

2001 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE – POPULATION: MANITOBA HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMARY

- In 2001, 6.2% of Manitoba's population lived on farms compared to 7.2% five years earlier. The farm population was 68,135 in 2001, a decrease of 14.7% from the 1996 population of 79,840. 1996 was the first time in sixty years that the farm population had not decreased during the five-year inter-censal period. The population decline was 8% between 1986 and 1991 and 11.2% between 1981 and 1986. The decreases were even greater in the 1970s.
- There were 28,795 farm operators managing Manitoba's 21,071 farms in 2001, 22,230 or 77.2% of farm operators were male, while 6,565 or 22.8% were female.
- In 2001, 18,695 or 65% of Manitoba farm operators were involved only in farming and other agricultural occupations, while the remainder also had a non-agricultural occupation.
- About 98.6% of the farm population resided on the farm in 2001, up slightly from 1996.
- Almost 14% of Manitoba farm operators were under 35 years of age in 2001, almost 54% were 35-54 years, while 32.5% were 55 years and over. In 1996, 31% of operators were 55 years or older, while in 1991 the percentage was 32.3%.
- Close to 83.4% of Manitoba farm operators were married in 2001 compared to 83.1% in 1996.
- In 2001, the top four languages reported as mother tongue by Manitoba farm operators were English (72.5%), German (12.9%), Ukrainian (5.2%) and French (5.0%).
- On average, in 2001, Manitoba farmers had 11.6 years of schooling compared to farmers in 1996 who had 11.2 years of schooling. About 34.2% of farmers had post-secondary education in 2001, up from 34% in 1996. In general, female farm operators had more years of post-secondary education than their male counterparts.
- The average farm family income for unincorporated farms in 2000 was \$49,826, up by 5.1% from the 1995 level. Manitoba's average farm family income for unincorporated farms was the lowest in Canada in 2000 because of lower net farm incomes. Significantly reduced crop marketings and, therefore, cash receipts in 2000 were a result of about one million acres, or about 9% of total cropped area, not being seeded in 1999 because of excessive moisture. More recent data from Statistics Canada show that for all Manitoba farms, the net farm operating income per farm in 2001 was \$32,821, the fourth highest in the country after Quebec, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.
- The number of *unincorporated* farm families had declined in 2001 from five years earlier because of the higher number of farm families (1,800) that were incorporated in 2001 than in 1996 (1,719).

SOURCE: 2001 Censuses of Agriculture and Population; Statistics Canada.

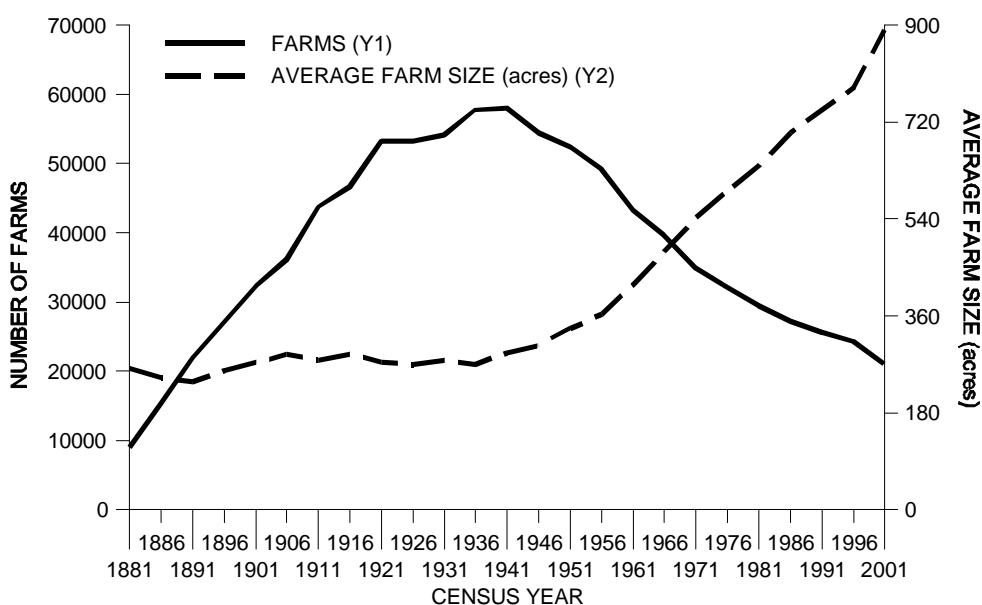
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MANITOBA FARMS AND AVERAGE FARM SIZE

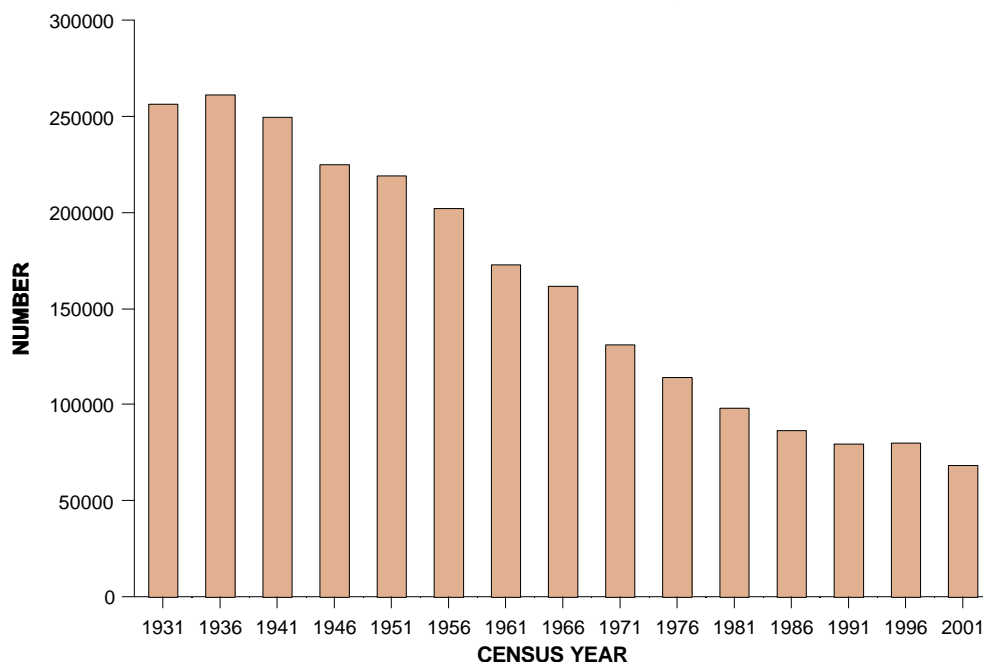
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MANITOBA FARM POPULATION, 1931 - 2001



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- 1 Refers to all persons who are members of a farm operator's household, living on a farm in a rural or urban area.
- 2 Refers to sparsely populated lands lying outside urban areas.
- 3 Refers to areas, which have minimum population concentrations of 1,000 and a population density of at least 400 per square kilometre, based on the previous census population counts. All territory outside urban areas is considered rural. Taken together, urban and rural areas cover all of Canada.
- 4 Refers to a now-married couple (with or without never-married sons and/or daughters of either or both spouses), a couple living common-law (with or without never-married sons and/or daughters of either or both partners) or a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one never-married son or daughter living in the same dwelling.
- 5 Refers to the total money income received from the following sources during calendar year 2000 by all members of a census family 15 years of age and over: wages and salaries (total); net farm income; net non-farm income from unincorporated business and/or professional practice; federal Child Tax benefits; Old Age Security pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement; benefits from Canada or Quebec Pension Plan; benefits from Unemployment Insurance; other income from government sources; dividends, interest on bonds, deposits and savings certificates, and other investment income; retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities, including those from RRSPs and RRIFs; other money income.
- 6 The Agriculture-Population linkage database is created by identifying farm operators (as reported on the Census of Agriculture) and obtaining their information from the Census of Population long form questionnaire to provide a socio-economic profile of farmers and their families. Information on labour force activity (including occupation) is reported on the Census of Population. Each is instructed to report the job at which he/she worked the most hours. Therefore, from the Agriculture-Population linkage database it is possible to profile farm operators with an agricultural occupation (farmer, farm manager, greenhouse operator, etc.) or a non-agricultural occupation (teacher, truck driver, firefighter, etc.).
- 7 Refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual at the time of the census.
- 8 Refers to the highest grade or year of elementary or secondary school attended, or the highest year of university or other post-secondary (non-university) completed. University education is considered to be a higher level of schooling than other post-secondary (non-university). Also, the attainment of a degree, certificate or diploma is considered to be at a higher level than years completed or attended without an educational qualification.

TABLE 1: Manitoba Farm Population, 1991, 1996 and 2001

	1991	1996	2001	2001 as a % or 1996
Total Number of Farms (no.)	25,706	24,383	21,071	86.4
Total Farm Population¹ (no.)	79,280	79,840	68,135	85.3
Rural ² Farm Population (no.)	78,080	78,470	67,190	85.6
Urban ³ Farm Population (no.)	1,195	1,370	940	68.6
Total Population (no.)	1,091,945	1,113,900	1,103,695	99.1
Rural Population (no.).....	304,765	313,835	312,655	99.6
Urban Population (no.).....	787,175	800,065	791,045	98.9
Farm Population as a % of Total Population (%).....	7.3	7.2	6.2	-
Rural Farm Population as a % of Total Rural Population (%).....	25.6	25.0	21.5	-
Rural Population as a % of Total Population (%).....	27.9	28.2	28.3	-

TABLE 2: Total Family Income for Manitoba Census Families⁴ involved in Unincorporated Farms, 1995, 2000

		Total	Zero or (-) Net Farm Income or Zero or (-) Total Income	Census Family Net Farm Income as a % of Census Family Total Income			
				< 25%	25 – 49%	50 – 74%	> 74%
Census Family Total Income⁵ Category (number of families)							
1995	Total Number of Families	19,590	7,490	4,170	3,290	2,690	1,945
	Less than \$25,000	5,040	2,485	820	770	465	500
	\$25,000 – 49,999.....	8,355	2,965	1,775	1,595	1,230	785
	\$50,000 – 74,999.....	3,940	1,405	930	630	650	325
	\$75,000 – 99,999.....	1,405	385	380	210	230	200
	\$100,000 and over.....	850	250	270	85	120	130
	Average Census Family Income (\$)	47,429					
2000	Total Number of Families	16,600	6,355	3,715	3,035	2,085	1,410
	Less than \$25,000	3,230	1,610	405	515	420	280
	\$25,000 – 49,999.....	6,470	2,385	1,570	1,250	795	475
	\$50,000 – 74,999.....	4,190	1,420	1,105	825	505	335
	\$75,000 – 99,999.....	1,570	595	390	265	175	140
	\$100,000 and over.....	1,145	340	250	175	200	180
	Average Census Family Income (\$)	49,826					

TABLE 3: Manitoba Farm Operators Classified by Occupation⁶, Sex and Place of Birth, 1991, 1996 and 2001

Characteristics	Total Farm Operators	Farm Operators with an Agricultural Occupation			Farm Operators with a Non-agricultural Occupation		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Number 1991	34,780	23,720	19,845	3,870	11,060	7,085	3,985
Number 1996	33,310	21,420	17,990	3,435	11,885	8,165	3,720
Number 2001	28,795	18,695	15,645	3,050	10,100	6,580	3,515
Born in Canada (%)...	93.0	92.3	93.3	87.4	94.4	94.8	93.6

TABLE 4: Manitoba Farm Operators Classified by Age, Occupation⁶, Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001

Characteristics		Total Farm Operators	Farm Operators with an Agricultural Occupation			Farm Operators with a Non-agricultural Occupation		
			Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1991	< 35 years (%)	20.4	18.5	19.1	15.5	24.5	23.6	26.1
	35 – 54 years (%)	47.3	44.7	43.1	53.0	52.8	53.4	51.9
	> 54 years (%)	32.3	36.8	37.8	31.5	22.6	23.0	22.0
	Average age (years)	47.3	48.7	48.9	47.6	44.3	44.4	44.0
1996	< 35 years (%)	17.8	15.1	15.3	14.4	22.5	23.3	20.7
	35 – 54 years (%)	51.3	47.6	46.9	51.2	57.8	55.8	62.2
	> 54 years (%)	31.0	37.2	37.7	34.4	19.7	20.9	17.1
	Average age (years)	47.6	49.6	49.8	48.7	43.9	43.9	43.9
2001	< 35 years (%)	13.8	12.0	12.1	11.5	17.1	17.2	16.8
	35 – 54 years (%)	53.7	50.0	49.4	53.1	60.7	59.3	63.3
	> 54 years (%)	32.5	38.1	38.6	35.4	22.3	23.4	20.2
	Average age (years)	49.0	50.6	50.7	49.8	46.0	46.2	45.7

TABLE 5: Manitoba Farm Operators Classified by Marital Status, Occupation⁶, Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001

Characteristics		Total Farm Operators	Farm Operators with an Agricultural Occupation			Farm Operation with a Non-agricultural Occupation		
			Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1991	Single (%)	11.1	12.5	14.6	1.7	8.0	11.5	2.0
	Married/common-law (%)....	84.5	83.2	81.2	93.4	87.2	84.9	91.2
	Separated (%)	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.8	1.0	0.5
	Divorced (%)	1.3	1.4	1.6	0.4	1.2	1.6	0.5
	Widowed (%).....	2.4	2.2	1.7	4.7	2.7	1.0	5.8
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1996	Single (%)	11.7	13.0	15.0	2.5	9.4	12.9	1.6
	Married/common-law (%)....	83.1	81.5	80.2	88.5	85.9	82.7	92.9
	Separated (%)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.8
	Divorced (%)	1.8	1.6	1.9	0.1	2.2	2.6	1.3
	Widowed (%).....	2.2	2.7	1.7	7.7	1.5	0.6	3.2
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2001	Single (%)	10.9	12.1	13.6	4.1	8.8	12.1	2.4
	Married/common-law (%)....	83.4	82.1	81.0	87.7	85.8	82.5	92.2
	Separated (%)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.5	0.6
	Divorced (%)	2.5	2.5	2.8	0.7	2.5	2.7	2.0
	Widowed (%).....	2.1	2.3	1.6	6.2	1.8	1.2	2.7
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 6: Manitoba Farm Operators Classified by Mother Tongue⁷, Occupation⁶, Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001

Characteristics		Total Farm Operators	Farm Operators with an Agricultural Occupation			Farm Operation with a Non-agricultural Occupation		
			Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1991	English (%).....	66.8	65.5	65.4	66.2	69.4	68.4	71.4
	French (%)	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.2	5.9	5.2	7.2
	German (%)	13.6	14.8	14.6	15.5	11.2	11.2	11.3
	Ukrainian (%)	8.0	7.9	8.2	6.3	8.0	8.8	6.7
	Dutch (%)	1.4	1.5	1.4	2.3	1.0	1.2	0.8
	All Others (%).....	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	5.2	3.0
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1996	English (%).....	70.1	68.8	68.6	70.0	72.5	71.9	74.1
	French (%)	5.8	5.8	5.5	7.4	5.8	6.3	4.7
	German (%)	13.8	14.7	14.8	14.4	12.0	12.1	11.8
	Ukrainian (%)	5.8	5.9	6.3	3.8	5.7	5.6	5.8
	Dutch (%)	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.8
	All Others (%).....	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.1
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2001	English (%).....	72.5	71.3	71.0	72.3	74.9	73.6	77.3
	French (%)	5.0	5.1	5.3	3.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
	German (%)	12.9	14.2	13.9	15.7	10.5	10.6	10.1
	Ukrainian (%)	5.2	5.2	5.5	3.4	5.3	5.9	4.3
	Dutch (%)	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.6
	All Others (%).....	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.8	4.3	2.8
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 7: Manitoba Farm Operators Classified by Highest Level of Schooling⁸, Occupation⁶, Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001

Characteristics		Total Farm Operators	Farm Operators with an Agricultural Occupation			Farm Operation with a Non-agricultural		
			Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1991	< Grade 9 (%)	22.8	26.0	28.3	14.0	16.1	19.0	11.0
	Grades 9 to 13 (%).....	47.2	49.1	48.2	53.6	43.0	43.1	42.7
	Post-secondary, non-university (%)	16.0	13.4	12.1	20.2	21.5	20.0	24.1
	University (%).....	14.0	11.5	11.4	12.3	19.4	17.8	22.1
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Average no. of years of schooling (yrs) ...	10.8	10.5	10.3	11.2	11.6	11.3	12.1
1996	< Grade 9 (%)	18.8	22.0	23.6	13.2	13.0	15.9	6.7
	Grades 9 to 13 (%).....	47.2	48.6	48.9	47.2	44.6	45.3	42.8
	Post-secondary, non-university (%)	20.1	16.7	15.1	25.2	26.2	23.5	32.1
	University (%).....	13.9	12.7	12.3	14.6	16.2	15.2	18.3
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Average no. of years of schooling (yrs) ...	11.2	10.9	10.7	11.6	11.7	11.5	12.3
2001	< Grade 9 (%)	13.5	15.7	17.0	9.3	9.4	11.6	5.4
	Grades 9 to 13 (%).....	52.4	55.3	55.3	55.3	47.0	47.9	45.1
	Post-secondary, non-university (%)	22.1	18.0	16.6	24.9	29.8	28.1	32.7
	University (%).....	12.1	11.0	11.1	10.6	14.0	12.5	16.8
	TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Average no. of years of schooling (yrs) ...	11.6	11.3	11.2	11.9	12.2	11.9	12.6