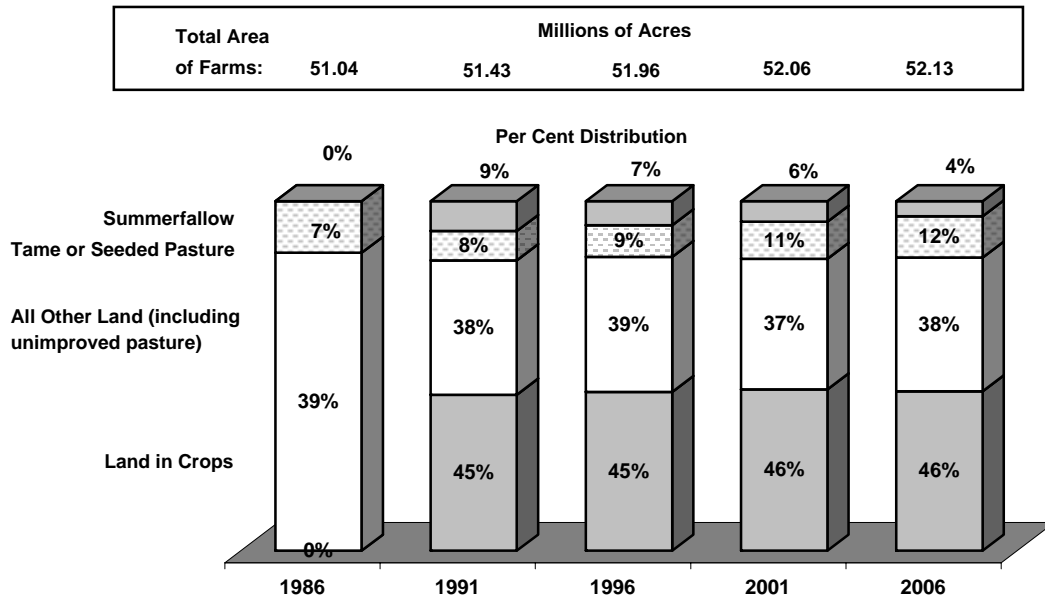


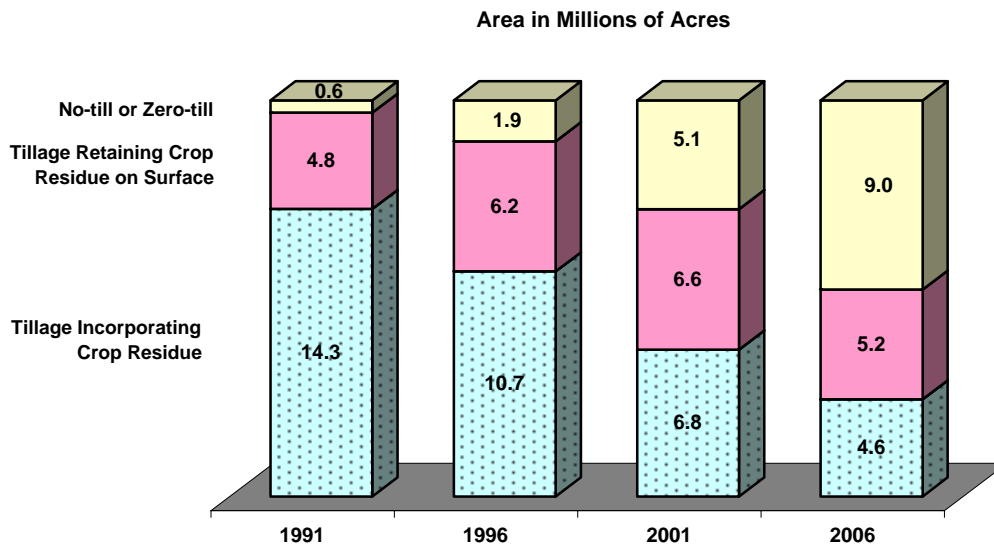
Fig. 36 Total Area of Alberta Farms and Land Use Distribution, 1986-2006



Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture, 1986-2006

While total land in crops has remained fairly steady at around 45 per cent of Alberta's farmland area, the use of conservation tillage practices has increased. In the 1991 Census, farm operators reported using no-till or zero-till on less than three per cent or 0.6 million acres of cropland. In 2006, this method of cultivation was used on nearly 40 per cent, or 9.0 million acres, of cropland.

Fig. 37 Tillage Practices on Alberta Farms, 1991-2006



Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture, 1991 - 2006