

47.—Farms classified by Size and by Province, Census 1961—concluded

Size of Farm	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.....	43,366	93,924	73,212	19,934	26	480,903

Persons Employed in Agriculture.—The number of persons employed in agriculture declined in each of the ten provinces during the 1951-61 period. Table 48 shows that the agricultural labour force totalled 648,966 persons for all Canada in 1961, down 20.8 p.c. from the 1951 figure. The 1961 total represented 10.0 p.c. of the total labour force; the proportion in 1951 was 15.5 p.c. The number of farmers and farm workers in relation to the total labour force was highest in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island; the proportion was lowest in Newfoundland and British Columbia.

48.—Number of Persons, 15 Years of Age or Over, Employed in Agriculture, by Province, Censuses of 1951 and 1961

Province or Territory	Farmers and Farm Workers ¹			
	1951		1961	
	Number	P.C. of Total Labour Force	Number	P.C. of Total Labour Force
Newfoundland.....	3,657	3.4	1,694	1.5
Prince Edward Island.....	12,869	37.8	9,188	26.9
Nova Scotia.....	23,352	10.6	12,433	5.3
New Brunswick.....	26,488	15.7	12,727	7.1
Quebec.....	191,004	13.0	132,576	7.5
Ontario.....	200,937	10.7	172,171	7.2
Manitoba.....	72,713	24.5	59,924	17.5
Saskatchewan.....	145,410	48.5	119,580	36.7
Alberta.....	114,564	32.4	104,162	21.3
British Columbia.....	28,352	6.4	24,455	4.2
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	32	0.3	56	0.4
Canada.....	819,378	15.5	648,966	10.0

¹ Persons employed on farms and those employed in related agricultural activities such as landscape gardening, groundskeeping, operation of chicken hatcheries, etc.

Farm Machinery and Electrification.—The numbers of most types of machinery on farms increased considerably between 1951 and 1961 as shown in Table 49. However, technological changes were reflected in a reduction in the numbers of such items as threshing machines and grain binders since these types of harvesting equipment are rapidly being replaced by combines.