

2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Lesser Slave River No.124	Alberta
Total Population	5,667	3,290,350
Urban Population	0	2,699,851
Rural Population	5,667	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>17.9</i>
Number of Farms	177	49,431
Average Farm Size (acres)	757	1,055
Average Per Reporting Farm		
Net Farm Income (\$)	3,836	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	607,094	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	44,391	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	48,226	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	265	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	190	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	x	79
Number of Pigs (head)	x	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	90	50.8
Partnership	72	40.7
With Written Agreement	4	2.3
Without Written Agreement	68	38.4
Corporation	15	8.5
Family	12	6.8
Non-Family	3	1.7
Other*	0	0.0
Total Farms	177	100.0

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	4	2.3
10 to 129 Acres	11	6.2
130 to 239 Acres	32	18.1
240 to 399 Acres	27	15.3
400 to 559 Acres	21	11.9
560 to 759 Acres	16	9.0
760 to 1,119 Acres	31	17.5
1,120 Acres and Over	35	19.8
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	14	7.9
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	10	5.6
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	7	4.0
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	2	1.1
3,520 Acres and Over	2	1.1
Total Farms	177	100.0

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	0	0.0
Cattle (Beef)	96	58.2
Hog	1	0.6
Poultry and Egg	1	0.6
Wheat	1	0.6
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	16	9.7
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	14	8.5
Fruit	0	0.0
Vegetable	0	0.0
Miscellaneous Specialty	29	17.6
Livestock Combination	5	3.0
Other Combination	2	1.2
Total Farms Classified	165	100.0

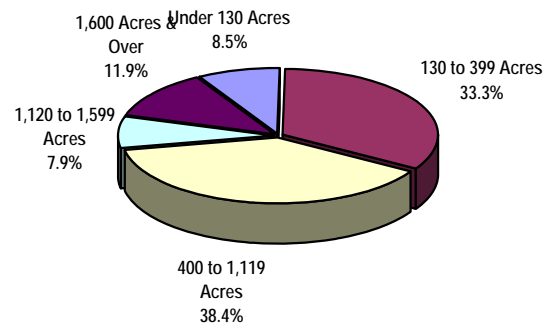
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	170	x	x
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	91	x	x
Rented/Leased from Government	65	x	x
Rented/Leased from Others	49	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	6	612	0.5
Total Area of Farms	177	133,905	100.0

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	145	38,415	28.7
Summerfallow	32	3,480	2.6
Total Pasture Land	...	63,695	47.6
Tame or Seeded Pasture	106	25,287	18.9
Natural Land for Pasture	115	38,408	28.7
All Other Land	146	28,315	21.1
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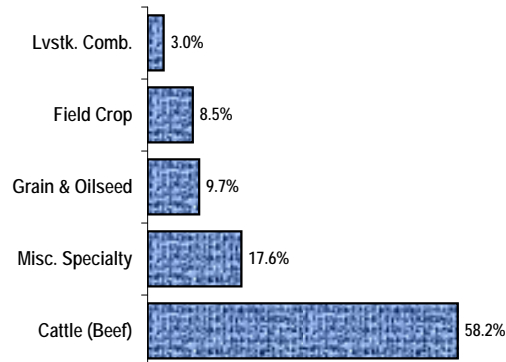
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	14	298	43.6
Seasonal or Temporary	34	386	56.4
Total Paid Labour	43	684	100.0

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	69	39.0
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	53	29.9

Per Cent Distribution of Farms by Size



Per Cent Distribution of Top Five Farm Types



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 * Institutions, Community Pastures, etc. ** Farms reporting total gross farm receipts greater than \$2,500. # Farms" refers to number of farms reporting.

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2006 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

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Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	6,643	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	48,226	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	177	22,524	21.0
Livestock and Poultry	147	11,001	10.2
Land and Buildings	177	73,930	68.8
Owned	170	63,766	59.3
Rented or Leased from Others	92	10,165	9.5
Total Farm Capital	177	107,456	100.0

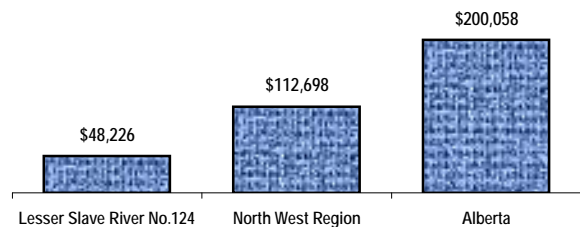
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	1	0.6
\$50,000 - \$99,999	5	2.8
\$100,000 - \$199,999	15	8.5
\$200,000 - \$349,999	47	26.6
\$350,000 - \$499,999	23	13.0
\$500,000 - \$999,999	62	35.0
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	17	9.6
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	5	2.8
\$2,000,000 and Over	2	1.1
Total Farms	177	100.0

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	85	565	7.2
Custom and Contract Work	95	343	4.4
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	71	197	2.5
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	18	27	0.3
Wages and Salaries	43	271	3.5
Paid to Family Members	28	151	1.9
Paid to all Other Persons	19	120	1.5
All Fuel Expenses	172	1,288	16.4
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	162	927	11.8
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	53	446	5.7
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	48	214	2.7
Seed/Seedling Purchases	86	190	2.4
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	71	647	8.2
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	122	190	2.4
Feed and Supplement Purchases	127	787	10.0
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	167	477	6.1
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	136	265	3.4
All Other Expenses	172	1,023	13.0
Total Operating Expenses	177	7,857	100.0

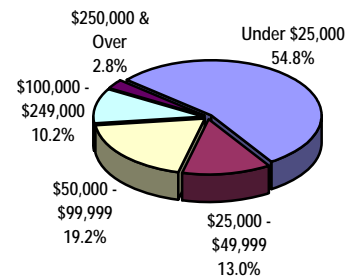
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	167	627	49,052
Total Farm Trucks	167	422	26,222
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	163	283	19,714
Other Farm Trucks	85	139	13,716
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	91	107	13,562
Swathers/Mower Cond.	119	169	10,902
Combines	73	91	13,118
Balers	124	180	10,938
Forage Harvesters	12	13	x
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	130	621	15,478
Irrigation Equipment	3	...	x
Other*	120	...	21,896

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
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Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	50	28.2
\$10,000 - \$24,999	47	26.6
\$25,000 - \$49,999	23	13.0
\$50,000 - \$99,999	34	19.2
\$100,000 - \$249,999	18	10.2
\$250,000 - \$499,999	4	2.3
\$500,000 - \$999,999	1	0.6
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	0	0.0
\$2,000,000 and Over	0	0.0
Total Farms	177	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	98	8,238	0.4
Dairy Cows	1	x	x
Beef Cows	98	x	x
Heifers	69	945	0.1
Bulls	88	348	0.3
Steers	30	351	0.0
Calves	101	6,393	0.3
Total Cattle and Calves	109	16,275	0.3

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	0	0	0.0
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	2	x	x
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	2	x	x
Grower and Finishing Pigs	4	x	x
Total Pigs	5	x	x

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	7	18	0.4
Ewes	9	339	0.3
Lambs	6	350	0.3
Total Sheep and Lambs	9	707	0.3

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	56	456	0.3
Goats	4	240	0.8
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	7	994	1.0
Deer (excluding wild deer)	0	0	0.0
Elk	2	x	x
Llamas and Alpacas	5	11	0.1
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

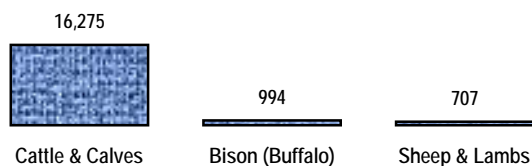
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	1	x	x
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	0	0	0.0

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	29	2,046	0.0
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	13	x	x
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	4	x	x
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	27	1,076	0.0
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	4	32	0.0
Other Poultry	9	66	0.0

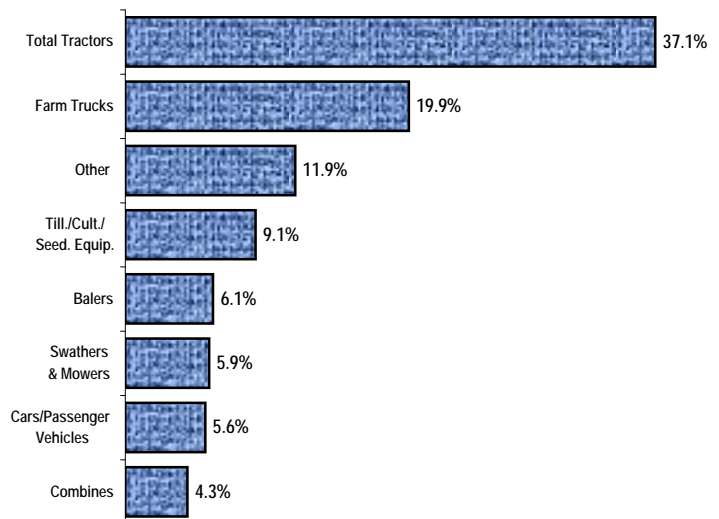
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	3	x	x
Turkey Production	0	0	0.0
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
	0	0	x

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	167	627	8,192
Total Farm Trucks	167	422	4,379
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	163	283	3,213
Other Farm Trucks	85	139	1,166
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	91	107	1,234
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	119	169	1,297
Combines	73	91	958
Balers	124	180	1,356
Forage Harvesters	12	13	x
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	130	621	2,012
Irrigation Equipment	3	...	x
Other*	120	...	2,628

**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	10	1,901	0.0
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	10	1,901	0.0
Durum Wheat	0	0	0.0
Winter Wheat	0	0	0.0
Oats	65	5,727	0.5
Barley	25	2,509	0.1
Mixed Grains	4	x	x
Corn for Grain	0	0	0.0
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	2	x	x
Fall Rye	2	x	x
Spring Rye	0	0	0.0

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	9	1,821	0.0
Flaxseed	0	0	0.0
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	0	0	0.0
Sunflowers	0	0	0.0

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	1	x	x
Dry Field Peas	1	x	x
Lentils	0	0	0.0
Dry White Beans	0	0	0.0
Chick Peas	0	0	0.0
Other Dry Beans	0	0	0.0
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Caraway Seed	0	0	0.0
Triticale	0	0	0.0
Forage Seed for Seed	2	x	x
All Other Field Crops	2	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	1	x	x
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	76	13,867	0.4
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	75	11,543	0.6

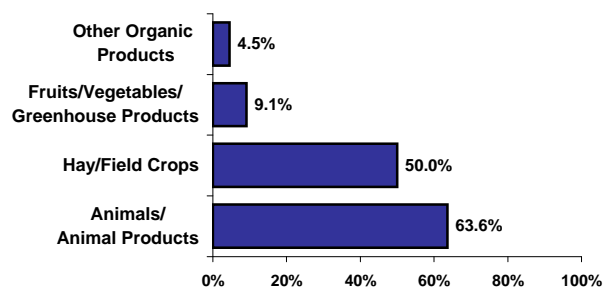
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	1	x	x
Tomatoes	0	0	0.0
Cucumbers	1	x	x
Green Peas	1	x	x
Green or Wax Beans	1	x	x
Cabbage	0	0	0.0
Cauliflower	0	0	0.0
Broccoli	0	0	0.0
Carrots	1	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	0	0	0.0
Beets	0	0	0.0
Radishes	0	0	0.0
Dry Onions	0	0	0.0
Shallots,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

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	1	x	x
Saskatoons	1	x	x
Strawberries	0	0	0.0
Raspberries	1	x	x
Area of Nursery Products	0	0	0.0
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	0	0	0.0
Sod Grown for Sale	0	0	0.0
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	5	x	x

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	3	16,600	0.1
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	3	16,600	0.1
Flowers	3	x	x
Vegetables	2	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	22	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	11	50.0
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	2	9.1
Total Animals or Animal Products	14	63.6
Total Other Organic Products	1	4.5
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	1	4.5
Hay or Field Crops	0	0.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	4.5
Animals or Animal Products	0	0.0
Other Organic Products	1	4.5
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	21	95.5
Hay or Field Crops	11	50.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	4.5
Animals or Animal Products	14	63.6
Other Organic Products	0	0.0

Per Cent of All Organic Farms Reporting Types of Organic Production



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2006 Agriculture Profile - 5. Land Management and Farm Operators

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Farms Reporting	177	133,905	100.0
Use of Irrigation	2	x	x
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	43	11,662	8.7
Use of Herbicides	36	7,614	5.7
Use of Insecticides	2	x	x
Use of Fungicides	1	x	x

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	107	17,372	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	81	11,269	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	16	4,110	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	12	1,993	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	119	67.2
Farms Applying Manure	75	42.4

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	39	1,757	1.3
Field Crop Land	22	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	15	...	...
Other Land	5	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	13	565	0.4
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	11	...	...
Other Land	1	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	13	1,002	0.7
Field Crop Land	10	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	3	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	16	1,434	1.1
Field Crop Land	3	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	15	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	0	0	0.0
Field Crop Land	0	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	0	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	0	0	0.0
Field Crop Land	0	...	...
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	32	3,480	100.0
Chemical Only	2	x	x
Tillage Only	24	1,740	50.0
Tillage and Chemical Combination	7	x	x

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	96	54.2
Rotational Grazing	101	57.1
Winter Cover Crops	5	2.8
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	51	28.8
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	101	57.1
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	17	9.6

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	275	0.4

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	80 30.2
On Farms with Two or More Operators	185 69.8
Total Male Operators	175 63.6
Total Female Operators	95 34.5

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	53.3
On Farms with One Operator	55.7
On Farms with Two Operators	52.2

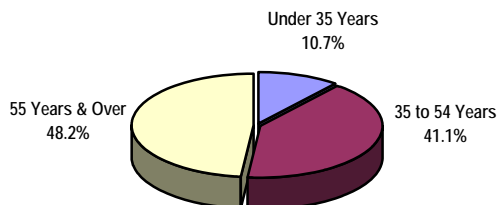
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	30	10.7
35 - 54 Years	115	41.1
55 Years and Over	135	48.2

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	110	40.7
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	160	59.3

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week		% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	80	29.6
20 - 40 Hours	75	27.8
More than 40 Hours	115	42.6

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week		% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	35	21.9
20 - 40 Hours	50	31.3
More than 40 Hours	75	46.9

Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age



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