



2021 Census of Agriculture PEI's Agriculture Sector Highlights

Table 1
Selected Census Data, Prince Edward Island

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2,021
(a) Land use							
Number of farms	2,361	2,217	1,845	1,700	1,495	1,353	1,195
Total area of farms (acres)	639,693	655,365	646,137	619,885	594,324	575,490	504,674
Land in crops (acres)	380,796	420,971	433,641	423,281	410,712	400,322	375,141
Summerfallow land (acres)	2,464	903	520	571	195	63	68
Tame or seeded pasture (acres)	47,636	29,221	29,192	26,803	21,007	24,435	15,252
All other land (acres)	208,797	204,270	182,784	169,230	162,410	150,670	114,185
(b) Farm capital value							
Total farm capital value (\$ million)	941.53	1,417.14	1,605.12	1,718.28	1,711.15	2,225.60	2,880
Value of land and buildings (\$ million)	656.31	1,072.28	1,201.11	1,311.05	1,310.66	1,757.78	2,317
Value of farm machinery and equipment (\$ million)	204.82	269.39	303.06	324.08	337.92	384.07	490
Value of livestock and poultry (\$ million)	80.39	75.47	100.96	83.15	62.56	83.76	72
(c) Farm classified by size of farms							
Under 10.00 acres	122	156	78	85	70	64	82
10.00 to 69.99 acres	328	372	287	297	275	253	221
70.00 to 129.99 acres	393	348	282	264	225	195	183
130.00 to 179.99 acres	305	233	198	155	141	116	106
180.00 to 239.99 acres	283	223	186	159	128	115	82
240.00 to 399.99 acres	461	380	336	290	238	207	169
400.00 to 559.99 acres	239	225	164	148	110	106	93
560.00 to 759.99 acres	110	110	116	97	89	87	67
760.00 to 1,119.99 acres	61	93	94	97	99	82	73
1,120.00 to 1,599.99 acres	34	39	49	45	47	53	50
1,600.00 acres and over	25	38	55	63	73	75	69

Data Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture – Table 32-10-0153-01, 32-10-0164-01, 32-10-0232-01, 32-10-0404-01.



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Table 2
Selected Livestock and Poultry Census Data
Prince Edward Island

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021
Total cattle	94,573	94,611	84,791	86,435	63,496	59,291	58,703
Dairy cows	18,318	16,353	14,623	13,097	13,128	12,805	13,646
Beef cows	12,977	16,472	13,251	16,107	10,207	9,391	7,799
Total heifers	20,328	15,804	19,257	19,695	14,566	13,058	12,254
Bulls, 1 year and over	1,205	1,163	774	793	562	510	483
Steers, 1 year and over	17,779	20,350	16,758	15,474	9,386	8,126	7,541
Calves, under 1 year	23,966	24,469	20,128	21,269	15,647	15,401	16,980
Total pigs	106,728	117,560	126,065	123,192	53,649	37,517	42,079
Total sheep	3,394	2,996	3,589	3,901	7,959	8,916	9,826
Horses and ponies	1,891	1,869	1,565	1,921	1,481	944	496
Total hens and chickens	429,724	352,488	365,182	447,061	461,734	x	477,937
Turkeys	1,679	3,173	x	3,533	x	x	6,414

Data Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture – Table 32-10-0155-01

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Table 3
Selected Crops, Census of Agriculture Historical Data (in acres)
Prince Edward Island

Selected crops	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021
Total wheat	11,321	23,637	28,433	27,872	23,592	33,952	35,697
Oats	17,540	15,080	13,088	12,551	11,172	10,481	7,212
Barley	84,183	90,576	95,406	79,248	62,593	61,467	58,673
Mixed grains	40,742	24,514	16,150	10,122	8,363	3,171	1,631
Corn for grain	465	1,403	2,479	2,022	5,082	8,844	14,964
Corn for silage	2,888	2,657	3,875	4,382	7,313	7,825	10,487
Soybeans	5,877	5,572	6,951	11,318	51,116	44,932	27,121
Tame hay	124,461	134,761	143,531	157,405	127,964	120,319	106,969
Potatoes	77,809	108,158	106,889	97,637	86,560	83,326	85,235
Total tree fruits	102	136	128	146	143	x	210
Total berries and grapes	1,982	5,743	8,170	10,219	12,702	14,205	13,204
Total vegetables (excluding greenhouse vegetables)	3,059	4,062	2,491	2,725	2,506	2,244	1,808

Data Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture – Table 32-10-0154-01

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Table 4
Characteristics of Farm Operators, Census of Agriculture Historical Data
Prince Edward Island

Characteristics of farm operators	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021
Total number of operators	3,130	2,930	2,455	2,330	2,045	1,810	1,600
Male	2,655	2,515	2,095	1,930	1,700	1,480	1,280
Female	475	415	360	400	350	330	320
Under 35 years	630	490	265	210	145	170	95
35 to 54 years	1,460	1,520	1,390	1,205	935	645	535
55 years and over	1,040	925	800	910	970	1,000	970
Average age of farm operators	47.6	48	49.3	51.4	54.2	55	56.4

Data Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture – Table 32-10-0230-01

Table 5
Farms Classified by Total Farm Area, Census of Agriculture Historical Data
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1,120.00 to 1,599.99 acres	34	39	49	45	47	53	50
1,600.00 to 2,239.99 acres	16	16	25	25	36	29	30
2,240.00 to 2,879.99 acres	7	10	18	26	21	27	22
2,880.00 to 3,519.99 acres	1	10	9	10	11	13	10
3,520.00 acres and over	1	2	3	2	5	6	7

Data Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture – Table 32-10-0156-01