

MANITOBA markets

LIVESTOCK COMMENTARY

Statistics Canada released the 2011 Census of Agriculture this week, which can be found at <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>. This new website provides many search options for data products as well covering geographic areas down to the level of postal codes.

In Manitoba, the total number of farms was 15,877 in May 2011, which was 16.7% lower than in 2006. Manitoba accounted for 7.7% of Canada's 205,730 farms in 2011, lower than its 8.3% share in 2006.

The number of hog farms in Manitoba declined by 50% from 1,188 in 2006 to 590 in 2011. However the number of animals declined by only 2.8%. The average number of head per farm almost doubled growing from 2.47 million in 2006 to 4.83 million in 2011.

The number of cattle farms declined by 26% from 10,217 in 2006 to 7,588 in 2011. The number of cattle declined by 23%.

The total number of beef cows on farms decreased by 26% to 484,727 and the average number of beef cows per farm increased by 2% to 73 head.

The number of farms reporting dairy cows declined by 22% from 622 in 2006 to 483 in 2011. The number of dairy cows on farms was down by 5% to 41,848 and the average number of dairy cows per farm increased by 22% to 87 head.

The number of farms reporting sheep and lambs declined by 19% to 521 in 2011 from 644 in 2006. Total sheep and lamb numbers were down 7% to 63,162 in 2011. The average number of head per farm increased by 15% to 121 head in 2011.

Livestock on Manitoba Farms, May 10, 2011

	2011	2006	2011/2006
Cattle and Calves			
Farms Reporting	7588	10217	74.3
Number of Animals	1210568	1573097	77.0
Average per Farm	160	154	103.6

Hogs			
Farms Reporting	590	1,188	49.7
Number of Animals	1,218,906	1,584,656	76.9
Average per Farm	4,831	2,468	195.7
Sheep and Lambs			
Farms Reporting	521	644	80.9
Number of Animals	63,162	68,096	92.8
Average per Farm	121	106	114.7
Source: Census of Agriculture, Statistics Canada			

Other Livestock on Manitoba Farms, May 10, 2011			
	2011	2006	2011/2006
Horses and Ponies			
Farms Reporting	2,894	3,646	79.4
Number of Animals	33,752	46,580	72.5
Average per Farm	12	13	91.3
Goats			
Farms Reporting	387	470	82.3
Number of Animals	12,818	13,159	97.4
Average per Farm	33	28	118.3
Llamas and Alpacas			
Farms Reporting	202	186	108.6
Number of Animals	1,392	866	160.7
Average per Farm	7	5	148.0
Rabbits			
Farms Reporting	150	..	
Number of Animals	3,985	..	
Average per Farm	27	na	
Bison (buffalo)			
Farms Reporting	108	166	65.1
Number of Animals	14,116	19,609	72.0
Average per Farm	131	118	110.6
Elk			
Farms Reporting	28	41	68.3
Number of Animals	1,346	2,154	62.5
Average per Farm	48	53	91.5

Deer (excluding wild deer)

Farms Reporting	5	15	33.3
Number of Animals	353	716	49.3
Average per Farm	71	48	147.9

Wild boars

Farms Reporting	11	24	45.8
Number of Animals	861	2,514	34.2
Average per Farm	78	105	74.7

Mink ¹

Farms Reporting	12	10	120.0
Number of Animals	X	X	
Average per Farm	na	na	

¹ Breeding stock

Source: Census of Agriculture, Statistics
Canada

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