

Farms Classified by Tenure and Condition.—Brief statistical information on the tenure and condition of occupied farm land as recorded at the 1951 and 1956 Censuses is given at pp. 455-456 of the 1957-58 Year Book. On the facing page is a graphical presentation showing the percentages of the farm land in each province under crop, improved pasture, summer fallow, woodland and other condition as at June 1, 1956; absolute figures will be found in the land classification table on p. 14 of this volume.

Number of Farms.—The number of farms in Canada at June 1, 1956, was 575,015, a decrease of 48,076 from the 623,091 farms recorded in the 1951 Census. As compared with 1951, all the provinces showed decreases in number of farms ranging from 5.8 p.c. in Alberta to 34.2 p.c. in Newfoundland.

47.—Number of Farms, by Province, Censuses of 1951 and 1956

Province or Territory	1951	1956	Percentage Change 1951-56
	No.	No.	
Newfoundland.....	3,626	2,387	-34.2
Prince Edward Island.....	10,137	9,432	-7.0
Nova Scotia.....	23,515	21,075	-10.4
New Brunswick.....	26,431	22,116	-16.3
Quebec.....	134,336	122,617	-8.7
Ontario.....	149,920	140,602	-6.2
Manitoba.....	52,383	49,201	-6.1
Saskatchewan.....	112,018	103,391	-7.7
Alberta.....	84,315	79,424	-5.8
British Columbia.....	26,406	24,748	-6.3
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	4	22	+450.0
Canada.....	623,091	575,015	-7.7

