

Table 108: Census of Agriculture, Alberta Farm Operators, 1996-2006

	1996	2001	2006	% of Total	% Chg. '06/'01
	Number			%	%
<b>Total Census Farms</b> .....	<b>59,005</b>	<b>53,652</b>	<b>49,431</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
<b>Total Farm Operators (17) (18)</b> .....	<b>82,455</b>	<b>76,195</b>	<b>71,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
Total Operators on Farms with One Operator.....	35,435	32,025	28,045	39.1	-12.4
Total Operators on Farms with Two or More Operators.....	47,020	44,170	43,620	60.9	-1.2
<b>Average Age of Farm Operators</b>	<b>Years</b>			<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
All Farm Operators.....	48.2	49.9	52.2	-	4.6
On Farms With One Operator.....	50.2	51.7	53.8	-	4.1
On Farms With Two or More Operators.....	46.7	48.6	51.2	-	5.3
	<b>Number</b>			<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Total Operators on All Farms</b>	<b>82,455</b>	<b>76,195</b>	<b>71,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
Male.....	60,585	54,565	50,190	70.0	-8.0
Female.....	21,870	21,635	21,470	30.0	-0.8
<b>Total Operators on Farms With One Operator</b>	<b>35,435</b>	<b>32,025</b>	<b>28,045</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.4</b>
Male.....	33,110	29,530	25,670	91.5	-13.1
Female.....	2,320	2,490	2,370	8.5	-4.8
<b>Total Operators on Farms With Two or More Operators</b>	<b>47,020</b>	<b>44,170</b>	<b>43,620</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Male.....	27,470	25,040	24,525	56.2	-2.1
Female.....	19,550	19,135	19,095	43.8	-0.2
<b>Operators by Age on All Farms</b>	<b>82,455</b>	<b>76,195</b>	<b>71,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
Under 35 years.....	13,485	8,900	6,290	8.8	-29.3
35 to 54 years.....	42,315	40,430	35,935	50.1	-11.1
55 years and over.....	26,655	26,875	29,440	41.1	9.5
<b>Operators by Age on Farms With One Operator</b>	<b>35,435</b>	<b>32,025</b>	<b>28,045</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.4</b>
Under 35 years.....	4,830	3,070	2,045	7.3	-33.4
35 to 54 years.....	17,055	16,130	13,335	47.5	-17.3
55 years and over.....	13,550	12,815	12,665	45.2	-1.2
<b>Operators by Age on Farms With Two or More Operators</b>	<b>47,020</b>	<b>44,170</b>	<b>43,620</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Under 35 years.....	8,650	5,825	4,245	9.7	-27.1
35 to 54 years.....	25,265	24,295	22,605	51.8	-7.0
55 years and over.....	13,105	14,050	16,780	38.5	19.4
<b>Average Hours Per Week Worked for the Agricultural Operation</b>					
Less than 20 hours.....	19,675	18,965	20,465	28.6	7.9
20 to 40 hours.....	21,825	21,935	19,970	27.9	-9.0
More than 40 hours.....	40,960	35,290	31,225	43.6	-11.5
<b>Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work (19)</b>					
None.....	56,230	38,720	32,560	45.4	-15.9
Less than 20 hours per week.....	6,500	7,380	7,560	10.5	2.4
20 to 40 hours per week.....	10,915	14,750	14,190	19.8	-3.8
More than 40 hours per week.....	8,805	15,345	17,355	24.2	13.1
<b>Total Farms Reporting Farm-Related Injuries</b>	...	...	<b>3,170</b>	-	-
To the Operator.....	...	...	2,851	-	-
To Other Family Members (6).....	...	...	472	-	-
To Other Persons (6).....	...	...	176	-	-

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Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture. For more information visit the Statistics Canada web site at: [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)