

47.—Number of Farms, by Province, Censuses of 1956 and 1961

Province or Territory	1956 (1956 Definition) ¹	1961 (1961 Definition) ¹	P.C. Change 1956-61	1961 (1956 Definition) ¹	P.C. Change 1956-61
	No.	No.		No.	
Newfoundland.....	2,387	1,752	-26.6	3,358	+40.7
Prince Edward Island.....	9,432	7,335	-22.2	8,025	-14.9
Nova Scotia.....	21,075	12,518	-40.6	18,264	-13.3
New Brunswick.....	22,116	11,786	-46.7	18,331	-17.1
Quebec.....	122,617	95,777	-21.9	108,865	-11.2
Ontario.....	140,602	121,333	-13.7	127,492	- 9.3
Manitoba.....	49,201	43,306	-12.0	44,264	-10.0
Saskatchewan.....	103,391	93,924	- 9.2	94,402	- 8.7
Alberta.....	79,424	73,212	- 7.8	74,661	- 6.0
British Columbia.....	24,748	19,934	-19.5	23,946	- 3.2
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	22	26	+18.2	26	+18.2
Canada.....	575,015	480,903	-16.4	521,634	- 9.3

¹ See text immediately preceding table.

Farm Areas.—The total area of farms as defined in the 1961 Census was 172,551,051 acres, only slightly less than the 173,923,691 acres recorded in 1956. Improved farm land for the country as a whole was up 3 p.c. from 100,326,243 acres to 103,403,426 acres and unimproved farm land, which includes woodland and rough pasture, was down about 6 p.c. from 73,597,448 acres to 69,147,625 acres. Decreases in total farm area in the six eastern provinces and in British Columbia offset by almost 1,400,000 acres the increases in total farm area in the Prairie Provinces and the Territories. As Table 48 shows, only Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported more farm land under crops in 1961 and in 1956 but the total increase in these provinces was somewhat less than the total decrease in the other provinces. On the other hand, the total increase in improved pasture in the four western provinces was somewhat greater than the total decrease in the eastern provinces and there was a substantial increase in the acreage under summer fallow for Canada as a whole.

48.—Use of Farm Land, by Province, Censuses of 1956 and 1961

Item	Newfoundland		Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1956	1961	1956	1961	1956	1961	1956	1961
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Improved Land.....	21,234	20,455	645,492	579,558	629,874	497,521	951,291	734,107
Under crops ¹	15,968	12,919	419,099	391,112	416,235	329,114	617,279	482,548
Pasture (improved)...	5,739	4,097	201,225	167,913	161,424	127,468	252,686	200,047
Summer fallow.....	92	145	2,463	2,532	2,649	2,654	13,560	5,648
Other.....	2,435	3,294	22,705	18,001	49,566	38,285	67,766	45,864
Unimproved Land.....	47,580	34,106	419,971	380,599	2,145,768	1,732,874	2,030,158	1,465,568
Woodland.....	26,919	19,802	334,226	296,759	1,566,071	1,362,869	1,703,702	1,230,861
Other.....	20,661	14,304	85,745	83,840	579,697	370,005	326,456	234,707
Totals, Farm Area..	71,814	54,561	1,065,463	960,157	2,775,642	2,230,395	2,981,449	2,199,675

¹ Includes field, vegetable, fruit and nursery crop land.