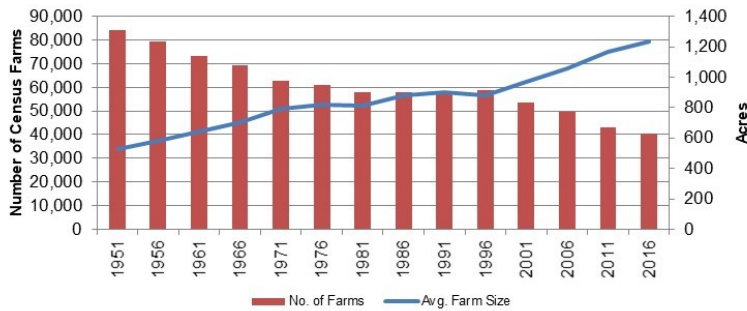


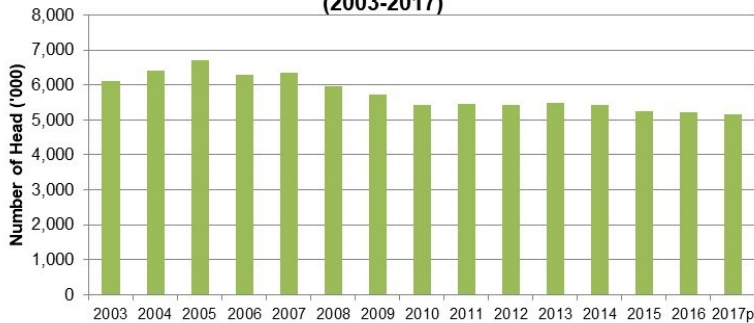
Alberta Agriculture Industry - Selected Indicators*

Number of Census Farms and Average Area of Farmland, Alberta (1951-2016)



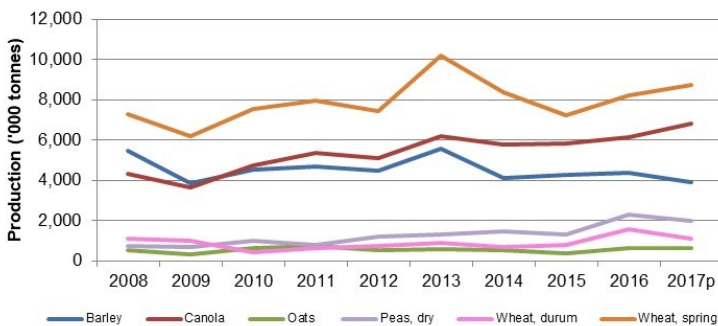
- On May 10, 2016, the Census of Agriculture counted 40,638 farms in Alberta, with an average farm size of 1,237 acres.
- While the number of farms in 2016 decreased by 6 % from 2011, the average farm size increased by 5.9%.
- The trend toward fewer and larger farms was not unique to Alberta, as numbers were down for all provinces.
- Following the trend of fewer and larger farms, the number of farm operators also declined by 7.2%, from 62,050 in 2011 to 57,605 in 2016.

Alberta Total Cattle and Calf Inventories, as of July 1 (2003-2017)



- Alberta is the largest cattle-producing province in Canada. As of July 1, 2017, the province led the nation in cattle and calf inventories with an estimated 5.1 million head, or 41% of the national herd (12.5 million head).
- The July 2017 inventory decreased mainly due to higher cattle slaughter levels in the first half of 2017 compared to 2016.
- In 2017, over three-quarters of Canadian beef processing occurred in Western Canada, with the vast majority concentrated in Alberta.

Alberta Production of Selected Field Crops (2008-2017)



- Based on the November estimates for Alberta in 2017, total production of principal field crops (including forages) in the province totaled 33.5 million tonnes, down 2.4% from 2016 and 13.3% above the 10-year average (2007-2016).
- Spring wheat production increased by 6.3% to 8.7 million tonnes, barley production fell 11.2% to 3.9 million tonnes, and canola production increased 10.9% to 6.8 million tonnes.
- Provincial average yields for most crops fell from 2016, but were still higher than the 10 year averages.

Alberta Farm Cash Receipts (2008-2017)



- In 2017, Alberta's farm cash receipts (FCR) surpassed \$14 billion for the first time to \$14.1 billion, up 4.5% from 2016. Fuelling the gain were record crop market receipts, higher livestock market receipts and program payments to producers.
- Notable commodities with higher receipts in 2017 included wheat, canola, hogs and cattle and calves. Setting records in receipts included dairy, poultry, eggs, chickpeas, dry beans and corn.
- Alberta ranked first among provinces in total FCR and cattle and calf receipts.

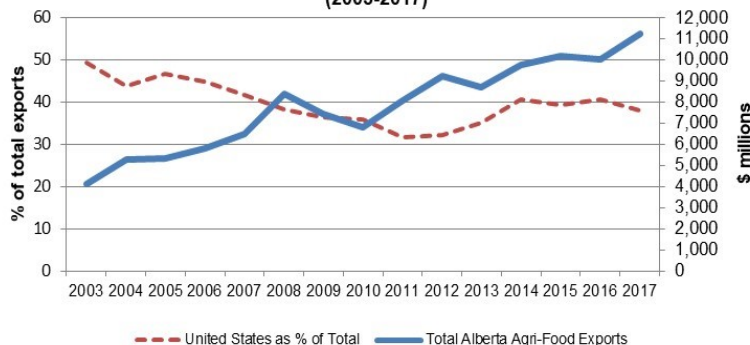
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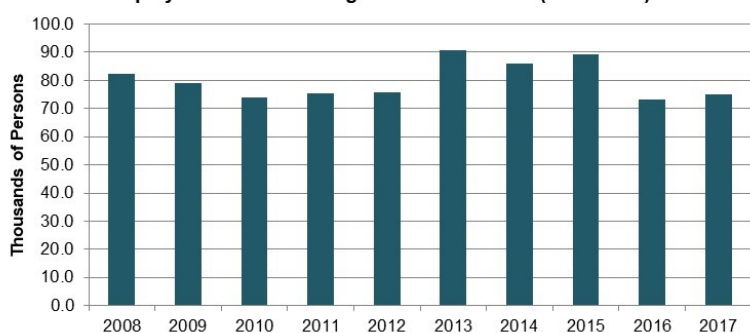
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Total Alberta Agri-Food Exports and United States as a Percentage (2003-2017)



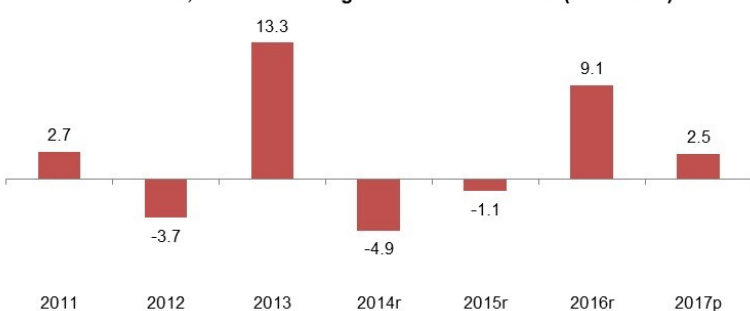
- Alberta continues to be the third largest exporter of agri-food products in Canada, after Saskatchewan and Ontario.
- In 2017, Alberta agri-food exports rose 12.3% over 2016, to a record \$11.2 billion. Increases were recorded for both primary commodities and value added products owing to higher quantities and improved grain prices.
- The United States (US) remains Alberta's largest trading partner in terms of value. In 2017, agri-food exports to the US grew 5.1% to \$4.3 billion. However, its share of Alberta total agri-food exports fell to 38%, from 40.6% in 2016.

Employment in Alberta Agri-Food Industries (2008-2017)



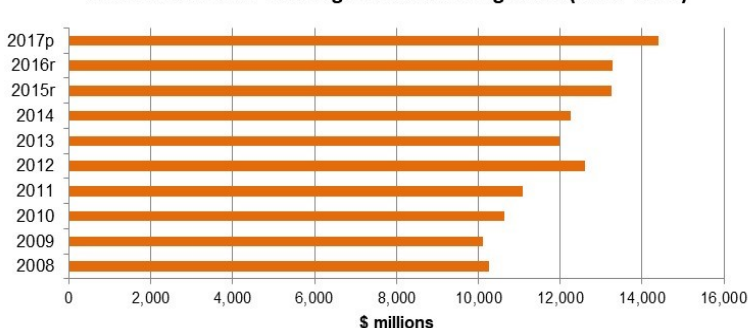
- There were 75,100 Albertans employed in agri-food industries in 2017, up 2.6% from 2016.
- Employment in primary agriculture industries rose 2.6% to 52,100 persons, while employment in food and beverage manufacturing increased 2.7% to 23,000 persons. Food and beverage manufacturing led all manufacturing industries in Alberta, accounting for 19.3% of the total manufacturing workforce (119,200 persons) in 2017.
- Agri-food employment accounted for 3.3% of the provincial employed workforce in 2017 (2,286,900 workers).

Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for Alberta Agri-Food Industries, Per Cent Change from Previous Year (2011-2017)



- Preliminary estimates indicate that Alberta's agri-food industries contribution to real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) edged up 2.5% in 2017 to \$6.5 billion.
- GDP for primary agriculture industries increased 1.9% to \$3.5 billion, largely due to crop and animal production gains.
- GDP for food and beverage manufacturing increased 3.2% to \$3.0 billion. Contributing to the increase were gains in meat products, dairy products, and grain and oilseed milling.

Alberta Food and Beverage Manufacturing Sales (2008-2017)



- Alberta's food and beverage manufacturing sales reached a record \$14.4 billion in 2017. This was 8.4% higher than in 2016 and marked the fourth consecutive year of growth.
- Sales from food manufacturing industries totalled \$13.3 billion (up 11.1% from 2016), while those from beverage industries declined 16.9% to \$1.1 billion.
- The increase in food sales were largely due to a jump in the value of meat products, including poultry (up 9.3% to \$7.4 billion), dairy products (up 50.7% to \$1.2 billion), and grain and oilseed milling (up 1.9% to \$1.7 billion).

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