

## AVERAGE SALES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PER FARM, 1985

Higher than average sales of agricultural products per farm were found near Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal.

Average agricultural sales were higher in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta because of the larger average size of farms. Despite the smaller size of Ontario farms, returns per hectare from crops such as grain, corn and soybeans resulted in high average sales. In Quebec, the dairy industry was the major contributor to higher average agricultural sales.

In Canada, from 1981 to 1986, average sales of agricultural products increased nearly 43%. The increase in average sales in Quebec was 73%, in Newfoundland, 70%, and in New Brunswick, 65%. The effect of changing prices for agricultural commodities was minor during this period and did not account for much of the growth in average farm sales.

Note: Sales of agricultural products are reported by respondents for the year prior to the census; thus data for the 1986 Census of Agriculture were for 1985.