 20 Hours	530	28.6
20 - 40 Hours	485	26.2
More than 40 Hours	835	45.1

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week		
Less than 20 Hours	190	20.5
20 - 40 Hours	320	34.6
More than 40 Hours	415	44.9

Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age



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