

Selected Agriculture Statistics - Alberta

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The following statistical information was prepared by the Alberta Grains Council, and the Statistics and Data Development Branch of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, from information obtained from Statistics Canada.

General Information

	2006*
Total Farm Land Area (acres)	52,127,857
Total Number of Farms	49,431
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,055
Total Land in Crops (acres)	23,775,509
Albertans Employed in Agri-Food Industries	79,300
	2009
Albertans Employed in Agri-Food Industries	76,500

* Most recent Agriculture Census data available

Types of Farms

	2006 (number)	% of Farms Classified
Cattle	20,474	45.2
Grain and Oilseed (exc. Wheat)	9,568	21.1
Miscellaneous Specialty**	6,403	14.1
Field Crop (exc. grains and oilseeds)**	3,923	8.7
Wheat	2,733	6.0
Livestock Combination	1,019	2.2
Dairy	627	1.4
Hogs	565	1.2

* The commodity that accounts for 51% or more of receipts determines that farm type.

** 'Miscellaneous Specialty' includes things such as sheep, horse, lamb, greenhouse, mushroom, Christmas tree, and other farms. Field crops include crops such as hay and fodder, forage seed, and other crops not considered grains or oilseeds.

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Major Crops Harvested (thousand acres)

	2008	% of Total	2009	% of Total
All Wheat	6,845	40.1	6,685	43.5
Canola	5,170	30.3	4,520	29.4
Barley	3,750	22.0	3,030	19.7
Oats	500	2.9	300	2.0
Dry Peas	700	4.1	750	4.9
Fall Rye	70	0.4	40	0.3
Flaxseed	45	0.3	40	0.3
Total*	17,080	100.0	15,365	100.0

*Total harvested acreage for all field crops including tame hay and fodder corn.

Note: Statistics may not add due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada

Major Crop Production - (thousand tonnes)

	2008	% of Total	2009	% of Total
All Wheat	8,736.2	43.9	7,440.7	48.1
Canola	4,322.7	21.7	3,161.5	20.4
Barley	5,447.5	27.4	3,840.7	24.8
Oats	541.3	2.7	308.4	2.0
Dry Peas	731.4	3.7	666.7	4.3
Fall Rye	76.2	0.4	38.1	0.2
Flaxseed	33.0	0.2	28.4	0.2
Total*	19,888.3	100.0	15,484.5	100.0

* Total production for all field crops including tame hay and fodder corn.

Farm Receipts (thousand dollars)

	2008	% of Total	2009	% of Total
Crop Market Receipts	\$4,726,147	46.5	\$4,409,158	47.2
Livestock and Livestock Market Product Receipts	\$4,257,589	41.9	\$4,100,228	43.9
Program Payments Receipts	\$1,173,763	11.6	\$829,738	8.9
Total Farm Receipts	\$10,157,499	100.0	\$9,339,124	100.0

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Crop Market Receipts (thousand dollars)

	2008	% of Total	2009	% of Total
All Wheat	\$1,865,997	39.5	\$1,681,586	38.1
Canola	\$1,855,048	39.3	\$1,655,807	37.6
Barley	\$387,505	8.2	\$270,538	6.1
Oats	\$28,271	0.6	\$28,268	0.6
Dry Peas	\$123,516	2.6	\$133,647	3.0
Rye	\$6,184	0.1	\$4,787	0.1
Flaxseed	\$8,784	0.2	\$7,360	0.2
Total*	\$4,726,147	100.0	\$4,409,158	100.0

* Total production for all field crops including tame hay and fodder corn.

Livestock and Livestock Product Market Receipts (thousand dollars)

	2008	% of Total	2009	% of Total
Cattle and Calves	\$2,964,739	69.6	\$2,886,994	70.4
Hogs	\$393,789	9.2	\$317,149	7.7
Dairy Products	\$459,317	10.8	\$462,344	11.3
Poultry, Hatcheries, and Eggs	\$259,840	6.1	\$251,814	6.1
Other Livestock Products	\$127,490	3.0	\$123,335	3.0
Honey	\$34,423	0.8	\$41,950	1.0
Sheep and Lambs	\$17,991	0.4	\$16,642	0.4
Total*	\$4,257,589	100.0	\$4,100,228	100.0

*Total production for all livestock and livestock products including those not listed.

Note: Statistics may not add due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada

Alberta International Agri-Food Exports (thousand dollars)

	2008	2009
Primary Commodities (Animals and Crops)	\$5,070,451	\$4,376,336
Value Added Processed Products	\$3,315,461	\$3,212,105
Value of International Agri-food Exports	\$8,385,912	\$7,588,441

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Agri-Food International Exports Selected Product Values (thousand dollars)

	2008	% of Total	2009	% of Total
Wheat	\$2,398,461	28.6	\$2,102,085	27.7
Canola Seed	\$1,493,258	17.8	\$1,330,246	17.5
Beef and Veal*	\$1,068,610	12.7	\$956,866	12.6
Live Cattle (excl. purebred)	\$542,320	6.5	\$465,304	6.1
Canola Oil, Crude	\$254,976	3.0	\$409,439	5.4
Pork*	\$342,119	4.1	\$361,096	4.8
Processed Potatoes	\$235,224	2.8	\$261,328	3.4
Malt Barley	\$244,021	2.9	\$223,504	2.9
Barley	\$323,927	3.9	\$195,705	2.6
Oilseed Cake and Meal	\$145,931	1.7	\$146,064	1.9
Canola Oil, Refined	\$231,957	2.8	\$136,146	1.8
Total**	\$8,385,912	100.0	\$7,588,441	100.0

* Beef and Pork refer to fresh, chilled, frozen meat and include edible offal.

** Total includes all international exports, including those not listed.

2009 Five Largest Export Destinations

	2008	% of Total	2009	% of Total
United States	\$3,212,989	38.3	\$2,722,777	35.9
China	\$623,559	7.4	\$1,047,565	13.8
Japan	\$1,195,606	14.3	\$954,,307	12.6
Mexico	\$606,214	7.2	\$455,377	6.0
Saudi Arabia	\$112,391	1.3	\$171,391	2.3

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