

Size of Farms.—Farms are classified by size and by province in Table 51. More than 56 p.c. of the farms of Canada contain less than 240 acres. Size, of course, varies greatly among the provinces; in Newfoundland almost 90 p.c. of the farms are under 70 acres; in the Maritime Provinces 80 p.c. are under 240 acres; in Quebec and Ontario 67 p.c. are between 70 and 240 acres; in the Prairie Provinces 43 p.c. contain from 70 to 399 acres and 54 p.c. 400 or more acres; and in British Columbia 88 p.c. are between 3 and 400 acres in size.

51.—Farms classified by Size and by Province, Census 1961

Size of Farm	Newfound-land	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 3 acres.....	225	51	190	114	498	1,738
3 — 9 acres.....	640	91	462	188	1,120	4,434
10 — 69 “.....	677	1,414	2,440	1,556	12,722	19,181
70 — 239 “.....	184	5,106	6,567	7,088	68,825	76,112
240 — 399 “.....	19	558	1,781	1,852	9,993	14,248
400 — 559 “.....	4	86	634	625	1,940	3,699
560 — 759 “.....	1	17	260	214	477	1,209
760 — 1,119 “.....	1	9	112	99	135	500
1,120 — 1,599 “.....	—	2	48	32	44	152
1,600 acres or over.....	1	1	24	18	23	60
Totals, Census Farms.....	1,752	7,335	12,518	11,786	95,777	121,333
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 3 acres.....	209	128	238	1,229	—	4,620
3 — 9 acres.....	553	262	683	3,678	3	12,114
10 — 69 “.....	1,909	829	1,813	7,903	5	50,449
70 — 239 “.....	10,460	10,860	15,408	3,541	8	204,159
240 — 399 “.....	12,562	20,977	19,385	1,249	2	82,626
400 — 559 “.....	7,628	17,665	11,763	720	—	44,764
560 — 759 “.....	5,065	15,676	8,421	518	2	31,860
760 — 1,119 “.....	3,284	15,499	7,498	499	6	27,642
1,120 — 1,599 “.....	1,133	7,445	3,969	266	—	13,091
1,600 acres or over.....	503	4,583	4,034	331	—	9,578
Totals, Census Farms.....	43,306	93,924	73,212	19,934	26	480,903

Tenure and Age of Farm Operators.—The proportion of farm operators owning all or part of their land increased from 93 p.c. in 1951 to 94 p.c. in 1961, the highest proportion since the turn of the century. As a consequence, the percentage of farms operated entirely on a rented basis continued to decrease.

There was also a decrease in the proportion of farm operators in the younger age groups. Those under 35 years of age decreased from 22 p.c. in 1951 to 17 p.c. in 1961 and, conversely, the proportion of operators of from 45 to 54 years of age increased from 23 p.c. to 27 p.c. and the proportion of those 55 years of age or older increased from 30 p.c. to 32 p.c. in the same comparison.