

## 2006 Agriculture Profile - 1. Farms and the Land

	Lacombe County	Alberta
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>10,451</b>	<b>3,290,350</b>
Urban Population	144	2,699,851
Rural Population	10,307	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>98.6</i>	<i>17.9</i>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>49,431</b>
Average Farm Size (acres)	568	1,055
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	37,064	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,555,376	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	188,701	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	225,765	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	405	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	299	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	75	79
Number of Pigs (head)	2,869	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	632	51.8
Partnership	375	30.8
With Written Agreement	53	4.3
Without Written Agreement	322	26.4
Corporation	207	17.0
Family	193	15.8
Non-Family	14	1.1
Other*	5	0.4
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	37	3.0
10 to 129 Acres	263	21.6
130 to 239 Acres	234	19.2
240 to 399 Acres	186	15.3
400 to 559 Acres	126	10.3
560 to 759 Acres	94	7.7
760 to 1,119 Acres	104	8.5
<b>1,120 Acres and Over</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>14.4</b>
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	77	6.3
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	52	4.3
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	20	1.6
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	14	1.1
3,520 Acres and Over	12	1.0
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	59	5.1
Cattle (Beef)	525	45.1
Hog	52	4.5
Poultry and Egg	18	1.5
Wheat	24	2.1
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	210	18.1
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	69	5.9
Fruit	4	0.3
Vegetable	3	0.3
Miscellaneous Specialty	167	14.4
Livestock Combination	22	1.9
Other Combination	10	0.9
<b>Total Farms Classified</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>

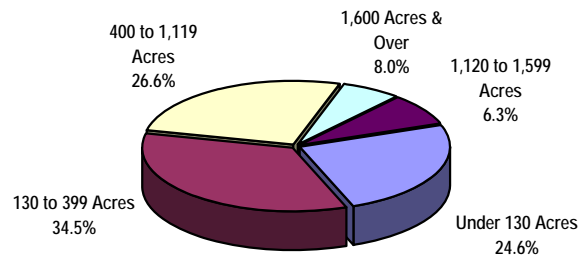
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	1,172	435,088	62.9
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	535	256,932	37.1
Rented/Leased from Government	62	21,666	3.1
Rented/Leased from Others	483	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	80	x	x
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>692,020</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	960	388,494	56.1
Summerfallow	72	5,777	0.8
Total Pasture Land	...	245,442	35.5
Tame or Seeded Pasture	629	126,622	18.3
Natural Land for Pasture	634	118,820	17.2
All Other Land	944	52,307	7.6
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>692,020</b>	<b>100.0</b>

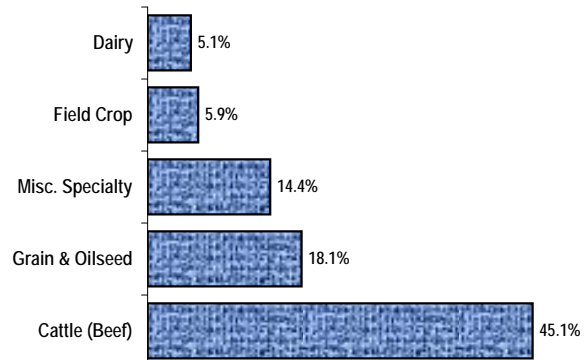
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	285	33,576	79.4
Seasonal or Temporary	283	8,715	20.6
<b>Total Paid Labour</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>42,291</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	658	54.0
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	490	40.2

**Per Cent Distribution of Farms by Size**



**Per Cent Distribution of Top Five Farm Types**



Note: Regional data do not include municipalities where confidentiality applies. Numbers may not add up due to rounding. x - confidential ... not available  
 \* Institutions, Community Pastures, etc. \*\* Farms reporting total gross farm receipts greater than \$2,500. # "Farms" refers to number of farms reporting.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Agriculture, and 2006 Census of Population Refer to census definitions and notes for more information.  
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## 2006 Agriculture Profile - 2. Financial Characteristics

	Lacombe County	Alberta
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,219	49,431
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	37,064	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,555,376	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	188,701	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	19,929	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	225,765	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	1,219	227,088	12.0
Livestock and Poultry	952	124,906	6.6
Land and Buildings	1,219	1,544,010	81.4
Owned	1,180	1,171,787	61.8
Rented or Leased from Others	538	372,223	19.6
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,896,004</b>	<b>100.0</b>

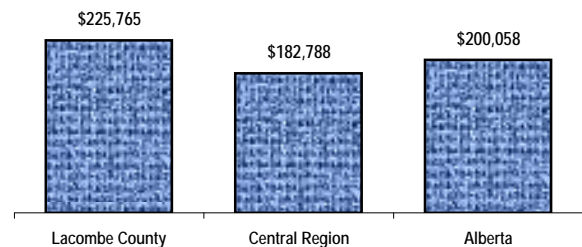
Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	4	0.3
\$50,000 - \$99,999	6	0.5
\$100,000 - \$199,999	28	2.3
\$200,000 - \$349,999	121	9.9
\$350,000 - \$499,999	150	12.3
\$500,000 - \$999,999	339	27.8
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	194	15.9
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	99	8.1
\$2,000,000 and Over	278	22.8
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	794	15,823	6.9
Custom and Contract Work	799	13,302	5.8
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	473	7,256	3.2
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	218	2,073	0.9
Wages and Salaries	479	18,787	8.2
Paid to Family Members	362	8,740	3.8
Paid to all Other Persons	268	10,047	4.4
All Fuel Expenses	1,153	13,353	5.8
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	1,123	10,899	4.7
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	688	13,967	6.1
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	574	6,669	2.9
Seed/Seedling Purchases	635	5,375	2.3
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	530	39,318	17.1
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	855	4,681	2.0
Feed and Supplement Purchases	854	46,392	20.2
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	1,121	6,159	2.7
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	985	5,065	2.2
All Other Expenses	1,161	20,905	9.1
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>230,026</b>	<b>100.0</b>

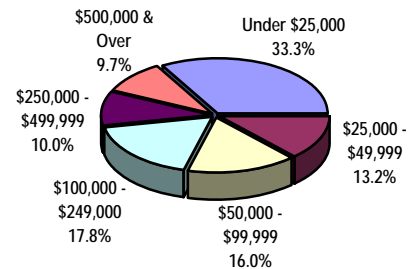
Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	1,134	3,778	67,242
Total Farm Trucks	1,139	3,121	35,915
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,087	1,948	23,131
Other Farm Trucks	636	1,173	24,787
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	629	735	15,341
Swathers/Mower Cond.	655	993	20,658
Combines	429	531	53,504
Balers	576	780	14,215
Forage Harvesters	115	120	28,265
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	756	2,595	26,787
Irrigation Equipment	14	...	23,621
Other*	916	...	34,688

Total Gross Farm Receipts	\$ '000	% Alta.
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>	<b>275,208</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	194	15.9
\$10,000 - \$24,999	212	17.4
\$25,000 - \$49,999	161	13.2
\$50,000 - \$99,999	195	16.0
\$100,000 - \$249,999	217	17.8
\$250,000 - \$499,999	122	10.0
\$500,000 - \$999,999	56	4.6
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	40	3.3
\$2,000,000 and Over	22	1.8
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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	686	54,922	2.6
Dairy Cows	75	7,871	10.0
Beef Cows	627	47,051	2.3
Heifers	477	20,798	1.9
Bulls	565	2,344	2.1
Steers	232	12,772	1.3
Calves	673	46,181	2.3
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>137,017</b>	<b>2.2</b>

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	42	304	4.3
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	43	14,821	7.9
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	51	63,083	9.8
Grower and Finishing Pigs	68	125,457	10.4
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>203,665</b>	<b>9.9</b>

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	41	155	3.0
Ewes	65	2,946	2.8
Lambs	50	3,520	3.1
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6,621</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	384	4,244	2.7
Goats	33	643	2.2
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	26	5,398	5.5
Deer (excluding wild deer)	3	x	x
Elk	18	1,460	4.3
Llamas and Alpacas	46	430	2.9
Wild Boars	2	x	x

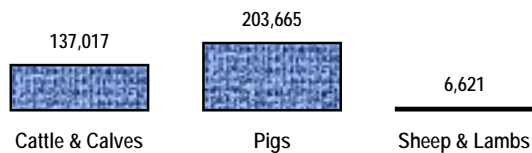
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	6	1,295	0.6
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	0	0	0.0

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	92	655,388	5.6
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	40	597,161	7.0
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	20	10,178	1.0
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	71	48,049	2.2
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	12	247	0.0
Other Poultry	27	4,717	2.2

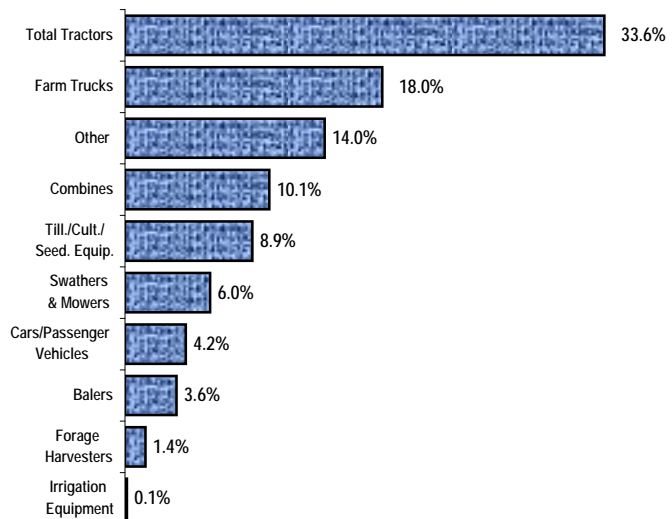
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.	
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	24	9,229,913	8.0	
Turkey Production	5	4,163	0.0	
		# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	0	0	x	

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	1,134	3,778	76,253
Total Farm Trucks	1,139	3,121	40,908
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	1,087	1,948	25,143
Other Farm Trucks	636	1,173	15,764
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	629	735	9,650
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	655	993	13,531
Combines	429	531	22,953
Balers	576	780	8,188
Forage Harvesters	115	120	3,250
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	756	2,595	20,251
Irrigation Equipment	14	...	331
Other*	916	...	31,774

**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	235	70,341	1.1
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	227	x	x
Durum Wheat	7	1,091	0.2
Winter Wheat	7	x	x
Oats	149	13,316	1.0
Barley	428	103,488	2.5
Mixed Grains	54	8,434	2.3
Corn for Grain	3	135	3.1
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	21	1,695	1.4
Fall Rye	20	x	x
Spring Rye	1	x	x

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	279	77,614	1.9
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	17	3,258	5.9
Dry Field Peas	18	2,244	0.4
Lentils	2	x	x
Dry White Beans	0	0	0.0
Chick Peas	0	0	0.0
Other Dry Beans	1	x	x
Canary Seed	0	0	0.0
Sugar Beets	0	0	0.0
Caraway Seed	1	x	x
Triticale	37	3,377	4.4
Forage Seed for Seed	5	425	0.2
All Other Field Crops	2	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	23	2,710	3.8
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	546	72,260	1.8
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	248	28,402	1.4

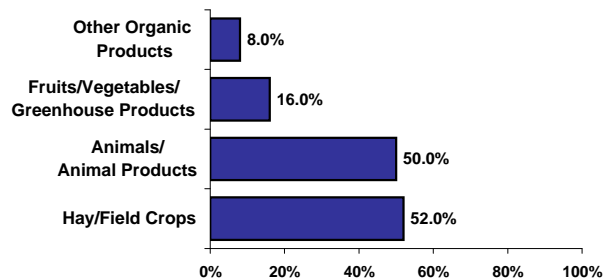
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	1	x	x
Tomatoes	2	x	x
Cucumbers	5	1	0.5
Green Peas	3	1	0.0
Green or Wax Beans	4	1	0.2
Cabbage	1	x	x
Cauliflower	2	x	x
Broccoli	2	x	x
Carrots	6	1	0.1
Rutabagas and Turnips	1	x	x
Beets	4	x	x
Radishes	1	x	x
Dry Onions	2	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	2	x	x
Lettuce	3	0	1.0
Celery	0	0	0.0
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	2	x	x

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	23	72	2.4
Saskatoons	16	29	1.8
Strawberries	5	x	x
Raspberries	9	8	3.4
Area of Nursery Products	24	101	1.1
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	4	60	4.7
Sod Grown for Sale	2	x	x
Sales of Forest Products	12	Dollars 132,721	% Alta. 2.0

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	20	1,134,747	9.0
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	20	1,134,747	9.1
Flowers	10	565,600	9.8
Vegetables	8	x	x
Other Greenhouse Products	3	x	x
Mushroom House Growing Area	0	0	0.0

Organic Production (Certified and Not Certified)	# Farms	% Total Farms
Total Farms Reporting Organic Production	50	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	26	52.0
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	8	16.0
Total Animals or Animal Products	25	50.0
Total Other Organic Products	4	8.0
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	3	6.0
Hay or Field Crops	1	2.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	2.0
Animals or Animal Products	0	0.0
Other Organic Products	2	4.0
Farms Reporting Transitional Organic Products	1	2.0
Hay or Field Crops	0	0.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	1	2.0
Animals or Animal Products	0	0.0
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Not Certified Organic Products	48	96.0
Hay or Field Crops	25	50.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	7	14.0
Animals or Animal Products	25	50.0
Other Organic Products	2	4.0

**Per Cent of All Organic Farms Reporting Types of Organic Production**



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 "# Farms" refers to number of farms reporting. "% Total Farms" refers to % of total farms reporting organic products.

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**2006 Agriculture Profile - 5. Land Management and Farm Operators**

Land Management	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Farms Reporting	1,219	692,020	100.0
Use of Irrigation	14	1,990	0.3
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	656	315,056	45.5
Use of Herbicides	541	252,921	36.5
Use of Insecticides	36	11,016	1.6
Use of Fungicides	59	38,281	5.5

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	757	310,969	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	376	84,527	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	231	91,539	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	239	134,903	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	840	68.9
Farms Applying Manure	581	47.7

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	131	7,223	1.0
Field Crop Land	99	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	38	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	113	5,695	0.8
Field Crop Land	22	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	85	...	...
Other Land	13	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	189	14,186	2.0
Field Crop Land	159	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	32	...	...
Other Land	5	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	132	9,409	1.4
Field Crop Land	35	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	101	...	...
Other Land	3	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	85	17,565	2.5
Field Crop Land	82	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	15	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	52	5,865	0.8
Field Crop Land	19	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	41	...	...
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	72	5,777	100.0
Chemical Only	11	2,319	40.1
Tillage Only	44	2,069	35.8
Tillage and Chemical Combination	18	1,389	24.0

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	709	58.2
Rotational Grazing	589	48.3
Winter Cover Crops	45	3.7
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	257	21.1
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	728	59.7
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	51	4.2

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	1,810	2.5

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	645 35.6
On Farms with Two or More Operators	1,165 64.4
Total Male Operators	1,240 68.5
Total Female Operators	570 31.5

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	51.6
On Farms with One Operator	54.8
On Farms with Two Operators	49.8

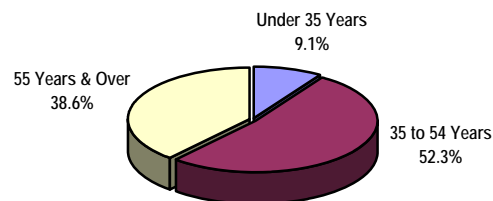
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	165	9.1
35 - 54 Years	950	52.3
55 Years and Over	700	38.6

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	850	47.4
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	945	52.6

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week		
Less than 20 Hours	525	29.1
20 - 40 Hours	505	28.0
More than 40 Hours	775	42.9

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week		
Less than 20 Hours	180	19.0
20 - 40 Hours	335	35.4
More than 40 Hours	430	45.5

**Per Cent Distribution of Farm Operators by Age**



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