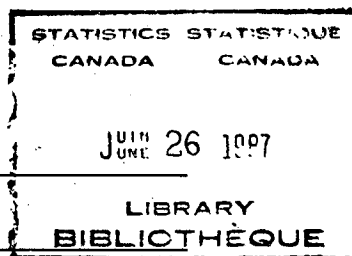


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## Major Releases



### Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents, April 1987

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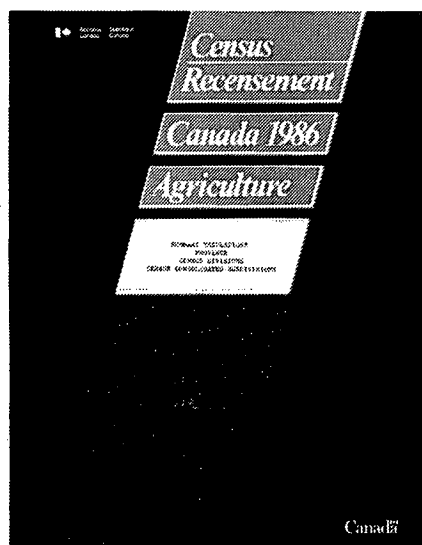
- Net foreign investment in outstanding Canadian stocks remained strong in April, amounting to \$587 million.

### Wholesale Trade, April 1987

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- Wholesale merchants' sales increased 11.3% over April 1986.

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### Census of Agriculture, 1986 Sub-provincial Data

The 1986 Census of Agriculture data are now available for all geographic levels: Canada, the provinces and territories, agricultural regions, census divisions and census consolidated subdivisions.

The 1986 data for the above geographic levels are available on paper or computer diskettes. User-specified tabulations can be provided on a cost-recovery basis. For more information contact Rick Burroughs (613-990-8711).

**Note:** A special supplement from the 1986 Census of Agriculture is attached to today's **DAILY**.



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The graph displays the monthly balance of trade in millions of dollars. The solid line represents trade with the United States, and the dashed line represents trade with other foreign countries. The United States trade shows a sharp decline to approximately -500 million in mid-1985, followed by a recovery and a peak of about 800 million in early 1987. Trade with other foreign countries remains relatively stable, fluctuating between -100 million and 300 million throughout the period.

Month	United States (Millions)	Other foreign countries (Millions)
Jan 1985	50	0
Feb 1985	200	0
Mar 1985	100	0
Apr 1985	50	0
May 1985	100	0
Jun 1985	100	0
Jul 1985	100	0
Aug 1985	100	0
Sep 1985	100	0
Oct 1985	100	0
Nov 1985	100	0
Dec 1985	100	0
Jan 1986	100	0
Feb 1986	100	0
Mar 1986	100	0
Apr 1986	100	0
May 1986	100	0
Jun 1986	100	0
Jul 1986	100	0
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Oct 1987	100	0
Nov 1987	100	0
Dec 1987	100	0

The graph displays two data series: Japan (solid line) and Other foreign countries (dashed line). The Y-axis is labeled '\$ millions' on both sides, with a scale from -800 to 1,400 in increments of 200. The X-axis shows months from January 1985 to December 1987, with vertical dashed lines marking the start of each year (J, J, J, D). Japan's investment starts near 0 in Jan 1985, rises to a peak of about 1,300 million in late 1986, and then falls sharply to around 100 million by Jan 1987. Other foreign countries' investment fluctuates between -400 and 300 million throughout the period, ending at approximately -500 million in Dec 1987.

Month	Japan (\$ millions)	Other foreign countries (\$ millions)
Jan 1985	0	200
Feb 1985	150	200
Mar 1985	250	200
Apr 1985	50	250
May 1985	100	150
Jun 1985	150	300
Jul 1985	200	100
Aug 1985	250	150
Sep 1985	350	200
Oct 1985	250	100
Nov 1985	100	-300
Dec 1985	0	-100
Jan 1986	100	200
Feb 1986	150	100
Mar 1986	200	150
Apr 1986	250	100
May 1986	350	150
Jun 1986	700	100
Jul 1986	900	150
Aug 1986	1050	-400
Sep 1986	1200	250
Oct 1986	1300	250
Nov 1986	1250	100
Dec 1986	1200	150
Jan 1987	1100	100
Feb 1987	750	-100
Mar 1987	100	-200
Apr 1987	0	-300
May 1987	-50	-500
Jun 1987	-100	-500
Jul 1987	-100	-500
Aug 1987	-100	-500
Sep 1987	-100	-500
Oct 1987	-100	-500
Nov 1987	-100	-500
Dec 1987	-100	-500

## Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents April 1987

### Outstanding Canadian Securities

In April, net foreign investment in outstanding Canadian stocks remained strong (\$587 million), although down from the previous two months. Net investments from the United States amounted to \$305 million, the lowest monthly level in 1987 while net investments from overseas countries climbed to \$282 million, the highest level this year. In the first four months of the year, non-residents invested, on a net basis, over \$2.8 billion in outstanding Canadian stocks, compared to \$794 million in all of 1986. Some 70% or \$2 billion of this investment came from the United States.

In April, non-residents reduced their holdings of Canadian bonds by about \$600 million, following a small reduction in the previous month. This contrasted with the large net investments recorded earlier in the year. The decline in the current month resulted largely from transactions with the United States and the United Kingdom. A small net disinvestment was also recorded from Japan (\$54 million).

### Outstanding Foreign Securities

Canadian residents increased their holdings of foreign securities by \$554 million in April, almost double the net investment recorded in the previous month. This contrasted with a net reduction in holdings of foreign securities in the first two months of the year. Net investments abroad in the current month – largely channelled to the United States – were evenly distributed between foreign bonds and stocks.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$15/\$150), available in July. Contact J. Motala (613-990-9052), Balance of Payments, International and Financial Economics Division.

## Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents April 1987 (\$ millions)

Type of security	Sales to Non-residents	Purchases from Non-residents	Net Sales (+)
<b>Canadian securities:</b>			
Bonds	2,915	3,498	-583
Common and preferred stocks	3,221	2,634	+587
<b>Total – April 1987</b>	<b>6,136</b>	<b>6,132</b>	<b>+4</b>
<b>Total – March 1987</b>	<b>6,630</b>	<b>6,077</b>	<b>+553</b>
<b>Foreign securities:</b>			
Bonds	5,460	5,737	-277
Common and preferred stocks	2,222	2,498	-277
<b>Total – April 1987</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>8,235</b>	<b>-554</b>
<b>Total – March 1987</b>	<b>7,230</b>	<b>7,528</b>	<b>-298</b>

## Wholesale Trade

April 1987

### Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales for April 1987 were 11.3% above those of April 1986. In the first four months of 1987, cumulative sales were up 12.9% compared to the corresponding period in 1986.
- In April, all major groups, except wholesalers of farm machinery, equipment and supplies (-8.9%), registered increased sales over a year earlier. The trade groups having the most significant impact on the overall sales increase were wholesalers of electrical and non-electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+18.7%), food (+15.7%) and lumber and building materials (+17.2%).

- Wholesale trade increases between April 1986 and April 1987 were posted in all regions, ranging from 14.8% in Ontario to 7.9% in the Prairie provinces.

### Inventories

- Inventory levels in April 1987 were 2.7% higher than those reported in April 1986. The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of April 1987 stood at 1.45:1, down from the 1.57:1 recorded in the corresponding month of 1986.

(see table on page 6)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 44.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$5/\$50), available the third week of July. Contact Gilles Simard (613-991-3541), Wholesale Trade Section, Industry Division.

## Wholesale Trade

Percentage Change in Sales and Inventories for April 1987/1986

Major Trade Groups - Regions	Sales			Inventories		Stocks/Sales Ratios	
	Mar. 1987/86 <sup>r</sup>	Apr. 1987/86 <sup>p</sup>	Jan.-Apr. 1987/86 <sup>p</sup>	Mar. 1987/86 <sup>r</sup>	Apr. 1987/86 <sup>p</sup>	Apr. 1986 <sup>r</sup>	Apr. 1987 <sup>p</sup>
<b>Total all trades</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>1.45</b>
Food	15.6	15.7	13.6	1.5	5.4	0.74	0.68
Tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations	13.1	2.1	3.0	-2.5	3.1	0.95	0.96
Apparel, dry goods, furniture and general merchandise	18.2	11.9	17.0	-0.4	-2.2	2.26	1.97
Motor vehicles and accessories	14.7	5.9	8.1	14.2	8.7	1.61	1.65
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	-6.0	-8.9	2.0	-14.1	-13.8	2.76	2.61
Other machinery, equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup>	27.4	18.7	17.6	5.9	3.7	1.88	1.65
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment	12.6	12.8	10.2	-0.1	1.8	1.70	1.53
Lumber and building materials	24.3	17.2	22.4	10.8	1.0	1.56	1.35
Other wholesalers <sup>2</sup>	10.3	6.3	9.6	7.7	6.2	1.53	1.53
<b>Regions</b>							
Atlantic provinces	18.6	10.5	11.7	9.7	9.5	1.43	1.42
Quebec	18.2	8.1	11.4	7.9	6.0	1.42	1.39
Ontario	20.9	14.8	16.6	8.1	6.0	1.51	1.39
Prairie provinces	11.6	7.9	7.2	-5.8	-7.7	2.23	1.91
B.C., Yukon and Northwest Territories	10.4	11.0	11.4	4.8	2.8	1.34	1.24

<sup>1</sup> Includes: electrical machinery, equipment and supplies; and machinery and equipment, n.e.s.

<sup>2</sup> Includes: farm products (excluding grain); paper and paper products; scrap and waste materials; and wholesalers, n.e.s.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Chain Store Stocks

April 1987

#### Highlights

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,213 million at the end of April 1987, a modest 0.9% decrease from the level reached in April 1986.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.02:1 in April 1987, down significantly from the average ratio of 1.16:1 observed in the three previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, \$12/\$120), available the fourth week of July. Contact Roger Laplante (613-991-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

### Major Appliances

May 1987

Domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian firms decreased to 185,274 units in May 1987, down 2.1% from 189,176 units in April 1987 but up 8.6% from the 170,567 units sold in the same month of 1986.

Year-to-date domestic sales to May 1987 amounted to 850,570 units, a 9.3% increase from the 778,422 units registered for the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

Order the May 1987 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of July 13. Contact J. P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

### Asphalt Roofing

May 1987

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 3 742 403 bundles in May 1987, an increase of 27.5% from the 2 934 600<sup>r</sup> bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to May 1987 shipments reached 15 524 907 bundles, up 15.6% from the 13 429 564<sup>r</sup> bundles shipped during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

Order the May 1987 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of July 13. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

### Gypsum Products

May 1987

Manufacturers shipped 27 572 043 square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in May 1987, up 11.5% from the 24 719 213 square metres shipped in May 1986 and up 0.6% from the 27 417 221 square metres shipped in April 1987. Year-to-date shipments were 135 407 525 square metres, an increase of 15.7% over the January to May 1986 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11 and 12).

Order the May 1987 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of July 6. Contact Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

## Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

May 1987

Production of process cheese in May 1987 totalled 6 610 884 kilograms, an increase of 10.4% from April 1987 and up 0.1% from May 1986. The 1987 year-to-date production totalled 30 794 950 kilograms, compared to the corresponding 1986 amount of 27 026 003 kilograms.

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 356 313 kilograms, an increase of 1.2% from April 1987 but a decrease of 24.5% from May 1986. The 1987 year-to-date production totalled 2 093 994 kilograms, down from the 2 651 408 kilograms (revised figure) reported for the corresponding period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

Order the May 1987 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of July 6. Contact Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

## Deliveries of Major Grains

April 1987

Producer deliveries of major grains by Prairie farmers during April 1987 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat (excluding durum),	2 883.7;
• Durum wheat,	280.2;
• Total wheat,	3 163.9;
• Oats,	51.9;
• Barley,	478.0;
• Rye,	18.6;
• Flaxseed,	28.8;
• Canola (rapeseed),	266.5.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release in late June. Contact Allister Hickson (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division,

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or Anthony Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture Division, Ottawa.

## Exports of Major Grains

April 1987

Export clearances of the major grains during April 1987 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Total wheat,	2 422.3;
• Oats,	12.3;
• Barley,	398.4;
• Rye,	17.8;
• Flaxseed,	34.5;
• Canola (rapeseed),	178.7.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2650-2656.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release at the end of June. Contact Allister B. Hickson (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or T. Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture Division, Ottawa.

## Exports of Wheat Flour and Barley Malt

April 1987

Customs exports of wheat flour and barley malt during April 1987 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat flour,	26.1;
• Malt,	16.5.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5612 (series 1) and 5613.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release at the end of June. Contact Allister Hickson (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or Anthony Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture Division, Ottawa.



**Other Stamped and Pressed Metal  
Products Industries**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other stamped and pressed metal products industry (SIC 3049) totalled \$2,515.0 million, up 27.9% from \$1,966.3 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5526 and to be released shortly in catalogue 45-251B 3049. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact Michel J. Cormier (613-991-3522), Industry Division.

**Electronic Computing and  
Peripheral Equipment Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the electronic computing and peripheral equipment industry (SIC 3361) totalled \$1,524 million, up 18.1% from \$1,290 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5577 and to be released shortly in catalogue 43-250B 3361. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact A. Diaz (613-991-3523), Industry Division.

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## Publications Released

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**Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, May 1987.**

**Catalogue number 32-022**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Footwear Statistics, April 1987.**

**Catalogue number 33-002**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Rubber and Plastic Products Industries – Other Plastic Products Industries n.e.c., 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 33-250B 1699**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, April 1987.**

**Catalogue number 41-006**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe and Tubing, April 1987.**

**Catalogue number 41-011**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Machinery Industries (Except Electrical Machinery) – Compressor, Pump and Industrial Fan Industry,**

**1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 42-250B 3191**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, April 1987.**

**Catalogue number 43-003**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Electric Lamps, May 1987.**

**Catalogue number 43-009**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Non-metallic Mineral Products Industries – Glass Products Industry (Except Glass Containers),**

**1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 44-250B 3562**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Employment, Earnings and Hours, March 1987.**

**Catalogue number 72-002**

(Canada: \$35/\$350; Other Countries: \$36.50/\$365).

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## Major Release Dates: Week of June 29 to July 3

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Anticipated date(s) of release	Title	Reference period
<b>June</b>		
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29	Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry	April 1987
30	Industrial Product Price Index	May 1987
30	Raw Materials Price Index	May 1987
<b>July</b>		
2	Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products	First Quarter 1987

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**1986 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE  
HIGHLIGHTS  
AGE OF OPERATORS AND INTEREST EXPENSE**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The average age of farm operators increased in all provinces.
- The average interest expense paid by farm operators varied according to the major commodity produced.

**AVAILABLE DATA**

The data from the Census of Agriculture are now available for all geographic levels:

Canada  
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Agricultural Regions  
Census Divisions  
Consolidated Census Subdivisions





## AGE OF FARM OPERATORS

The trend in farm operator's age in Canada is generally upward. In fact, the average age has increased in every province.

Also, the proportion of the number of operators under 35 years of age has declined considerably since the last census. All provinces are affected by this decline but to varying degrees.

In the east, with the exception of Newfoundland, the decline varied from 19% in Prince Edward Island to 24.3% in New Brunswick. In the Prairie provinces, the proportion of the number of operators under 35 years of age declined to a lesser extent ranging from 8.3% in Alberta to 16.3% in Saskatchewan. The smallest decline in the proportion of the number of operators under 35 years was recorded in Alberta. British Columbia had the largest decline at 33.4% although the total number of operators declined only 7.9%.

There has been an interesting change as far as operators aged 55 years or more are concerned. In the eastern provinces, the number of farm operators in this class has declined while in the western provinces, it has increased. Ontario is the exception to this trend in that the number of operators 55 years or older has not significantly changed.

The average age increased during the last intercensal period in every sales class by a similar amount. The largest increase was only 2.1 years in the \$250,000 and over class, while the smallest increase was 1.6 years in the \$100,000 to \$249,999 sales class. The average age was 48 years in all sales classes in 1986 compared to 46.6 years in 1981.

### Average Age by Sales Class, Canada

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	48.3	47.8	46.4	44.4	43.3	43.1	46.6
1986	50.1	49.6	48.3	46.2	44.9	45.2	48.0

### Average Age by Sales Class, Newfoundland

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	46.5	45.5	44.7	46.3	43.8	43.0	46.0
1986	47.3	46.1	47.4	45.8	45.7	45.3	46.8

### Average Age by Sales Class

The average age of farmers in Newfoundland has increased to 46.8 years in 1986 from 46 years in 1981. The only decline in average age is found in the \$50,000 to \$99,999 sales class. In

this class the average age decreased to 45.8 years in 1986 from 46.3 years in 1981. The largest increase in average age occurred in the sales class \$25,000-\$49,999.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	68	45	17	54	13	96	122	415
% rep. interest	71	27	65	69	38	45	45	51
Avg. int. per farm rep.	10,118	2,385	3,367	20,066	1,233	1,966	3,687	7,523
% of total interest	30.6	1.8	2.3	46.8	0.4	5.3	12.8	100.0
% of total sales	20.9	2.2	8.4	52.2	0.8	4.5	10.9	100.0

Farm operators specializing in poultry production incurred 46.8% of the interest expenses in the province. These producers also received 52.2% of the agricultural sales. On the other hand, dairy producers received 20.9% of the sales and paid 30.6% of the interest expenses.

The highest average interest expense was \$20,066 for poultry farms followed by an average of \$10,118 for dairy farms.



### Average Age by Sales Class, Prince Edward Island

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	50.2	48.2	46.5	43.7	42.9	46.4	47.6
1986	51.7	50.2	47.6	45.4	44.1	45.6	48.4

### Average Age by Sales Class

The average age of farmers in Prince Edward Island increased marginally from 47.6 years to 48.4 years between 1981 and 1986. Farmers with sales of \$250,000 or more were the only class to register a decrease. Their average age dropped to 45.6 years from 46.4 years. The

average age increased for all other sales classes. The largest change occurred in the \$10,000 to \$24,999 sales class where the average age increased to 50.2 years from 48.2 years.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	584	652	221	28	568	64	341	2,458
% rep. interest	70	48	75	39	78	67	54	64
Avg. int. per farm rep.	6,763	3,934	8,017	12,507	14,463	5,972	5,475	8,359
% of total interest	21.0	9.4	10.1	1.0	48.6	2.0	7.7	100.0
% of total sales	19.4	11.0	11.4	2.1	43.9	1.6	10.6	100.0

In Prince Edward Island, the field crop farms recorded the highest average interest expense at \$14,463. Among the 568 field crop farms, 441 reported interest expense, representing 48.6% of all interest paid in the province. These farms

accounted for only 43.9% of the total sales followed by dairy farms which received 21.0% of the sales while paying 19.4% of the interest.

### Average Age by Sales Class, Nova Scotia

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	50.2	48.4	46.6	45.4	44.0	46.1	48.8
1986	50.7	48.8	47.7	47.2	45.0	45.2	49.0

### Average Age by Sales Class

Of all provinces, Nova Scotia is the province showing the smallest increase in average age between 1981 and 1986 from 48.8 years to 49 years. The largest change occurred in the \$50,000 to \$99,999 sales class where the aver-

age age increased from 45.4 to 47.2 years. The average age of farmers with sales of \$250,000 or more declined from 46.1 to 45.2 years.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	698	979	132	127	108	483	643	3,170
% rep. interest	75	40	91	68	64	45	48	54
Avg. int. per farm rep.	11,464	3,025	15,341	15,077	9,572	5,258	6,525	8,245
% of total interest	42.4	8.3	13.0	9.2	4.7	8.1	14.3	100.0
% of total sales	34.1	6.7	13.3	19.0	3.2	9.3	14.4	100.0

The highest average interest expense were recorded by pig and poultry farms. The averages were \$15,341 for pigs and \$15,077 for poultry. Dairy farms collected 34.1% of the

total sales and incurred 42.4% of the interest expense. Poultry producers paid only 9.2% of the interest expenses and received 19% of the sales.

### Average Age by Sales Class, New Brunswick

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	49.6	48.1	45.2	44.4	44.4	40.5	47.9
1986	50.7	49.0	47.9	47.1	45.6	44.6	48.8

### Average Age by Sales Class

Farm operators in New Brunswick with sales of \$250,000 or more have aged more than any other age group of farmers in Canada. Their average age has increased by more than 4 years between 1981 and 1986 from 40.5 years to 44.6

years. The average age of operators in the sales class \$25,000-\$49,999 also increased by 2.7 years during the same period. The change in average age for all other sales classes has increased to a lesser extent.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	631	739	125	96	453	268	464	2,776
% rep. interest	66	37	86	72	78	46	51	57
Avg. int. per farm rep.	8,797	3,623	12,406	13,739	11,461	3,742	4,842	7,982
% of total interest	29.2	7.8	10.6	7.5	32.2	3.6	9.1	100.0
% of total sales	27.4	6.3	10.3	19.6	22.5	5.5	8.4	100.0

The highest average interest expenses were paid by the poultry and pig producers, \$13,739 for poultry and \$12,406 for pigs.

Eighty-six percent of the pork producers paid interest, the highest of all farm types.

Moreover 78% of the 453 field crop producers reported an interest expense averaging \$11,461 per farm reporting. Field crop farms contributed 32.2% of the interest expense in return for 22.5% of the sales.

### Average Age by Sales Class, Quebec

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	48.1	47.3	44.4	41.8	41.0	40.1	45.6
1986	49.8	48.5	47.0	43.8	42.7	42.4	46.4

### Average Age by Sales Class

The average age of Quebec farmers has increased for all sales classes. The largest increase is found in the sales class \$25,000 to \$49,999 class where the average age increased

from 44.4 to 47.0 years between 1981 and 1986. The average age of producers with sales between \$10,000 and \$24,999 increased 1.2 years, the smallest change among the sales classes.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	15,906	5,763	2,749	894	3,910	2,351	5,588	37,160
% rep. interest	81	46	78	64	63	53	44	66
Avg. int. per farms rep.	10,113	5,170	17,391	16,560	12,129	7,641	5,668	10,000
% of total interest	53.3	5.6	15.3	3.9	12.3	3.9	5.7	100.0
% of total sales	44.5	5.4	20.6	9.7	8.7	4.3	6.8	100.0

Of the 15,906 dairy farms, 81% reported paying interest and contributed 53.3% of the interest expenses while receiving 44.5% of the sales. Their average interest expense was \$10,113. In contrast, pig producers received 20.6% of the sales and paid 15.3% of the interest expenses.

Of the 2,749 pig producers, 78% reported interest expenses at an average of \$17,391. Conversely, 64% of the 894 poultry farms reported an average interest expense of \$16,560. They paid 3.9% of the total interest expense and garnered 9.7% of the sales.

### Average Age by Sales Class, Ontario

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	50.1	49.6	47.9	45.1	43.7	42.8	48.0
1986	51.6	51.2	49.8	47.4	45.7	46.1	49.4

### Average Age by Sales Class

Between 1981 and 1986 the average age for all classes increased from 48.0 to 49.4 years. Increases occurred in every sales class. The

largest increase is 3.3 years and it occurred in the \$250,000 and over sales class.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	11,028	17,160	4,840	1,643	16,414	4,200	7,968	63,253
% rep. interest	76	48	78	68	62	56	54	61
Avg. int. per farm rep.	14,211	7,004	16,028	25,216	11,894	11,930	10,456	11,990
% of total interest	25.8	12.5	13.2	6.1	26.4	6.1	9.8	100.0
% of total sales	23.0	16.5	10.7	10.1	20.3	5.9	13.4	100.0

The highest average interest expense for poultry producers was recorded in Ontario. In fact, 68% of the 1,643 farms reported paying interest for an average interest expense of \$25,216. With average sales of \$339,749, these producers received 10.1% of the sales and paid 6.1% of the interest expense.

Cattle producers were the least indebted. Of the 17,160 producers, 52% reported no interest expense and for those who did pay interest, the average was only \$7,004. Field crop producers paid 26.4% of the interest expenses and received 20.3% of the sales.

### Average Age by Sales Class, Manitoba

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 – 24,999	\$25,000 – 49,999	\$50,000 – 99,999	\$100,000 – 249,999	\$250,000 – and over	Total
1981	47.7	47.1	45.8	43.9	42.8	44.1	45.9
1986	49.8	49.1	47.3	45.7	44.5	44.9	47.2

### Average Age by Sales Class

The average age of farm operators in Manitoba increased 1.3 years. Between 1981 and 1986 the largest change was an increase from 47.7 to 49.8 years for farm operators with sales of less

than \$10,000. The smallest change was for operators with sales of \$250,000 or more whose average age increased from 44.1 to 44.9 years.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	1,412	4,682	1,111	356	15,445	103	2,153	25,262
% rep. interest	75	62	84	73	68	51	63	68
Avg. int. per farm rep.	13,334	6,545	13,576	12,520	10,009	7,627	9,141	9,781
% of total interest	8.5	11.4	7.6	1.9	63.0	0.2	7.4	100.0
% of total sales	6.3	11.8	9.6	3.6	59.5	0.4	8.8	100.0

There are 15,445 farms specialized in field crop production and 68% reported paying interest which averaged \$10,009. These farms carry 63% of the interest burden while receiving 59.5% of the sales.

The next largest group of farms specialize in cattle. There are 4,682 of them of which 62% report paying interest which averaged \$6,545.

They received 11.8% of the sales and paid 11.4% of the interest expense. Pig producers paid an average interest expense of \$13,576 compared to \$13,334 for dairy producers and \$12,520 for poultry producers.

### Average Age by Sales Class, Saskatchewan

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	46.2	47.1	46.4	44.7	43.4	43.2	45.9
1986	48.6	48.8	48.0	46.5	45.1	44.6	47.3

### Average Age by Sales Class

Operators in the less than \$10,000 sales class aged more than any other class. The average age in this class increased from 46.2 to 48.6

years between 1981 and 1986. In all other sales classes the average age increased less than 1.8 years at the most.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	881	7,866	906	116	48,195	39	2,756	60,809
% rep. interest	83	71	84	70	70	56	68	70
Avg. int. per farm rep.	17,488	9,500	14,581	20,916	10,565	7,347	8,678	10,561
% of total interest	2.8	11.7	2.5	0.5	78.8	-	3.6	100.0
% of total sales	2.7	12.6	3.0	1.0	76.8	-	3.9	100.0

There are 48,195 farmers specialized in field crop production of which 70% pay interest averaging \$10,565. They receive 76.8% of the sales and pay 78.8% of the interest expense. The highest average interest expense was reported by poultry farms and dairy farms with

averages of \$20,916 and \$17,488 respectively. Cattle growers received 12.6% of the sales and paid 11.7% of the interest expense.

### Average Age by Sales Class, Alberta

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 – 24,999	\$25,000 – 49,999	\$50,000 – 99,999	\$100,000 – 249,999	\$250,000 – and over	Total
1981	46.3	47.3	46.9	45.2	44.0	44.2	46.1
1986	48.5	49.5	48.3	46.6	45.5	45.8	45.7

### Average Age by Sales Class

The average age of Alberta farmers with sales of less than \$25,000 increased 2.2 years between 1981 and 1986. In all other sales classes,

the average age increased by 1.4 years (\$25,000-\$99,999) or 1.6 years (\$250,000 and over) between 1981 and 1986.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	1,828	17,110	1,635	533	25,094	122	5,421	51,743
% rep. interest	80	66	79	70	68	65	60	67
Avg. int. per farm rep.	21,720	11,274	17,099	17,437	11,456	13,059	10,928	12,058
% of total interest	7.6	30.2	5.3	1.6	46.7	0.2	8.4	100.0
% of total sales	6.0	35.8	5.2	2.4	41.3	0.2	9.0	100.0

There are 17,110 farms specializing in cattle production of which 66% report paying interest. They have the highest provincial average interest expense at \$11,274. They pay 30.2% of the interest expenses in the province and

receive 35.8% of the sales. It is the field crop farms which pay the lion's share of the interest expenses at 46.7% but receive only 41.3% of the sales. Of the farms with sales of \$2,500 and over, 67% pay interest expenses.



### Average Age by Sales Class, British Columbia

Year	Sales less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - 24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 - 99,999	\$100,000 - 249,999	\$250,000 - and over	Total
1981	47.9	48.2	46.4	45.5	44.5	43.4	47.2
1986	50.7	50.3	49.4	48.0	46.8	46.6	49.8

### Average Age by Sales Class

As in all other provinces the average age of farm operators in British Columbia has increased between 1981 and 1986. The increase in average age was 2.6 years. The largest increase in average age was 3.2 years in the

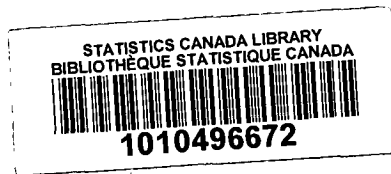
\$250,000 and over class which is now up to 46.6 years. For all other sales classes, the average age increased by at least 2 years between 1981 and 1986.

### Farms Reporting Interest Classified by Product Type

Farms with sales of \$2,500 and +	Dairy	Cattle	Hog	Poultry	Field Crop	Fruit & Veg.	Other Types	Total
Number of farms	1,150	4,266	290	752	1,170	2,965	3,106	13,699
% rep. interest	80	51	68	61	62	57	49	56
Avg. int. per farm rep.	33,219	9,831	22,714	23,951	10,676	11,593	11,842	14,680
% of total interest	27.2	18.9	3.9	9.8	6.9	17.5	15.9	100.0
% of total sales	24.1	18.8	4.5	13.3	7.0	13.2	19.2	100.0

The highest average interest expense among provinces is found here for dairy and hog farms. For dairy farms, 80% of the 1,150 producers reported paying interest which averaged \$33,219. Of the 290 hog farms, 68% reported

paying interest which averaged \$22,714. At the province level, 56% of all farms with sales of \$2,500 and more reported interest expense.



## Further Information

The information summarized here is only a sample of highlights from the 1986 Census of Agriculture. Summary Tabulations of Canada and Provinces have been available since June 3, 1987. Sub-provincial tabulations are available as of today. The formal printed publications will be available in the fall of 1987. User-specified tabulations that cross-tabulate any variable by any other variable can be provided on a cost-recovery basis. Please address your enquiries to:

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