Cropping Trends in Western Canada



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Homestead shack of Roy Hursh. Roy and brother Verney.



Hursh Farms Inc. at Cabri, SK 2012 crops

Kabuli Chickpeas

B. Carinata (Ethiopian mustard)

Large Green Lentils (Clearfield)

Canaryseed

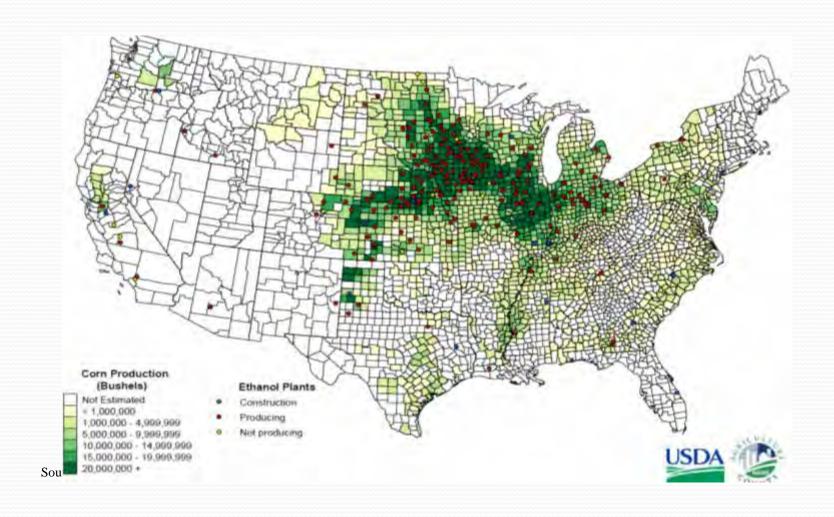
Nexera canola



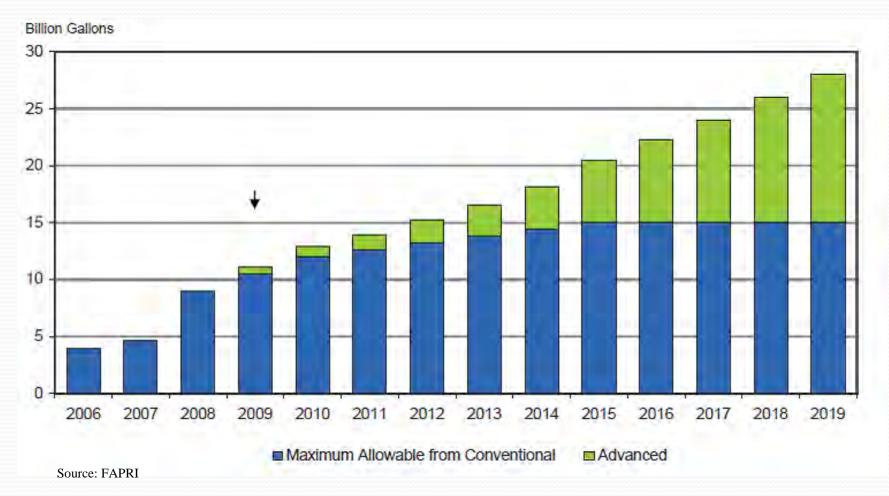
The Soybean Tide

- Over a million acres expected in Manitoba this year
- -Some estimates suggest 250,000 acres in Saskatchewan this year
- -Alberta?
- -Grain corn is also moving west

American ethanol production likely to continue



American Ethanol Production





























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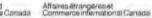












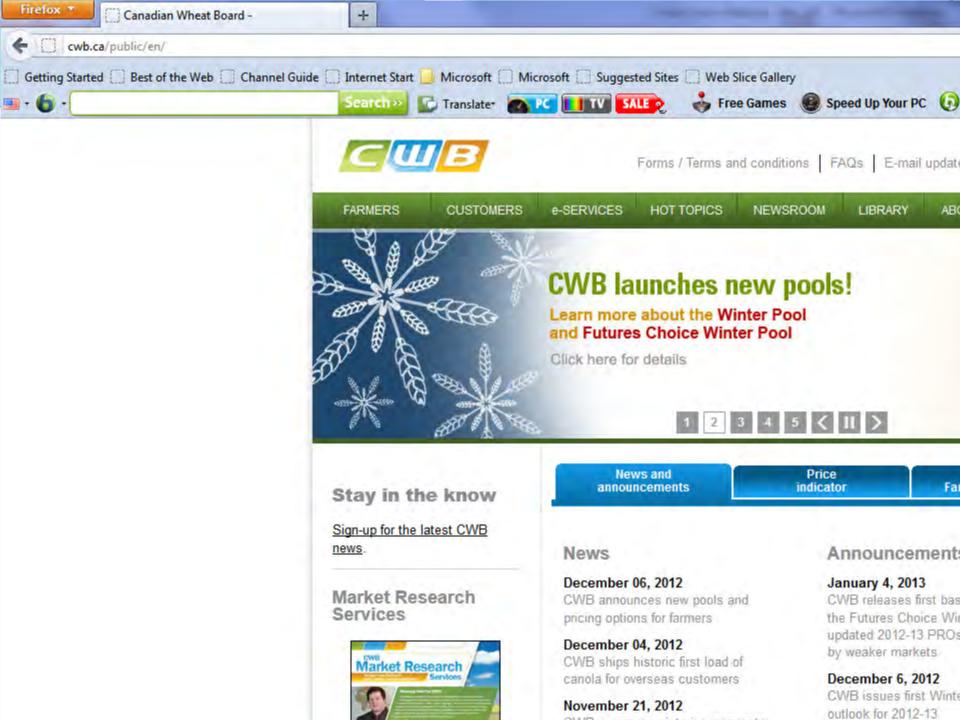






Special Crop Seeded Acres (thousands)

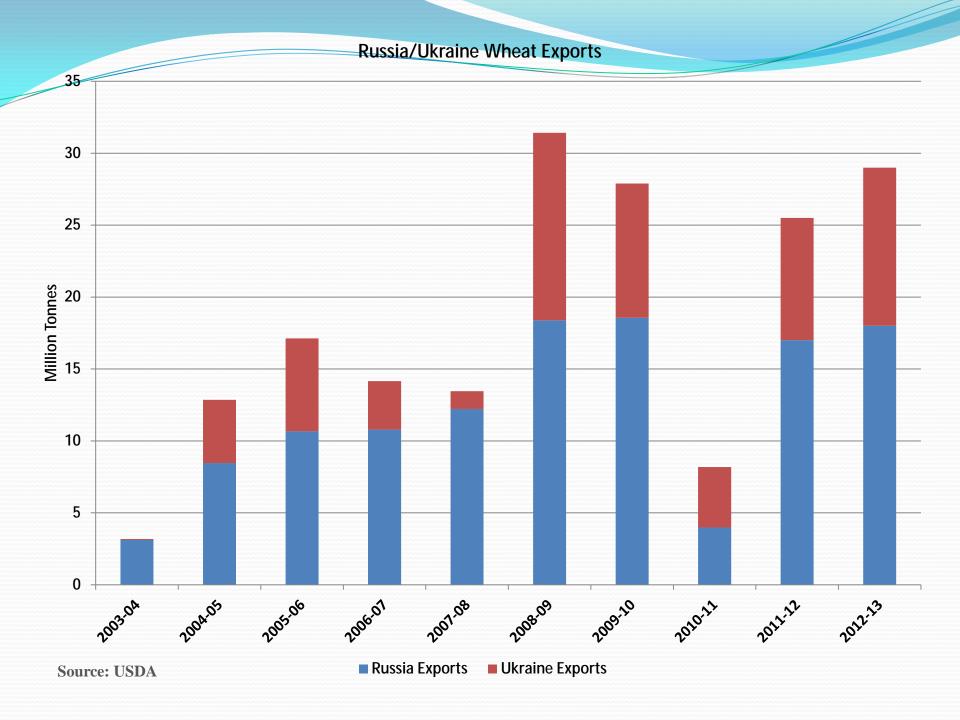
	Sask	Alberta
-Field Peas	2,325	960
-Mustard	240	95
-Canaryseed	300	
-Lentils	2,430	85
-Chickpeas	180	20

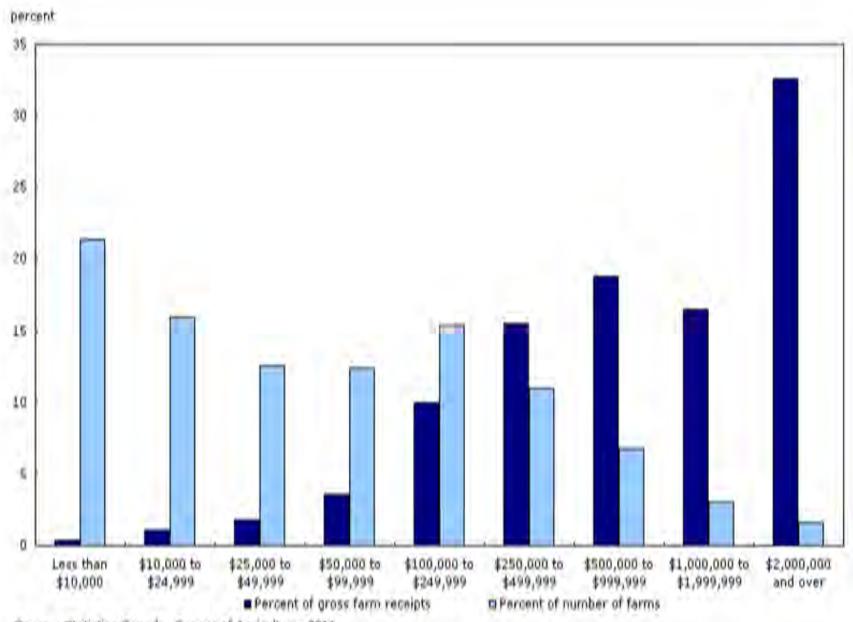




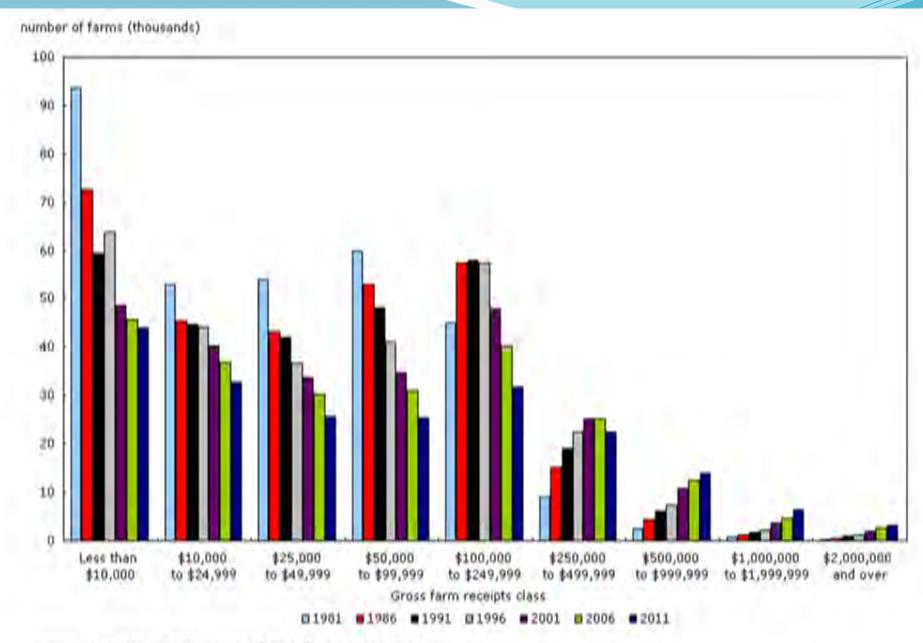
Larry Weber – Wheat Buddy Viterra Prices - Lacombe

- -CWRS 13.5 % \$7.66 / bu
- **–HR Winter 11% \$7.43 / bu**
- **–SWS** \$7.11 / bu
- -CPS Red 10.5 \$7.43 / bu
- **–Durum 12.0% \$7.34 / bu**
- -Feed wheat \$7.03 / bu





Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture, 2011



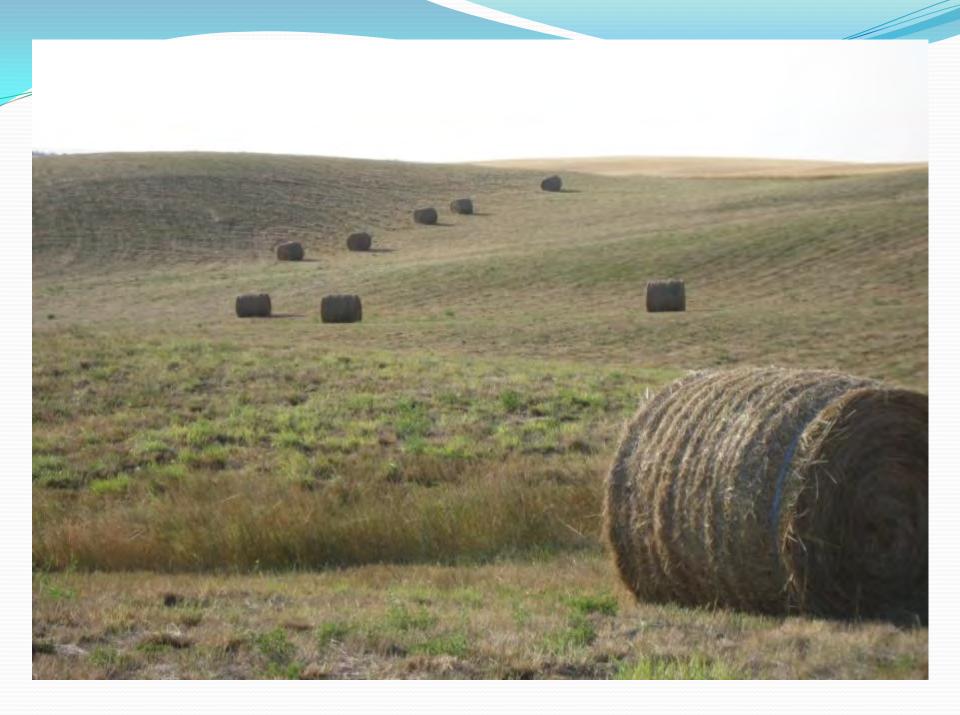
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture, 1981 to 2011

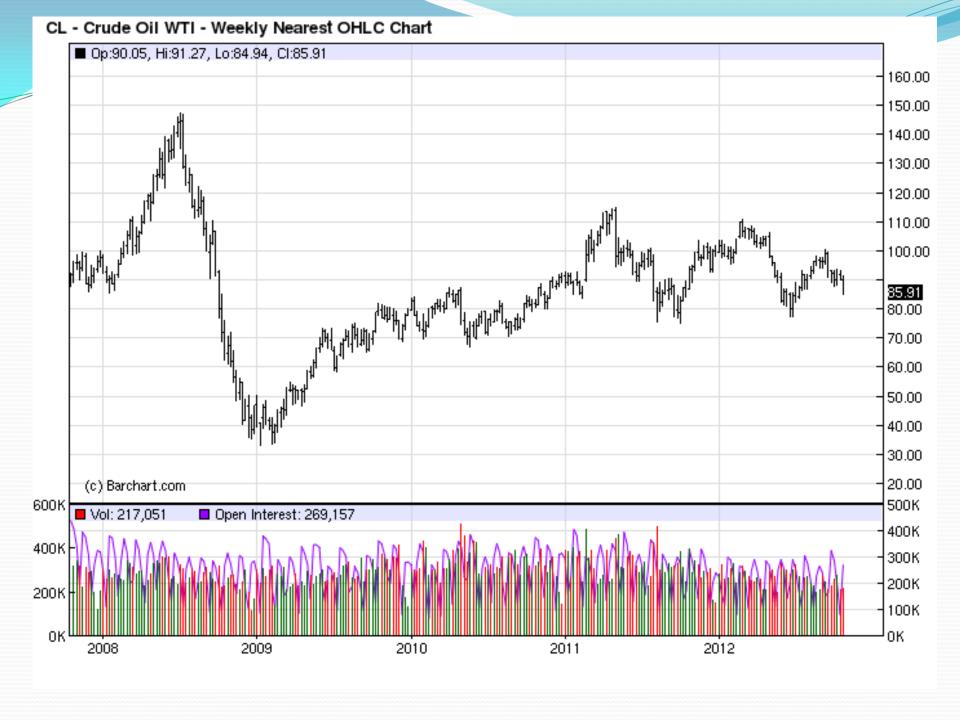
How much prod'n to reach \$250K

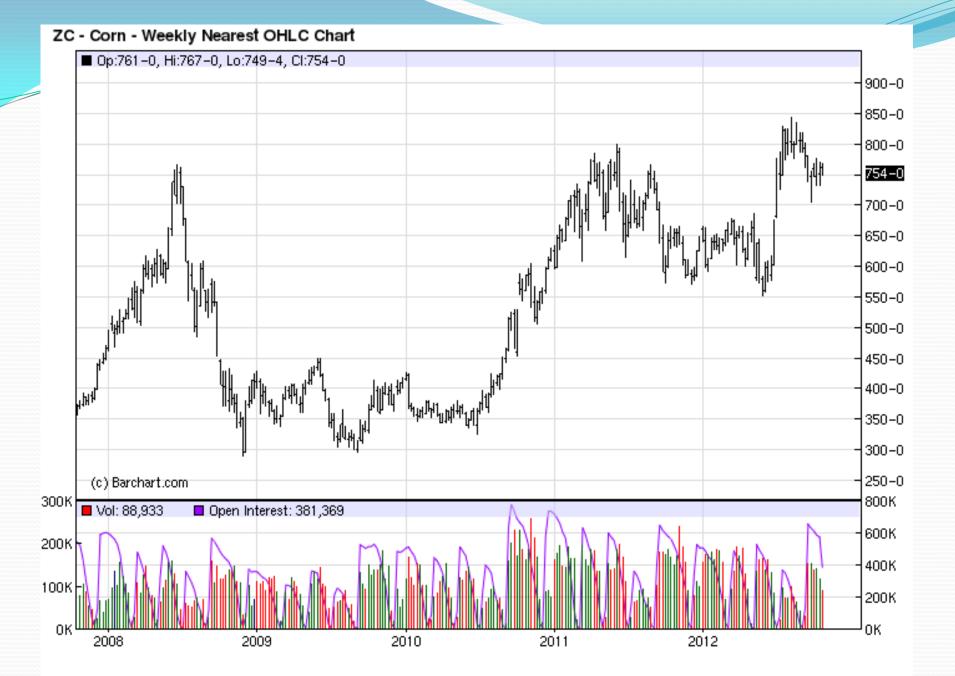
- 900 acres of wheat - 35 bu/ac at \$8.00 / bu

— 700 acres of canola – 27 bu/ac at \$13.50 / bu

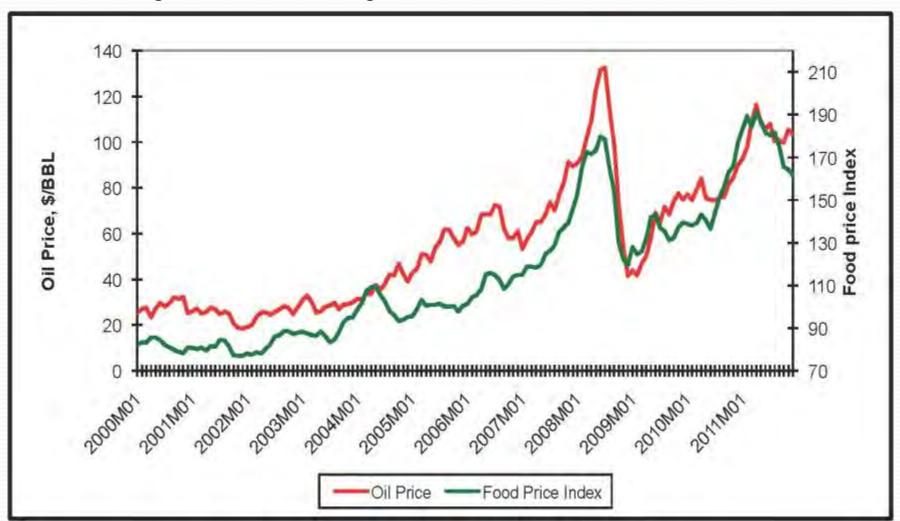
300+ beef cows - 300 calves at 550 lb at \$1.50

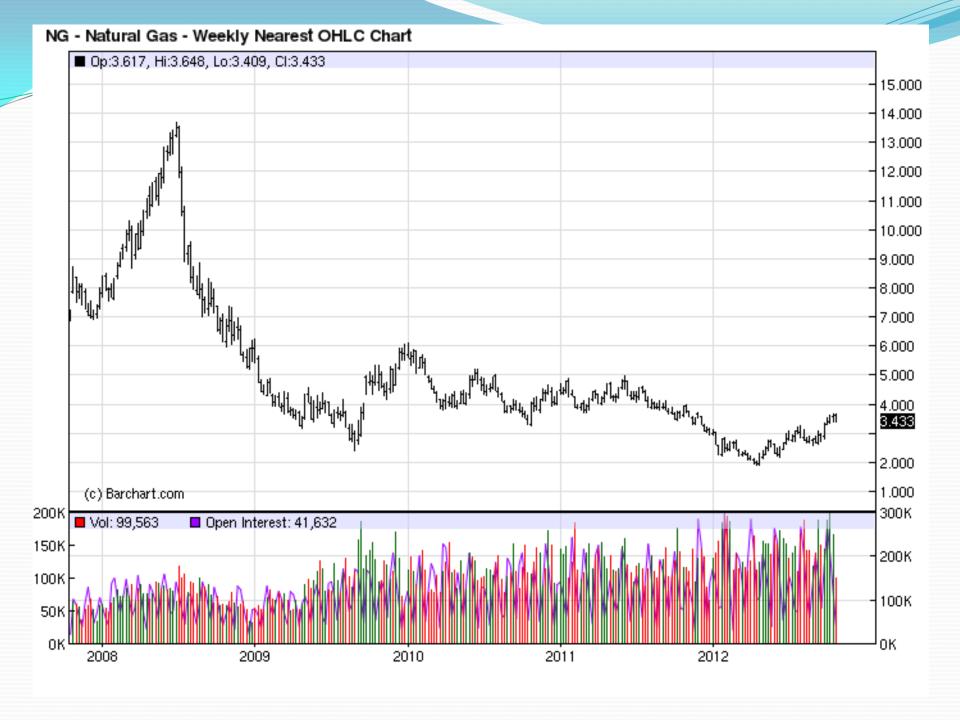






International Monetary Fund Primary Commodity Prices











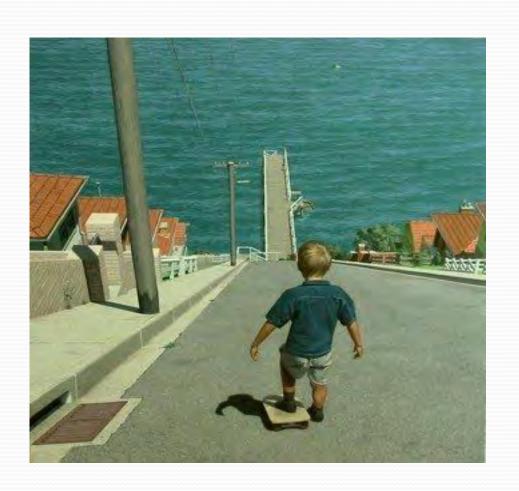
2011 Per Acre Value Farmland and Buildings

- **Ontario \$5,431**
- -B.C. \$4,126
- **–Quebec \$3,032**
- -Alberta \$1,573
- -Manitoba \$923
- -Saskatchewan \$584

Per Acre Value Farmland and Buildings

	Sask	Alberta
- 1971	- \$59	
- 1982	- \$413	\$592
- 1993	- \$253	\$413
- 2000	- \$336	\$721
- 2007	- \$408	\$1221
- 2009	- \$498	\$1428
- 2010	- \$523	\$1506
- 2011	- \$584	\$1573

The Future?



The Future?

- Growing population and demand
- Lots of production capacity
- -"Millions of Americans are digging their own graves with a knife and fork."
- -GM crops?
- Disease, insects and weeds



