

is given at pp. 455-456 of the 1957-58 Year Book. Figures showing the farm land in each province under crop, improved pasture, summer fallow, woodland and other condition as at June 1, 1956 are given in the land classification table on p. 20 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
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>623,091</b>	<b>575,015</b>	<b>-7.7</b>

**Area of Farm Land.**—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 Farm Land, 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
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>174,046,654</b>	<b>173,923,691</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

**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.