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Study: Demographic overlap of agriculture and rural

1981 to 2001

The landscape in Canada's rural regions may be agricultural, but the human dimension certainly is not, according to a new study.

Only a small share of Canada's rural population — and that in most Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries — benefits directly from policies aimed at supporting the agricultural sector. Consequently, there is only a weak demographic overlap between the population that is involved in agriculture and the wider rural population.

The study, which used census data and the territorial database of the OECD, compared the population and employment characteristics in rural regions of Canada and selected OECD countries.

Within rural regions of Canada, barely 1 out of every 10 workers were employed in agriculture. This was identical to the average share for all OECD countries combined.

In Canada's rural regions, employment in mining, manufacturing, utilities and construction increased by 1% a year on average throughout the 1990s. This put Canada in sixth place among the OECD countries in the study.

In Canada, 71% of the agricultural work force resided in predominantly rural regions. The Canadian share, the fourth highest of all the countries in the study, was higher than the average of 53% across all OECD countries.

This study was based on a presentation to an OECD workshop on the coherence of agricultural and rural policy in October 2005. The workshop paper was recently published by the OECD.

The *Agriculture and Rural Working Paper* entitled "The demographic overlap of agriculture and rural" (21-601-MIE2006081, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our web site under *Free internet publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Ray Bollman (613-951-3747; ray.bollman@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Farm Product Price Index

October 2006

Prices farmers received for their commodities fell in October 2006 from the same month a year earlier, as overall prices for crops and livestock fell.

Producers received prices for crops that were 3.5% below levels in October 2005, as lower overall prices were recorded for all crops except potatoes.

Prices for livestock and animal products were 4.7% below the year earlier level. This was the second consecutive decline for the overall livestock and animal products index in six months. Lower prices were recorded for cattle and calves, hogs and poultry.

Prices farmers received for their commodities fell 2.2% from September to October, as declines were recorded in both the overall crops index and the livestock and animal products index.

The Farm Product Price Index (1997=100) stood at 92.0 in October, down from a revised September index of 94.1. This decrease brought the index close to a seven-year low.

The overall crops index was lower in October compared to September as decreases were recorded in all crops except grains.

Grain prices were up in October, finding support from dwindling domestic and worldwide supplies. Poor growing conditions in many of the major wheat producing countries have yielded forecasts of very low ending wheat stocks. Feed grain prices were higher as supplies tighten, despite anticipated near-record United States corn production. The strong demand for corn is being fuelled by the growing ethanol industry.

Farm Product Price Index

	October 2005 ^r	September 2006 ^r	October 2006 ^p	October 2005 to October 2006	September to October 2006
	(1997=100)			% change	
Farm Product Price Index	94.5	94.1	92.0	-2.6	-2.2
Crops	83.6	82.7	80.7	-3.5	-2.4
Grains	69.0	58.3	62.2	-9.9	6.7
Oilseeds	71.9	72.2	69.5	-3.3	-3.7
Specialty crops	83.0	83.7	82.6	-0.5	-1.3
Fruit	106.5	105.7	104.0	-2.3	-1.6
Vegetables	114.3	113.4	113.3	-0.9	-0.1
Potatoes	132.1	167.4	147.1	11.4	-12.1
Livestock and animal products	106.9	104.4	101.9	-4.7	-2.4
Cattle and calves	109.6	108.6	103.5	-5.6	-4.7
Hogs	77.8	75.8	73.8	-5.1	-2.6
Poultry	92.4	92.3	91.4	-1.1	-1.0
Eggs	96.7	98.6	97.9	1.2	-0.7
Dairy	131.7	132.0	131.9	0.2	-0.1

^r revised
^p preliminary

Overall potato prices were down in October as the 2006 harvest yielded a 14.5% increase in production, despite no change in harvested area.

Canada harvested the best yielding potato crop in history.

The overall index for livestock and animal products was down in October from the revised September level, as all prices decreased. The declines ranged from 0.1% for dairy to 4.7% for cattle and calf prices.

The cattle and calf index was at its lowest level since the border re-opened in July 2005 to restricted trade of live animals. Prices for feeder cattle and calves are being pressured by rapidly rising feed grain prices.

Despite falling for the fourth consecutive month in October to 73.8, the hog index was still well above the recent low of 66.1 recorded in April 2006. International exports of hogs reached record levels in 2006 while domestic slaughter slipped.

Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0021 and 002-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.

The October 2006 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 6, no. 10 (21-007-XWE, free) is now available online from the *Publications* module of our website. Under *Find Statistics Canada publications* choose *Free internet publications*, then *Agriculture*.

For general information or to order data, call (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax: 204-983-7543; gail-ann.breese@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition

October 2006 (preliminary)

Higher bitumen output from the Alberta oil sands, combined with higher offshore production in

Newfoundland and Labrador, pushed up production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in October.

Production amounted to 13.5 million cubic metres, up 4.5% from October 2005. (One cubic metre is equivalent to 6.3 barrels).

On a year-to-date basis, production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons reached 126.8 million cubic metres during the first 10 months of 2006, up 6.3% from the same period in 2005.

Crude oil exports, which accounted for 63% of total production, were 11.4% higher than in October 2005.

Marketable production of natural gas rose 4.7% to 14.8 billion cubic metres.

Domestic sales of natural gas advanced 22.5% from October 2005. According to October natural gas sales data, this increase was a result of sales gains in all sectors: industrial (+21.8%), commercial (+28.3%) and residential (+21.2%).

Note: Preliminary data are available on CANSIM at the national level to October 2006 inclusive. At the national and provincial level, detailed information is available for crude oil (126-0001) up to and including August 2006, and for natural gas (131-0001) up to and including August 2006.

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Crude oil and natural gas

	October 2005	October 2006 ^P	October 2005 to October 2006
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	12 966.6	13 548.6	4.5
Exports	7 656.8	8 532.9	11.4
Imports ²	4 571.8	3 367.5	-26.3
Refinery receipts	8 932.3	8 699.9	-2.6
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	14 159.0	14 828.7	4.7
Exports	8 607.6	8 796.0	2.2
Canadian domestic sales ⁴	4 694.3	5 751.1	22.5
	January to October 2005	January to October 2006	January–October 2005 to January–October 2006
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	119 372.6	126 836.1	6.3
Exports	74 566.4	83 967.8	12.6
Imports ²	44 451.1	40 650.3	-8.6
Refinery receipts	88 939.1	85 901.0	-3.4
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	140 259.3	143 353.4	2.2
Exports	88 035.6	85 064.5	-3.4
Canadian domestic sales ⁴	55 905.8	54 813.7	-2.0

^P preliminary.

- Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, industry own-use, etc.
- Crude oil received by Canadian refineries from foreign countries for processing. Data may differ from International Trade Division (ITD) estimates because of timing differences and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export in the ITD data.
- Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.
- Includes direct sales.

Farm Financial Survey: Capital investments and capital sales

2006 (preliminary)

Preliminary data from the Farm Financial Survey for capital investments and capital sales by province, farm type and revenue class are now available for 2006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3450.

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Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation

November 2006

Data on mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation are now available for November.

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