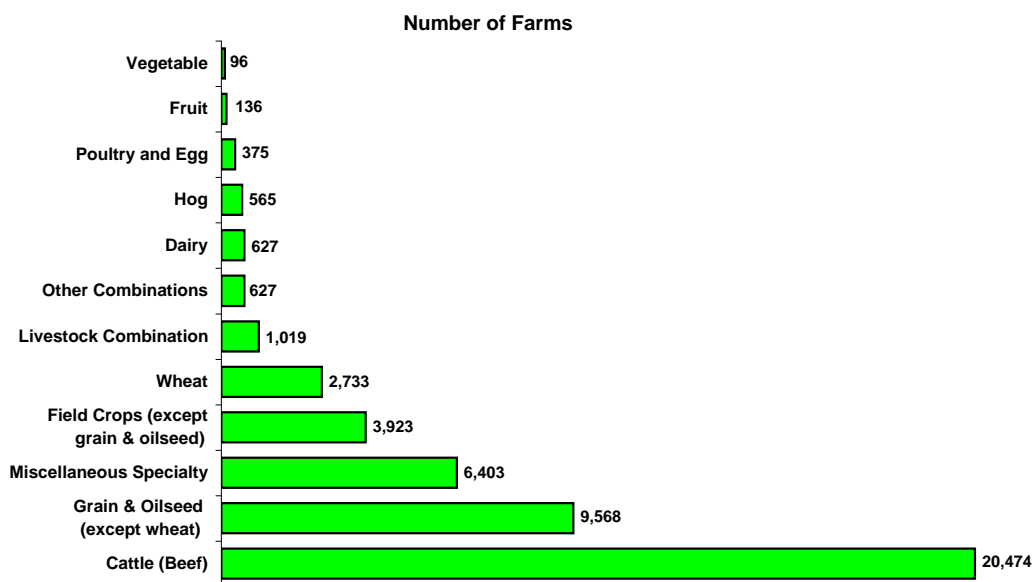


Fig. 38 Alberta Farms Classified by Type, 2006



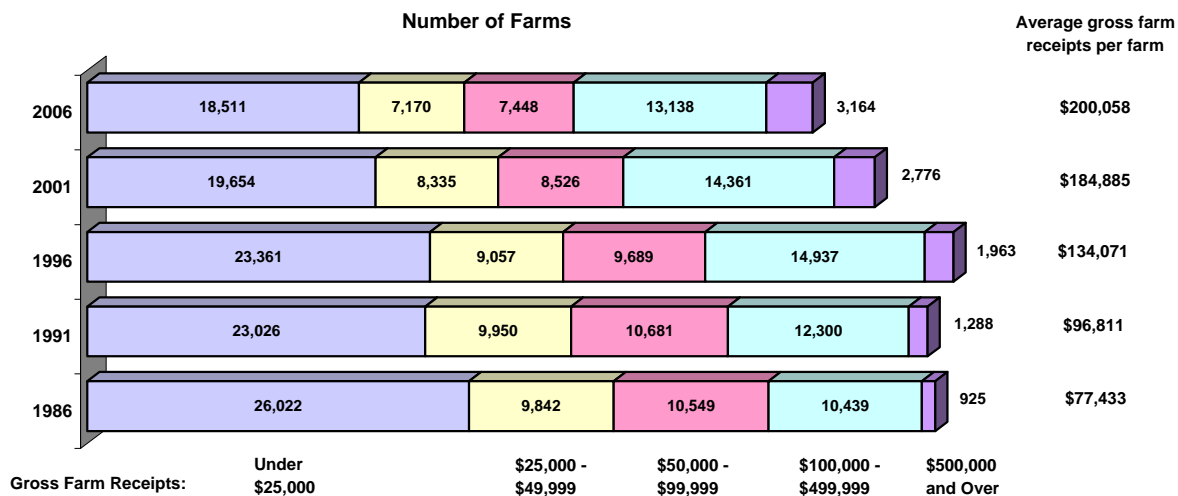
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture, 2006

Farm type classification is based on farms with gross farm receipts of \$2,500 or more. The commodity or group of commodities which accounts for 51 per cent or more of gross farm receipts determines the farm type.

Beef cattle farms are the most common farm type in Alberta. In 2006, 44.0 per cent or 20,474 of the province's census farms were beef cattle farms (45.4 per cent in 2001). Farm types showing significant growth between 2001 and 2006 included fruit farms (up 86.3 per cent to 136), vegetable farms (up 37.1 per cent to 96), and miscellaneous specialty farms (up 16.5 per cent to 6,403).

In the 2006 Census, Alberta gross farm receipts averaged \$200,058 per farm, or 8.2 per cent higher than in 2001. Roughly two-fifths (37.4 per cent) of farms reported gross receipts of under \$25,000 (36.6 per cent in 2001). By comparison, 6.4 per cent of farms reported gross receipts of \$500,000 and over (5.2 per cent in 2001). The former group contributed 1.9 per cent of provincial gross farm receipts (2.0 per cent in 2001), while the latter group contributed 61.0 per cent (58.3 per cent in 2001).

Fig. 39 Alberta Farms Classified by Gross Farm Receipts, 1986-2006



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