

Attachment 1: Selected Statistics For Strathcona County

Table 1.1
Profile of Farmers in Strathcona County by Age

	1981	1981	1996	1996
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
AGE				
UNDER 35	123	11.6	155	11.5
35-54	608	57.7	715	53.2
55 + OVER	322	30.6	475	35.3
TOTAL	1,053	100.0	1,345	100.0

Table 1.2
Profile of Farmers in Alberta by Age

	1981	1981	1996	1996
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
AGE				
UNDER 35	12,430	21.4	13,485	16.4
35-54	28,739	49.5	42,315	51.3
55 + OVER	16,887	29.1	26,655	32.3
TOTAL	58,056	100.0	82,455	100.0

Note: 2001 Census of Canada age data presented in Tables 2.1 and 2.2 is not yet available as of June 24, 2002.

Table 1.3
Profile of Strathcona County Agriculture by Parcel Size

	1981	1981	2001	2001
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
PARCEL SIZE				
UNDER 10 acres	40	4.1	36	4.0
10-240 acres	654	62.1	598	66.7
OVER 240 acres	359	34.1	262	29.3
TOTAL	1,053	100.0	896	100.0

Table 1.4
Profile Of Strathcona County Farmers By Gross Farm Sales

	1981	1981	2001	2001
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
GROSS FARM SALES				
CATEGORY (\$)				
LESS THAN \$10,000	526	50	325	36.3
\$10,000 - \$50,000	331	31.4	319	35.6
\$50,000 - \$250,000	175	16.6	189	21.1
OVER \$250,000	21	2	63	7.0
TOTAL	1,053	100.0	896	100.0

Table 1.5
Profile Of Alberta Farmers By Gross Farm Sales Category

	1981	1981	2001	2001
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
GROSS FARM SALES				
CATEGORY (\$)				
LESS THAN \$10,000	17,804	30.8	10,089	18.8
\$10,000 - \$50,000	23,052	39.9	17,900	33.4
\$50,000 - \$250,000	15,233	26.4	18,657	34.8
OVER \$250,000	1,697	2.9	7,006	13.0
TOTAL	57,786	100.0	53,652	100.0

Table 1.6
Distribution Of Gross Receipts By Size Category Of Alberta: 1996

	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL	TOTAL GROSS SALES (\$)	% OF TOTAL	AVERAGE (\$) / FARM
LESS THAN \$10,000	12,895	21.8	54,429,000	0.7	4,221
\$10,000 - \$50,000	19,523	33.1	495,192,000	6.2	25,364
\$50,000 - \$250,000	20,815	35.3	2,421,856,000	30.6	116,356
OVER \$250,000	5,774	9.8	4,939,000,000	62.4	855,386
TOTAL	59,007	100	7,911,000,000	100	1,001,327

Source: Statistics Canada – Catalogue No. 95-180-XPB

Table 1.7
Income Profile Of Farms In Alberta: 1998

Income Category	\$10,000 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$250,000 - \$499,999	>\$ 500,000
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TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	16,320	35,828	71,537	159,454	343,895	1,804,140
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	16,607	32,065	57,943	127,614	280,666	1,646,274
NET OPERATING INCOME	-286	3,763	13,595	31,839	63,229	157,866
NET INCOME	-3,090	233	4,756	12,977	26,204	87,874
TOTAL OFF FARM INCOME	34,637	35,114	28,099	19,453	30,671	41,003
NUMBER OF FARMS IN STRATHCONA	202	112	94	76	34	27

Source: 1998 Alberta Farm Financial Profile conducted Alberta Agriculture Food & Rural Development. Note: The Profile used data provided by the Statistics Canada, Taxation Data Program.

Table 1.8
Strathcona Profile: Changes From 1981 To 2001

	1981	ACTUAL 2001	CHANGE	% CHANGE
NUMBER OF FARMS	1053	896	-157	-14.9
AVERAGE SIZE	260	286	+26	+10.0
TOTAL AREA (ACRES)	273,664	256,270	-17,394	-6.3
LAND IN CROPS (ACRES)	162,898	159,741	-3,157	-1.9
TOTAL PASTURE (ACRES)	62,391	74,173	+11,782	+18.9
NUMBER OF FARMS				
UNDER 10 acres	40	36	-4	-10.0
10 – 240 acres	654	598	-56	-8.6
OVER 240 acres	359	262	-97	-27.0
DAIRY				
CATTLE	72	12	-60	-83.3
HOG	259	280	+21	+8.1
POULTRY	24	3	-21	-87.5
WHEAT	28	14	-14	-50.0
GRAINS / OILSEED	40	23	-17	-42.5
FIELD CROP	229	123	-106	-46.3
FRUIT	24	66	+42	+175
VEGETABLE	1	3	+2	+200
MISCELLANEOUS	N/A	1	-	-
	84	215	+131	+155.9
NUMBER OF:				
DAIRY COWS	3,937	1,109	-2,828	-71.8
BEEF COWS	7,932	11,590	+3,658	+46.1
ALL OTHER CATTLE	20,045	20,097	+52	-
ALL PIGS	12,338	2,922	-9,416	-76.3
POULTRY	459,400	554,797	+95,397	+21.7
HORSES	2,657	3,746	+1,089	+41.0
SHEEP / LAMBS	2,201	2,259	+58	-
GREENHOUSE SQ. FT.	N/A	554,721	-	-
MUSHROOM SQ. FT.	N/A	250,000 ¹	-	-

¹ Estimate based on the 1996 Statistics Canada data that reported 247,750 square feet. Statistics Canada did not provide data for 2001 for reasons of confidentiality.

Table 1.9
Strathcona Agricultural Activity In Comparison To Alberta: 2001

	STRATHCONA	ALBERTA	% OF ALBERTA
NUMBER OF FARMS	896	53,652	1.7
AVERAGE SIZE	286	970	29.4 ²
TOTAL AREA (ACRES)	256,270	52,058,898	.5
LAND IN CROPS (ACRES)	159,741	27,092,075	.6
TOTAL PASTURE (ACRES)	74,173	22,016,574	.3
NUMBER OF FARMS			
UNDER 10 acres	36	1,118	3.2
10 to 240 acres	598	17,472	3.4
OVER 240 acres	262	35,062	.7
DAIRY	12	776	1.5
CATTLE	280	22,939	1.2
HOG	3	848	.4
POULTRY	14	446	3.1
WHEAT	23	3,718	.6
GRAINS / OILSEED	123	9,327	1.3
FIELD CROP	66	4,725	1.4
FRUIT	3	73	4.1
VEGETABLE	1	70	1.4
MISCELLANEOUS	215	5,495	3.9
NUMBER OF:			
DAIRY COWS	1,102	84,044	1.3
BEEF COWS	11,590	2,099,288	.5
ALL OTHER CATTLE	20,187	4,431,869	.45
ALL PIGS	2,922	2,027,533	.14
POULTRY	554,797	12,175,246	4.6
HORSES	3,746	159,962	2.3
SHEEP / LAMBS	2,259	307,302	.7
GREENHOUSE SQ. FT.	554,731	10,556,535	5.3
MUSHROOM SQ. FT.	250,000	470,000	53.2
STRAWBERRIES (ACRES)	12	358	3.4
RASPBERRIES (ACRES)	7	213	3.3
NURSERY PRODUCT (ACRES)	256	6,642	3.8

² This statistic should be interpreted as follows: the average farm in Strathcona County is 29.4 percent the size of the average farm in Alberta.

Table 1.9 Cont'd
Strathcona Agricultural Activity In Comparison To Alberta: 2001

	STRATHCONA	ALBERTA	% OF ALBERTA
DISTRIBUTION BY GROSS RECEIPTS			
LESS THAN \$10,000	325	10,089	3.2
\$10,000 - \$50,000	319	17,900	1.8
\$50,000 - \$250,000	189	18,657	1.0
OVER \$250,000	63	7,006	.9
TOTAL	896	53,652	1.7
PER FARM			
NET FARM INCOME (\$)	8,934	5,283	169
FARM CAPITAL (\$)	740,305	1,029,903	71.9
FARM OPERATING EXPENSES (\$)	89,136	166,042	53.7
GROSS RECEIPTS (\$)	98,070	171,325	57.2
AVERAGE SALE PRICE PER ACRE ³	\$ 1,372.62	\$ 689.45	199.1
ALL FARMS			
TOTAL FARM CAPITAL	663,313,905	55,256,378,271	1.2
TOTAL FARM EXPENSES	79,865,902	8,908,533,331	.89
TOTAL GROSS RECIEPTS	87,870,981	9,919,477,223	.89

³ Source: Review of Agricultural Real Estate Values in Alberta 1994-1999, Alberta Agriculture Food & Rural Development. Data for 1999 – see Table 13 in the report.

Table 1.10
Changes in Acreages of Selected Crops in Strathcona County

Crop	Acreage in 1981	Acreage in 2001	% Change
Wheat	22,793	37,332	+63.7
Oats	14,580	7,860	-46.1
Barley	75,330	23,764	-68.5
Canola	14,480	28,411	+96.2
Field Peas	N/A	4,332	N/A
Tame Hay ⁴	36,763	46,314	25.9

⁴ Includes alfalfa