

## 2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Saddle Hills County	Alberta
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>3,290,350</b>
Urban Population	0	2,699,851
Rural Population	2,458	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>17.9</i>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>49,431</b>
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,186	1,055
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	11,254	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	927,687	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	108,925	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	120,180	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	687	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	475	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	81	79
Number of Pigs (head)	x	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	279	56.0
Partnership	147	29.5
With Written Agreement	12	2.4
Without Written Agreement	135	27.1
Corporation	70	14.1
Family	62	12.4
Non-Family	8	1.6
Other*	2	0.4
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	0	0.0
10 to 129 Acres	20	4.0
130 to 239 Acres	71	14.3
240 to 399 Acres	73	14.7
400 to 559 Acres	44	8.8
560 to 759 Acres	46	9.2
760 to 1,119 Acres	76	15.3
<b>1,120 Acres and Over</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>33.7</b>
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	60	12.0
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	41	8.2
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	23	4.6
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	18	3.6
3,520 Acres and Over	26	5.2
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	5	1.1
Cattle (Beef)	166	35.1
Hog	3	0.6
Poultry and Egg	0	0.0
Wheat	33	7.0
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	116	24.5
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	79	16.7
Fruit	0	0.0
Vegetable	0	0.0
Miscellaneous Specialty	49	10.4
Livestock Combination	9	1.9
Other Combination	13	2.7
<b>Total Farms Classified</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>100.0</b>

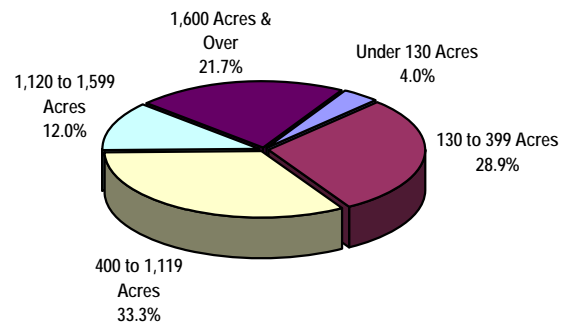
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	482	379,081	64.2
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	251	211,602	35.8
Rented/Leased from Government	91	x	x
Rented/Leased from Others	201	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	26	10,695	1.8
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>590,683</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	457	314,181	53.2
Summerfallow	133	27,613	4.7
Total Pasture Land	...	167,270	28.3
Tame or Seeded Pasture	230	76,286	12.9
Natural Land for Pasture	197	90,984	15.4
All Other Land	404	81,619	13.8
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>590,683</b>	<b>100.0</b>

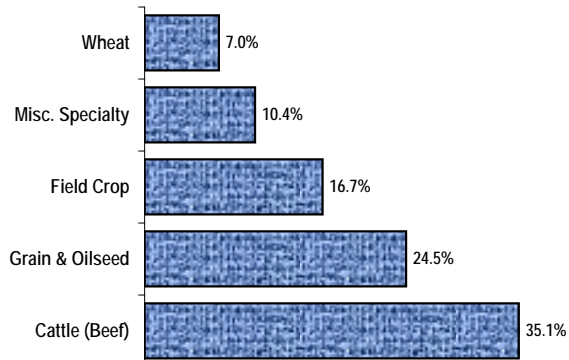
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	82	4,038	67.8
Seasonal or Temporary	122	1,919	32.2
<b>Total Paid Labour</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>5,957</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	222	44.6
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	153	30.7

**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 Refer to census definitions and notes for more information.  
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## 2006 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

	Saddle Hills County	Alberta
<b>Number of Farms</b>	498	49,431
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	11,254	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	927,687	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	108,925	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	13,604	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	120,180	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	498	95,199	20.6
Livestock and Poultry	305	29,540	6.4
Land and Buildings	498	337,249	73.0
Owned	485	246,607	53.4
Rented or Leased from Others	254	90,642	19.6
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>461,988</b>	<b>100.0</b>

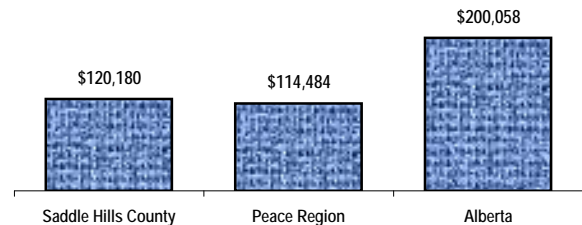
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	2	0.4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	6	1.2
\$100,000 - \$199,999	44	8.8
\$200,000 - \$349,999	86	17.3
\$350,000 - \$499,999	82	16.5
\$500,000 - \$999,999	159	31.9
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	44	8.8
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	29	5.8
\$2,000,000 and Over	46	9.2
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	321	4,367	8.1
Custom and Contract Work	295	2,517	4.6
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	205	1,861	3.4
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	73	251	0.5
Wages and Salaries	183	3,009	5.5
Paid to Family Members	130	1,827	3.4
Paid to all Other Persons	101	1,182	2.2
All Fuel Expenses	487	6,065	11.2
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	478	5,058	9.3
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	270	7,064	13.0
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	243	3,820	7.0
Seed/Seedling Purchases	254	1,945	3.6
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	137	5,273	9.7
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	250	594	1.1
Feed and Supplement Purchases	262	3,734	6.9
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	465	1,583	2.9
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	398	1,100	2.0
All Other Expenses	475	6,003	11.1
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>54,245</b>	<b>100.0</b>

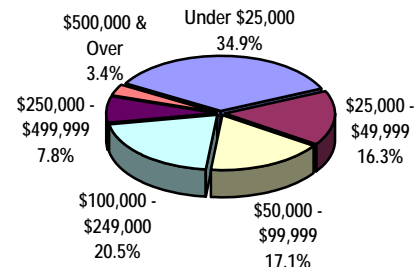
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	475	1,707	60,113
Total Farm Trucks	476	1,485	36,428
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	456	858	22,465
Other Farm Trucks	340	627	20,869
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	248	314	16,055
Swathers/Mower Cond.	373	524	15,310
Combines	294	390	42,548
Balers	255	320	10,885
Forage Harvesters	41	41	9,252
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	384	1,644	30,724
Irrigation Equipment	4	...	775
Other*	389	...	31,229

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>	<b>59,849</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Farms by Gross Farm Receipts</b>		
# Farms	% Distr.	
Under \$10,000	85	17.1
\$10,000 - \$24,999	89	17.9
\$25,000 - \$49,999	81	16.3
\$50,000 - \$99,999	85	17.1
\$100,000 - \$249,999	102	20.5
\$250,000 - \$499,999	39	7.8
\$500,000 - \$999,999	14	2.8
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	2	0.4
\$2,000,000 and Over	1	0.2
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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	214	17,316	0.8
Dairy Cows	9	138	0.2
Beef Cows	211	17,178	0.8
Heifers	138	3,251	0.3
Bulls	177	771	0.7
Steers	83	2,201	0.2
Calves	204	12,654	0.6
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>36,193</b>	<b>0.6</b>

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	6	9	0.1
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	11	96	0.1
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	5	303	0.0
Grower and Finishing Pigs	18	x	x
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	8	39	0.8
Ewes	14	1,252	1.2
Lambs	11	926	0.8
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	156	1,138	0.7
Goats	7	x	x
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	24	2,743	2.8
Deer (excluding wild deer)	2	x	x
Elk	8	1,226	3.6
Llamas and Alpacas	18	61	0.4
Wild Boars	1	x	x

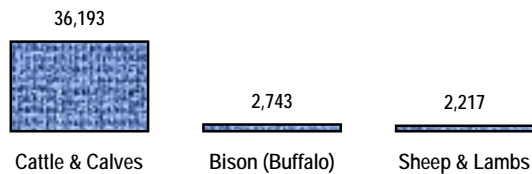
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	4	3,400	1.5
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	0	0	0.0

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	38	1,981	0.0
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	12	419	0.0
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	8	320	0.0
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	36	1,242	0.1
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	4	41	0.0
Other Poultry	9	45	0.0

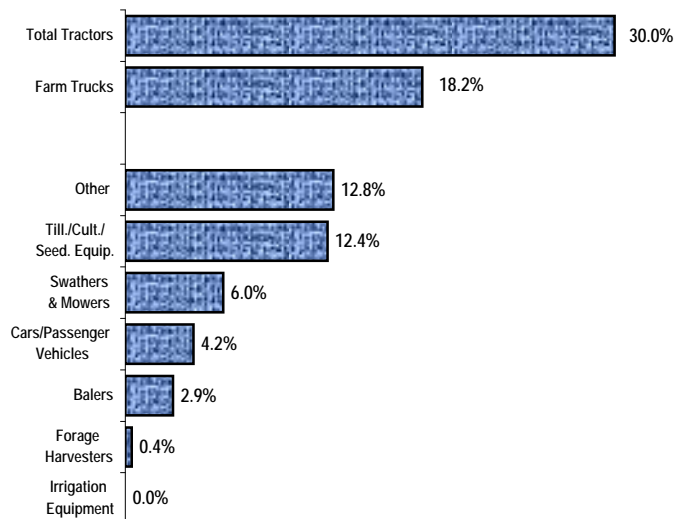
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	3	527	0.0
Turkey Production	1	x	x
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
	0	0	x

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	475	1,707	28,554
Total Farm Trucks	476	1,485	17,340
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	456	858	10,244
Other Farm Trucks	340	627	7,096
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	248	314	3,982
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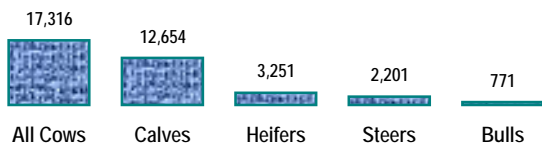
**Livestock Inventory, May 16, 2006**  
(Number of Head)



**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	132	62,635	1.0
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	129	60,666	1.1
Durum Wheat	2	x	x
Winter Wheat	3	x	x
Oats	162	32,590	2.6
Barley	82	15,843	0.4
Mixed Grains	9	1,065	0.3
Corn for Grain	1	x	x
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	4	720	0.6
Fall Rye	2	x	x
Spring Rye	2	x	x

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	105	58,541	1.4
Flaxseed	2	x	x
Soybeans	1	x	x
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	1	x	x

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	4	109	0.2
Dry Field Peas	15	4,464	0.8
Lentils	0	0	0.0
Dry White Beans	1	x	x
Chick Peas	0	0	0.0
Other Dry Beans	2	x	x
Canary Seed	1	x	x
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Caraway Seed	1	x	x
Triticale	3	155	0.2
Forage Seed for Seed	76	30,554	12.5
All Other Field Crops	4	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	1	x	x
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	195	54,877	1.4
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	195	50,178	2.4

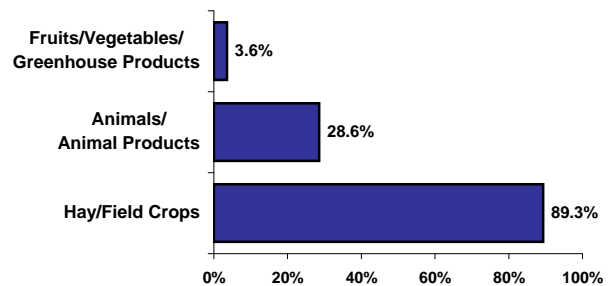
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	1	x	x
Tomatoes	1	x	x
Cucumbers	1	x	x
Green Peas	4	x	x
Green or Wax Beans	2	x	x
Cabbage	1	x	x
Cauliflower	1	x	x
Broccoli	1	x	x
Carrots	2	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	0	0	0.0
Radishes	0	0	0.0
Dry Onions	1	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	0	0	0.0
Lettuce	0	0	0.0
Celery	0	0	0.0
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	1	x	x

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	3	x	x
Saskatoons	2	x	x
Strawberries	1	x	x
Raspberries	1	x	x
Area of Nursery Products	3	45	0.5
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	0	0	0.0
Sod Grown for Sale	1	x	x
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	18	276,836	4.2

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	1	x	x
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	1	x	x
Flowers	1	x	x
Vegetables	1	x	x
Other Greenhouse Products	0	0	0.0
Mushroom House Growing Area	0	0	0.0

Organic Production (Certified and Not Certified)	# Farms	% Total Farms
Total Farms Reporting Organic Production	28	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	25	89.3
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	3.6
Total Animals or Animal Products	8	28.6
Total Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	4	14.3
Hay or Field Crops	3	10.7
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	2	7.1
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
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	24	85.7
Hay or Field Crops	22	78.6
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	3.6
Animals or Animal Products	6	21.4
Other Organic Products	0	0.0

**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	498	590,683	100.0
Use of Irrigation	1	x	x
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	238	182,672	30.9
Use of Herbicides	189	153,480	26.0
Use of Insecticides	29	14,266	2.4
Use of Fungicides	11	15,685	2.7

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	351	202,779	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	241	87,514	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	101	61,924	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	55	53,341	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	232	46.6
Farms Applying Manure	98	19.7

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	34	1,954	0.3
Field Crop Land	16	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	18	...	...
Other Land	4	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	22	865	0.1
Field Crop Land	4	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	17	...	...
Other Land	2	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	24	1,821	0.3
Field Crop Land	11	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	15	...	...
Other Land	2	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	31	2,261	0.4
Field Crop Land	5	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	24	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	2	x	x
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	0	...	...
Other Land	1	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	1	x	x
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	0	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Applied by Irrigation	0	0	0.0
Field Crop Land	0	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	0	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...

Weed Control on Summerfallow	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Summerfallow Land	133	27,613	100.0
Chemical Only	14	3,777	13.7
Tillage Only	74	13,239	47.9
Tillage and Chemical Combination	50	10,597	38.4

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	342	68.7
Rotational Grazing	192	38.6
Winter Cover Crops	17	3.4
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	103	20.7
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	287	57.6
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	88	17.7

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	740	1.0

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	270 37.0
On Farms with Two or More Operators	460 63.0
Total Male Operators	495 66.9
Total Female Operators	240 32.4

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	51.3
On Farms with One Operator	54.0
On Farms with Two Operators	49.6

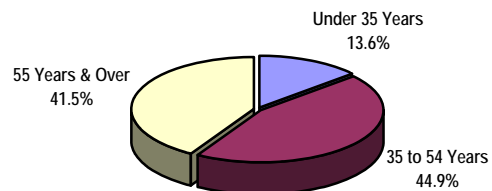
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	100	13.6
35 - 54 Years	330	44.9
55 Years and Over	305	41.5

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	305	42.1
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	420	57.9

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	185	25.2
20 - 40 Hours	230	31.3
More than 40 Hours	320	43.5

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	80	19.0
20 - 40 Hours	135	32.1
More than 40 Hours	205	48.8

**Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age**



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