

Area of Farms.—The total area of occupied farm land in Canada was 0.1 p.c. less in 1956 than in 1951. Decreases in the Atlantic Provinces, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia were slightly greater than increases in the Prairie Provinces.

48.—Area of Farms, by Province, Censuses of 1951 and 1956

Province or Territory	1951	1956	Percentage Change 1951-56
	acres	acres	
Newfoundland.....	85,040	71,814	-15.6
Prince Edward Island.....	1,095,304	1,065,463	-2.7
Nova Scotia.....	3,173,691	2,775,642	-12.5
New Brunswick.....	3,470,234	2,981,449	-14.1
Quebec.....	16,786,405	15,910,128	-5.2
Ontario.....	20,880,054	19,879,646	-4.8
Manitoba.....	17,730,393	17,931,817	+1.1
Saskatchewan.....	61,663,195	62,793,979	+1.8
Alberta.....	44,459,632	45,970,395	+3.4
British Columbia.....	4,702,274	4,538,881	-3.5
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	432	4,477	+936.3
Canada.....	174,046,654	173,923,691	-0.1

Farm Machinery.—The upward trend in the number of machines on farms in Canada continued through the 1951-56 period. For Canada as a whole, all types of machines included in the 1956 Census showed an increase in number and in farms reporting them.

49.—Farm Machinery, by Province, Censuses of 1951 and 1956

Province and Year	Automobiles		Tractors		Motor Trucks		Gasoline Engines		Grain Combines	
	No.	Farms Reporting	No.	Farms Reporting	No.	Farms Reporting	No.	Farms Reporting	No.	Farms Reporting
Newfoundland.....1951	185	169	126	110	507	476	136	118	—	—
.....1956	268	255	296	272	735	686	83	66	—	—
P. E. Island.....1951	4,147	4,021	2,776	2,714	1,679	1,614	3,813	3,181	18	18
.....1956	4,511	4,305	4,840	4,588	3,247	3,089	3,519	2,658	238	238
Nova Scotia.....1951	6,970	6,757	4,307	4,056	5,687	5,308	2,178	1,901	16	16
.....1956	8,209	7,804	6,537	6,024	7,200	6,685	2,510	2,025	88	88
New Brunswick.....1951	7,999	7,808	5,221	5,023	4,786	4,528	2,439	2,299	211	211
.....1956	8,757	8,413	7,646	7,017	5,614	5,197	1,478	1,341	598	598
Quebec.....1951	41,602	40,937	31,971	30,835	19,167	18,438	30,692	28,589	420	418
.....1956	52,738	51,492	54,322	50,291	28,758	27,382	21,480	19,446	1,481	1,475
Ontario.....1951	114,870	107,031	105,204	92,065	41,486	38,481	20,243	16,524	10,031	9,856
.....1956	117,321	105,574	136,062	105,792	58,041	52,859	24,289	18,214	16,644	16,294
Manitoba.....1951	32,060	30,848	50,984	40,641	21,163	19,937	17,370	14,150	15,268	14,663
.....1956	32,619	31,312	59,265	42,236	28,556	26,255	24,305	18,689	21,425	20,679
Saskatchewan.....1951	62,963	60,916	106,664	90,307	52,626	49,277	55,763	41,630	42,997	41,215
.....1956	64,941	62,692	121,388	91,768	74,498	66,076	100,732	63,253	61,861	58,699
Alberta.....1951	46,314	44,431	79,282	65,369	39,723	35,732	46,003	34,248	20,852	19,569
.....1956	47,714	44,778	94,156	68,393	58,749	49,974	63,462	41,024	33,531	31,317
British Columbia.....1951	12,557	12,103	13,148	11,535	9,291	8,460	4,407	3,375	687	665
.....1956	14,933	13,804	15,282	12,422	11,758	10,254	7,896	5,196	1,060	995
Canada.....1951	329,667	315,021	399,686	342,658	196,122	182,255	183,051	146,018	90,500	86,631
.....1956	352,018	330,436	499,811	388,816	277,183	248,474	249,779	171,925	136,927	130,384

¹ Includes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.