

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

	Cypress County	Alberta
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,729</b>	<b>3,290,350</b>
Urban Population	90	2,699,851
Rural Population	6,639	590,499
<i>Rural as % of Total Population</i>	<i>98.7</i>	<i>17.9</i>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>49,431</b>
Average Farm Size (acres)	2,635	1,055
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	30,640	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,570,979	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	181,670	177,857
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	212,309	200,058
Area in Crops (acres)	603	577
Seeded Area of Wheat (acres)	690	549
Number of Beef Cows (head)	110	79
Number of Pigs (head)	1,916	1,302

Farm Operating Arrangements	# Farms	% Distr.
Sole Proprietorship	517	55.4
Partnership	219	23.4
With Written Agreement	35	3.7
Without Written Agreement	184	19.7
Corporation	184	19.7
Family	165	17.7
Non-Family	19	2.0
Other*	14	1.5
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Total Farm Area	# Farms	% Distr.
Under 10 Acres	48	5.1
10 to 129 Acres	127	13.6
130 to 239 Acres	114	12.2
240 to 399 Acres	88	9.4
400 to 559 Acres	61	6.5
560 to 759 Acres	47	5.0
760 to 1,119 Acres	76	8.1
<b>1,120 Acres and Over</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>39.9</b>
1,120 to 1,599 Acres	66	7.1
1,600 to 2,239 Acres	66	7.1
2,240 to 2,879 Acres	53	5.7
2,880 to 3,519 Acres	45	4.8
3,520 Acres and Over	143	15.3
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Type**	# Farms	% Distr.
Dairy	3	0.3
Cattle (Beef)	461	51.3
Hog	7	0.8
Poultry and Egg	1	0.1
Wheat	160	17.8
Grain and Oilseed (except wheat)	81	9.0
Field Crop (except grain and oilseed)	61	6.8
Fruit	5	0.6
Vegetable	1	0.1
Miscellaneous Specialty	100	11.1
Livestock Combination	16	1.8
Other Combination	2	0.2
<b>Total Farms Classified</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>100.0</b>

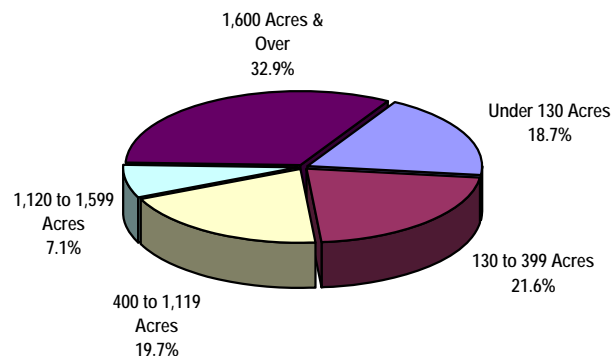
Land Tenure	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Area Owned	884	999,728	40.6
Total Area Rented/Leased/Crop Shared	453	1,461,703	59.4
Rented/Leased from Government	279	x	x
Rented/Leased from Others	207	x	x
Crop Shared from Others	70	x	x
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>2,461,431</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms by Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Acres
Total Land in Crops	739	445,396	18.1
Summerfallow	298	136,083	5.5
Total Pasture Land	...	1,852,602	75.3
Tame or Seeded Pasture	388	182,006	7.4
Natural Land for Pasture	604	1,670,596	67.9
All Other Land	535	27,350	1.1
<b>Total Area of Farms</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>2,461,431</b>	<b>100.0</b>

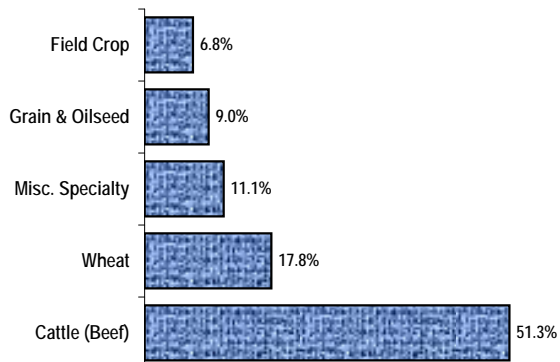
Paid Agricultural Labour	# Farms	# Weeks	% Weeks
Year Round	202	23,490	64.3
Seasonal or Temporary	196	13,038	35.7
<b>Total Paid Labour</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>36,528</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Use of Personal Computers for Farm Management	# Farms	% Farms
Number of Farms Reporting Use	450	48.2
Number of Farms Reporting Internet Use	350	37.5

**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

	Cypress County	Alberta
<b>Number of Farms</b>	934	49,431
<b>Average Per Reporting Farm</b>		
Net Farm Income (\$)	30,640	22,201
Farm Capital (\$)	1,570,979	1,452,150
Farm Operating Expenses (\$)	181,670	177,857
Farm Interest Expenses (\$)	16,155	14,607
Gross Farm Receipts (\$)	212,309	200,058

Farm Capital	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Machinery and Equipment	934	191,867	13.1
Livestock and Poultry	683	107,150	7.3
Land and Buildings	934	1,168,277	79.6
Owned	886	879,139	59.9
Rented or Leased from Others	455	289,138	19.7
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1,467,294</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farms Classified by Farm Capital	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$50,000	7	0.7
\$50,000 - \$99,999	6	0.6
\$100,000 - \$199,999	35	3.7
\$200,000 - \$349,999	97	10.4
\$350,000 - \$499,999	118	12.6
\$500,000 - \$999,999	263	28.2
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	127	13.6
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	85	9.1
\$2,000,000 and Over	196	21.0
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>100.0</b>

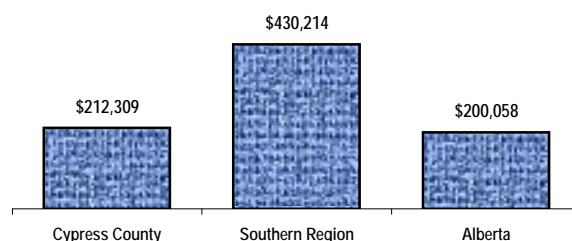
Farm Operating Expenses	# Farms	\$ '000	% Distr.
Farm Interest Expenses	596	9,629	5.7
Custom and Contract Work	589	8,331	4.9
Rent/Leasing of Land and Buildings	364	4,076	2.4
Rent/Leasing of Mach./Equip./Vehicles	187	1,210	0.7
Wages and Salaries	341	18,219	10.7
Paid to Family Members	251	7,041	4.1
Paid to all Other Persons	183	11,178	6.6
All Fuel Expenses	892	14,264	8.4
Repairs/ Maint., Mach./Equip./Vehicles	868	9,808	5.8
Fertilizer and Lime Purchases	433	9,145	5.4
Herbicides/Insecticides/Fungicides	452	7,709	4.5
Seed/Seedling Purchases	400	5,310	3.1
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	433	33,553	19.8
Veterinary Services, Drugs, etc.	593	2,255	1.3
Feed and Supplement Purchases	552	16,590	9.8
Electricity/Telephone/Telecom.	860	4,706	2.8
Repairs/ Maint., Farm Bldgs. & Fences	733	3,322	2.0
All Other Expenses	886	21,554	12.7
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>169,679</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Farm Machinery (Owned & Leased)	# Farms	Total Number	Avg. Value \$/Farm
Total Tractors	825	2,784	71,826
Total Farm Trucks	880	2,853	43,140
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	835	1,880	32,023
Other Farm Trucks	521	972	21,544
Cars/Passenger Vehicles	422	499	17,968
Swathers/Mower Cond.	549	867	16,565
Combines	343	441	47,463
Balers	459	610	15,547
Forage Harvesters	34	39	19,293
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	560	1,869	24,613
Irrigation Equipment	250	...	71,527
Other*	695	...	31,990

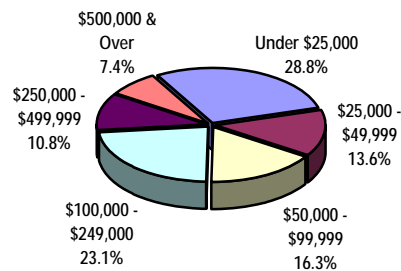
	\$ '000	% Alta.
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>	<b>198,297</b>	<b>2.0</b>

Farms by Gross Farm Receipts	# Farms	% Distr.
Under \$10,000	143	15.3
\$10,000 - \$24,999	126	13.5
\$25,000 - \$49,999	127	13.6
\$50,000 - \$99,999	152	16.3
\$100,000 - \$249,999	216	23.1
\$250,000 - \$499,999	101	10.8
\$500,000 - \$999,999	37	4.0
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	21	2.2
\$2,000,000 and Over	11	1.2
<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>934</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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"# Farms" refers to number of farms reporting. \* Other Machinery, Workshop and Office Equipment

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**2006 Agriculture Profile - 3. Livestock, Poultry and Farm Machinery**

Cattle and Calves	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Total Cows	517	56,880	2.7
Dairy Cows	9	459	0.6
Beef Cows	515	56,421	2.8
Heifers	387	18,095	1.6
Bulls	445	3,275	3.0
Steers	218	21,764	2.2
Calves	509	49,197	2.4
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>149,211</b>	<b>2.3</b>

Pigs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Boars	11	85	1.2
Sows and Gilts for Breeding	10	1,821	1.0
Nursing and Weaner Pigs	8	6,666	1.0
Grower and Finishing Pigs	12	20,171	1.7
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28,743</b>	<b>1.4</b>

Sheep and Lambs	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Rams	19	53	1.0
Ewes	23	1,193	1.2
Lambs	18	1,243	1.1
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>1.1</b>

Other Livestock	# Farms	Head	% Alta.
Horses and Ponies	345	1,863	1.2
Goats	20	147	0.5
Mink	0	0	x
Fox	0	0	0.0
Bison (Buffalo)	9	x	x
Deer (excluding wild deer)	2	x	x
Elk	0	0	0.0
Llamas and Alpacas	32	144	1.0
Wild Boars	0	0	0.0

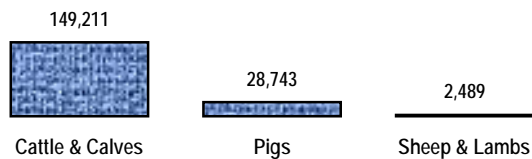
Bees	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Colonies of Bees	7	410	0.2
Gallons of Other Pollinating Bees	2	x	x

Poultry Inventory	# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Total Hens and Chickens	49	27,730	0.2
Broilers, Roasters, Cornish	16	x	x
Pullets for Laying (under 19 wks.)	10	x	x
Laying Hens (19 wks and over)	39	15,442	0.7
Laying Hens (Hatchery Supply Flock)	0	0	0.0
Turkeys	5	169	0.0
Other Poultry	15	7,724	3.6

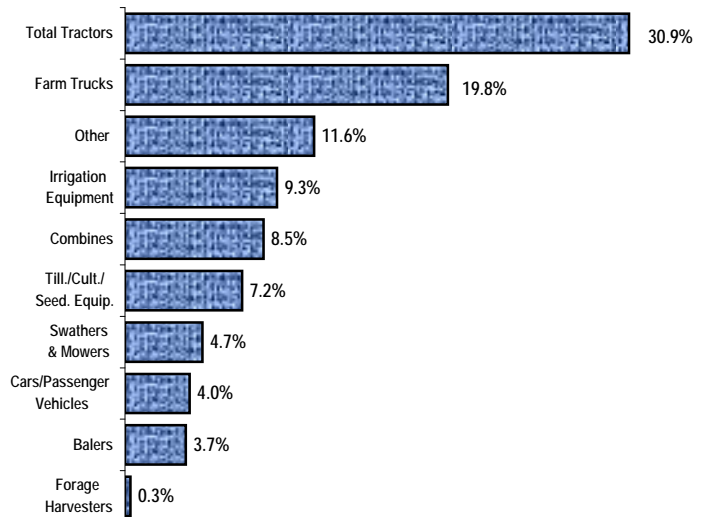
Poultry Production	# Farms	Kilograms	% Alta.	
Broilers/Roasters/Cornish Production	3	x	x	
Turkey Production	2	x	x	
		# Farms	Number	% Alta.
Chicks or Other Poultry Hatched	0	0	x	

Market Value of Farm Machinery and Equipment	# Farms	Number	\$ '000
Total Tractors	825	2,784	59,257
Total Farm Trucks	880	2,853	37,963
Pick-ups and Cargo Vans	835	1,880	26,739
Other Farm Trucks	521	972	11,224
Cars and Other Passenger Vehicles	422	499	7,583
Swathers and Mower Conditioners	549	867	9,094
Combines	343	441	16,280
Balers	459	610	7,136
Forage Harvesters	34	39	656
Tillage/Cultivation/Seeding Equip.	560	1,869	13,783
Irrigation Equipment	250	...	17,882
Other*	695	...	22,233

**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	295	203,456	3.1
Spring Wheat (excluding Durum)	263	155,212	5.3
Durum Wheat	94	38,536	6.8
Winter Wheat	28	9,708	7.6
Oats	102	12,637	1.0
Barley	142	33,480	0.8
Mixed Grains	22	5,587	1.5
Corn for Grain	1	x	x
Buckwheat	0	0	0.0
Total Rye	33	7,442	6.3
Fall Rye	31	x	x
Spring Rye	3	x	x

Oilseeds*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Canola	63	28,149	0.7
Flaxseed	2	x	x
Soybeans	0	0	0.0
Mustard Seed	15	3,162	5.1
Sunflowers	2	x	x

Other Field Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Potatoes	3	x	x
Dry Field Peas	45	13,849	2.4
Lentils	3	432	4.0
Dry White Beans	1	x	x
Chick Peas	9	1,295	3.2
Other Dry Beans	8	2,132	3.9
Canary Seed	1	x	x
Sugar Beets	1	x	x
Caraway Seed	0	0	0.0
Triticale	47	7,988	10.5
Forage Seed for Seed	6	1,456	0.6
All Other Field Crops	3	x	x

Hay and Fodder Crops*	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Corn for Silage	6	x	x
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures	389	81,693	2.1
All Other Tame Hay/Fodder Crops	163	37,160	1.8

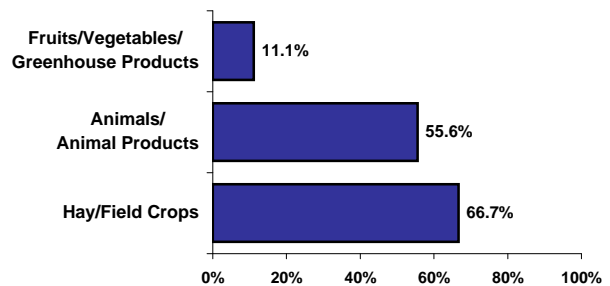
Selected Vegetables Grown for Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Sweet Corn	3	x	x
Tomatoes	6	x	x
Cucumbers	10	x	x
Green Peas	1	x	x
Green or Wax Beans	1	x	x
Cabbage	2	x	x
Cauliflower	1	x	x
Broccoli	2	x	x
Carrots	3	x	x
Rutabagas and Turnips	2	x	x
Beets	2	x	x
Radishes	2	x	x
Dry Onions	2	x	x
Shallots, Green or Seed Onions	1	x	x
Lettuce	2	x	x
Celery	0	0	0.0
Pumpkins, Squash and Zucchini	1	x	x

Fruits, Berries and Nuts Grown For Sale	# Farms	Acres	% Alta.
Total Fruits/Berries/Nuts	15	71	2.4
Saskatoons	10	x	x
Strawberries	3	x	x
Raspberries	3	1	0.4
Area of Nursery Products	4	x	x
Area of Christmas Trees for Sale	1	x	x
Sod Grown for Sale	2	x	x
	# Farms	Dollars	% Alta.
Sales of Forest Products	5	14,563	0.2

Greenhouse Products	# Farms	Sq. Feet	% Alta.
Total Area Under Protection	39	3,703,537	29.4
Area in Use on May 16, 2006	39	3,675,537	29.6
Flowers	3	94,500	1.6
Vegetables	36	x	x
Other Greenhouse Products	2	x	x
Mushroom House Growing Area	0	0	0.0

Organic Production (Certified and Not Certified)	# Farms	% Total Farms
Total Farms Reporting Organic Production	27	100.0
Total Hay or Field Crops	18	66.7
Total Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	3	11.1
Total Animals or Animal Products	15	55.6
Total Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Certified Organic Production	6	22.2
Hay or Field Crops	5	18.5
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	3	11.1
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Transitional Organic Products	0	0.0
Hay or Field Crops	0	0.0
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	0	0.0
Animals or Animal Products	0	0.0
Other Organic Products	0	0.0
Farms Reporting Not Certified Organic Products	23	85.2
Hay or Field Crops	13	48.1
Fruits, Veg. or Greenhouse Products	3	11.1
Animals or Animal Products	12	44.4
Other Organic Products	0	0.0

**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	934	2,461,431	100.0
Use of Irrigation	269	70,838	2.9
Use of Commercial Fertilizer	361	263,892	10.7
Use of Herbicides	336	309,552	12.6
Use of Insecticides	37	18,899	0.8
Use of Fungicides	41	52,110	2.1

Tillage Practices	# Farms	Acres	% Distr.
Total Area Prepared for Seeding	539	345,291	100.0
Incorporating Most Residue into Soil	280	93,622	22.7
Retaining Most Residue on Surface	156	70,926	26.9
No Tillage Prior to Seeding	169	180,743	50.3

Manure Application	# Farms	% Farms
Farms Producing or Using Manure	517	55.4
Farms Applying Manure	264	28.3

Type of Application and Use of Land	# Farms	Acres	% Area
Composted Manure Incorporated	73	4,674	0.2
Field Crop Land	55	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	22	...	...
Other Land	4	...	...
Composted Manure Not Incorporated	43	3,242	0.1
Field Crop Land	12	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	30	...	...
Other Land	2	...	...
Solid Manure Incorporated	92	6,478	0.3
Field Crop Land	69	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	24	...	...
Other Land	5	...	...
Solid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	67	6,083	0.2
Field Crop Land	25	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	47	...	...
Other Land	2	...	...
Liquid Manure Incorporated/Injected	3	1,038	0.0
Field Crop Land	2	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	1	...	...
Other Land	0	...	...
Liquid Manure Not Incorporated/Injected	3	x	x
Field Crop Land	1	...	...
Hay and Pasture Land	2	...	...
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	298	136,083	100.0
Chemical Only	117	72,656	53.4
Tillage Only	134	32,179	23.6
Tillage and Chemical Combination	72	31,248	23.0

Farms Reporting Soil Conservation Practices	# Farms	% Farms
Crop Rotation	453	48.5
Rotational Grazing	392	42.0
Winter Cover Crops	45	4.8
Buffer Zones Around Water Bodies	107	11.5
Windbreaks or Shelterbelts	287	30.7
Green Manure Crops for Plough-Down	16	1.7

Farm Operators*	Number	% Alta.
Total Operators	1,345	1.9

Total Operators:	% Distr.
On Farms with One Operator	550 40.9
On Farms with Two or More Operators	795 59.1
Total Male Operators	980 72.9
Total Female Operators	375 27.9

Average Age of Farm Operators	Age in Years
All Operators	51.7
On Farms with One Operator	52.5
On Farms with Two Operators	51.1

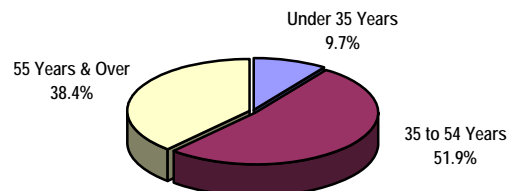
Farm Operators by Age Class	Number	% Distr.
Under 35 Years	130	9.7
35 - 54 Years	695	51.9
55 Years and Over	515	38.4

Farm Work and Non-Farm Work	Number	% Distr.
Operators Reporting No Paid Non-Farm Work	680	50.9
Operators Reporting Paid Non-Farm Work	655	49.1

Average Hours of Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	360	26.6
20 - 40 Hours	355	26.2
More than 40 Hours	640	47.2

Average Hours of Non-Farm Work per Week	Number	% Distr.
Less than 20 Hours	145	22.1
20 - 40 Hours	230	35.1
More than 40 Hours	280	42.7

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



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