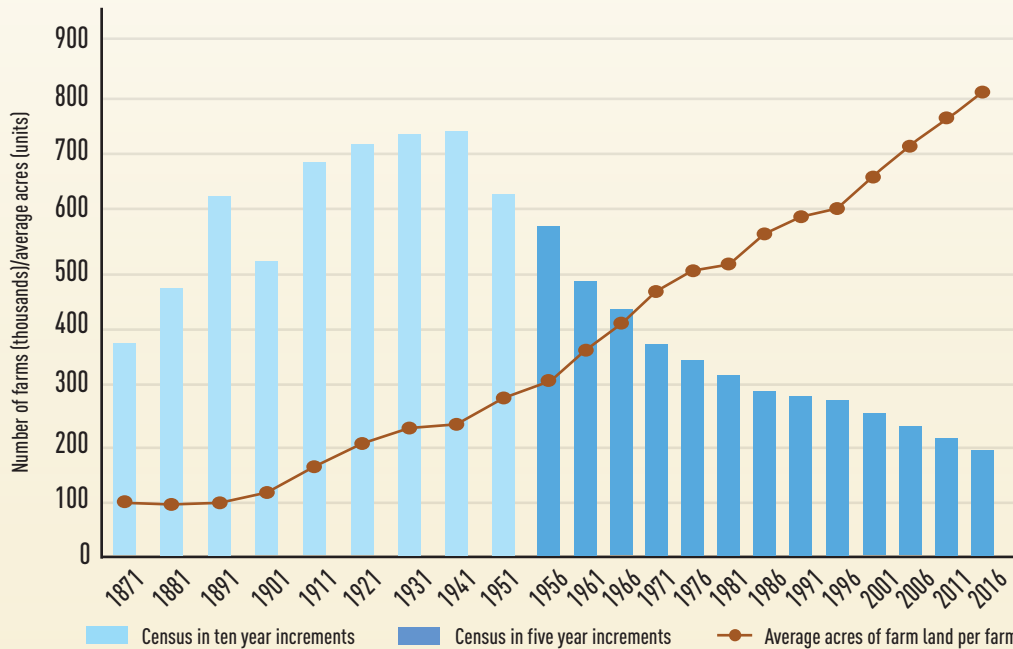


# 150 YEARS OF CANADIAN AGRICULTURE

Since Confederation (1867), the number of agricultural operations in Canada has shrunk, but agricultural operations have grown in acreage and sales.

## Total number of farms and average acres per farm, 1871 to 2016 census years



## An average farm had:

in 1871

4 pigs

7 head of cattle

33 acres of cropland

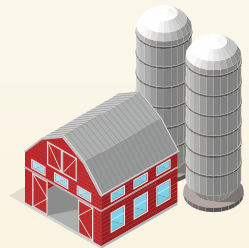


in 2016

73 pigs

65 head of cattle

483 acres of cropland



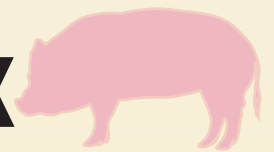
## What's changed in 150 years?

Canada had 14 times as much wheat, 10 times as many pigs and 5 times as many cattle in 2016 as in 1871.

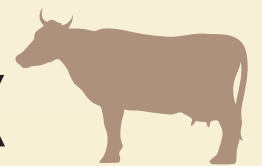
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## Farm sales - 1900 and 2015

Year	Total farm sales in Canada	Average sales per farm
1900	\$364.9 million	\$714
2015	\$69.4 billion	\$358,503

\*In 1900, one dozen eggs cost \$0.26, and one loaf of bread cost \$0.04.

## 1871

### From horses to horsepower

There were 3 times more horses in 1871 as in 2016.

1901  
\$213



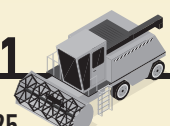
1951  
\$3,103



1976  
\$26,685



2001  
\$134,125



2016  
\$278,405

## Value of equipment and machinery per farm

Source: Census of Agriculture, 1871 to 2016. Bank of Canada, *Purchasing power of the Canadian dollar*.  
\* The Department of Labour Statistics, 1922, *The Labour Gazette*, Vol. XXI, for the year 1921, page 96.