

AGRICULTURE statistics

MANITOBA CROP HIGHLIGHTS – 2011 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Area:

- Total farm area in Manitoba decreased 5.5% between 2006 and 2011 to 18.0 million acres. Manitoba had 11.3% of the total farm area in Canada in 2011.
- Despite the decrease in total farm area, average area per farm increased. Farms in Manitoba averaged 1,135 acres in 2011, up from 1,001 acres five years earlier.
- Of the total farm area in Manitoba, 59.6% was cropland, a slight decrease from 60.9% reported in 2006. Farm operators reported 10.7 million acres of cropland in Manitoba in 2011, down from 11.6 million acres in 2006. The province accounted for 12.3% of cropland reported in Canada. Cropland is the total area reported in field crops, hay, fruits, field vegetables, sod and nursery.

Composition of cropland	Percent of cropland	
	2011	2006
Field crops	82.9	79.8
Hay	17.0	20.1
Others	0.1	0.1

- Almost all the cropland (99.9%) in the province was reported as field crops and hay. In 2011, field crops (including potatoes) accounted for 82.9% of the total cropland in the province compared to 79.8% in 2006. The proportion of hay decreased from 20.1% in 2006 to 17.0% in 2011. Increased prices for cash crops coupled with declining beef cattle and pig numbers led to a shift from forages and crops traditionally used for feed to more profitable cash crops.
- The proportion of pasture (tame or seeded pasture and natural land for pasture), summerfallow and woodlands in total farm area decreased while the proportion of other land increased to 5.7% from 2.4% in 2006. Manitoba experienced severe flooding in the spring and summer of 2011 and land reported to the 2011 Census of Agriculture as “too wet to seed” has been categorized as “other land” and not cropland or summerfallow; this land could shift back to cropland when conditions improve.

FARMS CLASSIFIED BY TOTAL FARM AREA

	Number of farms reporting			
	Manitoba	Manitoba	Canada	Canada
	2011	2006	2011	2006
Under 10 acres	462	568	12,991	13,167
10 to 69 acres	1,324	1,629	32,705	35,355
70 to 129 acres	957	1,242	24,205	26,090
130 to 179 acres	1,421	1,707	21,705	24,401
180 to 239 acres	520	605	11,719	13,104
240 to 399 acres	1,674	2,198	24,974	28,997
400 to 559 acres	1,296	1,673	15,053	17,306
560 to 759 acres	1,311	1,710	11,781	14,035
760 to 1,119 acres	1,777	2,123	13,413	16,128
1,120 to 1,599 acres	1,557	1,879	10,831	13,177
1,600 to 2,239 acres	1,359	1,567	9,222	10,611
2,240 to 2,879 acres	716	792	5,230	5,820
2,880 to 3,519 acres	508	471	3,482	3,534
3,520 acres and over	995	890	8,419	7,648
Total	15,877	19,054	205,730	229,373

By area in crops and summerfallow (excl. Christmas trees)

	Number of farms reporting			
	Manitoba	Manitoba	Canada	Canada
	2011	2006	2011	2006
Under 10 acres	352	481	13,372	13,923
10 to 69 acres	1,650	1,916	37,026	39,184
70 to 129 acres	1,459	1,779	25,923	28,516
130 to 179 acres	1,111	1,321	15,757	18,282
180 to 239 acres	890	1,054	11,360	12,678
240 to 399 acres	1,774	2,376	19,783	23,464
400 to 559 acres	1,297	1,719	11,392	13,723
560 to 759 acres	1,121	1,393	8,994	10,754
760 to 1,119 acres	1,345	1,649	9,721	11,934
1,120 to 1,999 acres	1,515	1,745	11,293	13,129
2,000 to 3,499 acres	928	926	6,744	7,123
3,500 acres and over	501	453	3,911	3,253
Total	13,943	16,812	175,276	195,963

- According to the 2011 Census of Agriculture, there were 180 farms with certified organic and/or transitional production in Manitoba. This represented 1.1% of all farms in the province. Nationwide, 2.0% of all farms reported certified organic and/or transitional production. The predominant category of certified organic and/or transitional products reported in Manitoba was field crops and hay and it was reported by 88.3% of the province's 180 certified organic and/or transitional farms.

LAND USE	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Farms reporting				
Land in crops	13,797	16,660	174,343	194,717
Summerfallow	1,961	2,792	20,221	32,345
Tame or seeded pasture	4,475	5,819	64,949	75,894
Natural land for pasture	8,132	10,081	82,865	99,237
Xmas trees, woodlands & wetlands	7,165	8,724	103,528	116,784
Unseedable & all other land	11,377	12,343	143,014	144,272
Total farms reporting	15,877	19,054	205,730	229,373
Acres				
Land in crops	10,746,290	11,616,450	87,352,431	88,741,106
Summerfallow	236,771	312,795	5,152,632	8,662,461
Tame or seeded pasture	1,026,284	1,231,313	13,671,483	14,071,138
Natural land for pasture	3,624,957	3,825,679	36,332,724	38,157,034
Xmas trees, woodlands & wetlands	1,358,872	1,619,726	12,171,626	13,346,421
Unseedable & all other land	1,030,298	467,042	5,474,852	4,032,331
Total acres	18,023,472	19,073,005	160,155,748	167,010,491
Acres per farm reporting				
Land in crops	677	610	425	387
Summerfallow	15	16	25	38
Tame or seeded pasture	65	65	66	61
Natural land for pasture	228	201	177	166
Xmas trees, woodlands & wetlands	86	85	59	58
Unseedable & all other land	65	25	27	18
Total	1,135	1,001	778	728

Crop Highlights:

- The 2011 Census of Agriculture showed that canola area surpassed spring wheat area for the top spot among field crops in Manitoba. Since 2006, canola area increased 44.3% to 3.3 million acres, while spring wheat area decreased 13.2% to 2.6 million acres.
- In 2011, Manitoba continued to report the largest area of sunflowers in the country despite a decrease of 66.7% to 63,380 acres. This area accounted for 81.5% of the national total in 2011, down from 90.1% in 2006.
- Manitoba reported the second largest area of soybeans in Canada in 2011 with 705,032 acres, an increase of 101.1% since 2006.
- Areas reported for hay and grains traditionally used for livestock feed decreased in 2011. Hay area decreased 21.8% to 1.8 million acres in 2011. Similarly, oat area decreased 26.4% to 695,945 acres and barley area decreased 42.3% to 483,432 acres.
- Despite a 10.7% decrease from 2006 to 2011, Manitoba continued to report the second largest potato area in the country with 72,043 acres, behind Prince Edward Island.
- The total area of corn for grain increased 40.4% to 211,148 acres in 2011.
- Despite a 56.4% decrease in 2011, Manitoba continued to report the second largest flaxseed area in the country with 167,367 acres, behind Saskatchewan.
- Strawberry area decreased 26.4% to 304 acres in 2011, down from 413 acres reported in Manitoba in 2006. The area in saskatoons decreased 27.8% to 267 acres in 2011, down from 370 acres in 2006.
- Total vegetable area decreased 8.4% from 5,641 acres in 2006 to 5,169 acres in 2011. The largest vegetable areas in 2011 in Manitoba were sweet corn, carrots, and onions.
- The number of pollinating bees (excluding honeybees) decreased by 50.4% to 37,343 gallons in 2011, down from 75,332 gallons in 2006. There were 75,847 honeybee colonies reported in 2011, up from 73,411 colonies in 2006.
- In Manitoba, no-till methods were used on 24.0% of the land prepared for seeding in 2011, up from 21.3% in 2006. Conventional tillage decreased to 38.3% of land prepared for seeding, from 43.4% five years earlier. Conservation tillage was used on 37.7% of the land prepared for seeding, compared to 35.2% in 2006.
- The 2011 Census marked the first time farm operators were asked to report the area from which crop residue was baled for bedding or sale. In 2010, crop residue was baled from 747,146 acres in Manitoba.

MAJOR HAY AND FIELD CROPS	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Farms reporting				
Spring wheat	5,454	6,870	35,541	45,234
Durum wheat	48	83	7,276	8,455
Winter wheat	642	1,110	14,595	15,090
Oats	3,930	5,798	28,994	41,577
Barley	2,417	4,339	29,943	43,411
Mixed grains	196	314	7,061	10,350
Corn for grain	713	577	23,472	21,494
Corn for silage	718	879	13,184	15,531
Fall rye	376	593	2,448	4,458
Canola	6,151	5,861	35,073	31,435
Soybeans	1,858	1,321	27,215	23,263
Flaxseed	920	2,212	4,571	9,211
Dry field peas	203	424	7,460	10,444
Dry white beans	122	354	670	1,506
Other dry beans	182	428	1,036	1,710
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures	7,093	9,238	75,660	88,042
Other tame hay and fodder	3,136	4,115	49,084	59,362
Forage seed for seed	368	606	1,833	3,069
Potatoes	205	229	3,272	3,667
Sunflowers	226	614	456	905
Acres	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Spring wheat	2,586,198	2,980,285	16,866,217	18,733,322
Durum wheat	8,515	18,769	4,249,193	3,819,552
Winter wheat	212,705	299,163	1,761,164	1,713,137
Oats	695,945	945,847	3,761,367	5,099,298
Barley	483,432	837,758	6,888,693	9,118,090
Mixed grains	22,420	43,992	480,455	831,322
Corn for grain	211,148	150,420	3,296,587	2,752,716
Corn for silage	78,649	82,333	675,037	687,238
Fall rye	59,774	90,104	262,261	488,275
Canola	3,288,594	2,278,642	19,368,997	12,423,579
Soybeans	705,032	350,567	3,957,772	2,970,449
Flaxseed	167,367	383,509	1,054,360	1,996,549
Dry field peas	39,610	91,381	2,412,216	3,123,953
Dry white beans	33,750	90,214	92,718	195,005
Other dry beans	43,677	108,419	148,694	261,749
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures	1,318,478	1,695,873	11,230,105	12,541,983
Other tame hay and fodder	509,015	639,951	5,713,474	7,150,363
Forage seed for seed	67,973	132,322	326,526	661,923
Potatoes	72,043	80,631	362,265	401,583
Sunflowers	63,380	190,230	77,788	211,034

Farm Numbers/Size and Gross Farm Receipts:

- The 2011 Census of Agriculture counted 15,877 census farms in Manitoba, a 16.7% decrease since 2006. This compares to a 10.3% decrease at the national level. A census farm is an agricultural operation that produces agricultural products intended for sale.
- Manitoba accounted for 7.7% of Canada's 205,730 farms in 2011, lower than its 8.3% share in 2006.

FARMS BY INDUSTRY SECTORS	Number of farms reporting			
	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Soybean farming	322	184	6,471	6,391
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	2,497	1,512	16,508	10,357
Dry pea and bean farming	57	140	1,617	1,258
Wheat farming	768	1,290	8,206	12,137
Corn farming	48	31	6,160	3,584
Other grain farming	2,926	3,616	22,730	27,940
Potato farming	99	153	1,323	1,607
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon	90	97	3,499	3,632
Fruit and tree nut farming	94	124	8,253	8,329
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	13	9	655	571
Mushroom production	2	1	146	154
Other food crops grown under cover	10	7	920	945
Nursery and tree production	128	157	4,602	4,956
Floriculture production	119	129	2,278	2,699
Tobacco farming	0	0	141	565
Hay farming	1,638	1,283	24,844	18,084
Maple syrup and products production	6	..	5,248	..
All other miscellaneous crop farming	421	0	6,514	0

- According to the 2011 Census of Agriculture, the number of farms with \$500,000 or more (at 2010 constant prices) of 2010 gross farm receipts increased by 25.7% between censuses, and those with less than \$500,000 decreased by 21.6%. There were 2,490 of these larger farms in Manitoba in 2011, and while they represented 15.7% of all farms in the province, they accounted for 73.2% of total provincial gross farm receipts reported for the year 2010.
- Oilseed and grain farms accounted for 49.6% of 2010 total gross farm receipts. Manitoba's gross farm receipts in 2010, the year prior to the census, increased 7.8% (at 2010 constant prices) to \$5.3 billion, from 2005. At the national level there was a 3.9% increase in gross farm receipts between 2005 and 2010.
- Operators spent an average of 83 cents in expenses (excluding depreciation) for every dollar of receipts in 2010, about three cents less than they spent in 2005.

FARMS CLASSIFIED BY TOTAL GROSS FARM RECEIPTS, 2010

	Number of farms reporting			
	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Under \$10,000	2,716	3,426	43,954	50,138
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,971	2,779	32,853	38,254
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,845	2,516	25,764	30,608
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,063	2,813	25,455	31,422
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2,753	3,875	31,670	39,971
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2,039	2,058	22,455	22,837
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,426	958	13,977	10,241
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	676	341	6,304	3,691
\$2,000,000 and over	388	288	3,298	2,211
Total farms reporting	15,877	19,054	205,730	229,373
Total gross farm receipts	\$5,289,641,386	\$4,073,912,291	\$51,061,935,759	\$42,191,981,171

FARMS CLASSIFIED BY TOTAL FARM CAPITAL, 2011

	Number of farms reporting			
	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Under \$100,000	472	960	4,963	7,583
\$100,000 to \$199,999	1,200	2,371	11,096	19,289
\$200,000 to \$349,999	2,378	3,627	23,933	38,307
\$350,000 to \$499,999	1,901	2,479	24,350	32,327
\$500,000 to \$999,999	3,621	4,501	55,704	63,081
\$1,000,000 to \$1,499,999	1,836	2,074	28,067	27,609
\$1,500,000 to \$1,999,999	1,128	1,033	15,387	13,623
\$2,000,000 to \$3,499,999	1,705	1,243	22,174	16,682
\$3,500,000 and over	1,636	766	20,056	10,872
Total	15,877	19,054	205,730	229,373

FARMS CLASSIFIED BY OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS, 2011

	Number of farms reporting			
	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Sole proprietorship	9,041	10,866	114,006	130,864
Partnership without a written agreement	3,428	4,747	39,663	48,430
Partnership with a written agreement	554	720	10,672	12,745
Family corporation	2,490	2,301	35,749	32,278
Non-family corporation	307	361	4,965	4,339
Other operating arrangements	57	59	675	717
Total	15,877	19,054	205,730	229,373

Farm Operators:

- Manitoba reported 22,315 farm operators, 16.2% lower than in 2006, following the trend in the number of farms. In 2011, 23.6% of Manitoba farm operators were women, while nationally this percentage was 27.4%.
- The average age of a farm operator in Manitoba in 2011 was 53.1 years compared with 51.2 years in 2006. Nationally, the average age of a farm operator was 54.0 years, up from 52.0 years in 2006.

	Manitoba 2011	Manitoba 2006	Canada 2011	Canada 2006
Total number of operators	22,315	26,625	293,925	327,060
Number of farm operators by age				
under 35 years	1,965	2,850	24,120	29,920
35 to 54 years	10,190	13,545	127,895	164,160
55 years and over	10,165	10,230	141,920	132,975
Operators by age on farms with one operator				
under 35 years	695	1,100	7,115	10,250
35 to 54 years	4,285	5,905	49,460	64,885
55 years and over	4,830	4,785	65,650	61,375
Operators by age on farms with two or more operators				
under 35 years	1,270	1,745	17,005	19,670
35 to 54 years	5,905	7,645	78,430	99,270
55 years and over	5,330	5,445	76,270	71,600
Average age				
of all farm operators	53	51	54	52
on farms with one operator	54	52	56	54
on farms with two or more	52	50	53	51

- In 2010, 46.6% of all Manitoba farm operators worked more than 40 hours a week on average on their farm operations, compared to 52.6% five years earlier. At the national level this percentage was 40.1% 2010.
- In 2010, 46.2% of all Manitoba farm operators had an off-farm job or business, compared to 47.7% in 2005. At the national level this percentage was 46.9% in 2010.
- According to the Census of Agriculture, 24.5% of Manitoba operators who were under the age of 35 on census day worked off the farm for more than 40 hours a week on average in 2010, compared to 20.7% of operators aged 35 to 54, and 9.6% of operators over 55 years of age.
- In Manitoba 36.7% of all farms in the province reported paid labour for the year 2010. The census counted 19,827 paid employees, of whom 44.6% worked year-round in a full or part-time capacity while 55.4% were seasonal or temporary employees.
- High-speed internet access was reported by 43.1% of all farms in Manitoba, while the national average was 44.8%.

Notes:

- The 2011 Census of Agriculture provides the most recent data on the overall agriculture sector which has been collected since the first Census of Canada in 1871. While the developments captured show the dynamic and complex nature of the agricultural industry at a point in time, this should not be used to measure the annual fluctuations between census years.
- Since the previous Census of Agriculture in 2006, fluctuating commodity prices in certain crop sectors as well as changing costs of fertilizers, fuel, seed and feed affected the farming community. During the time the census was being collected in 2011, many farm operators were confronted with challenges related to flooding and exceedingly wet conditions in some regions. A number of changes have since ensued, including favourable commodity prices in some sectors as well as continued evolution in global economic conditions. At the same time, many farm operators continue to adapt their production and farming practices to become more efficient and to respond to market factors and consumer demands.

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