

Atlantic Canada Agriculture and Agri-Food 2009

The Atlantic Canada Agriculture and Agri-Food sector consists of about 9,000 farms on 1.1 million hectares of land. Forty-one percent of the farmland is under crops, with the rest used for livestock production. The sector generates about \$1.5 billion and \$3.2 billion worth of farm cash receipts and processed product shipments, respectively. The sector also generates almost a billion dollar worth of export earnings. As well, over 30,000 full-time equivalent jobs are created directly by both the primary and processing components.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Industry

	NB	NS	PEI	NL	AC(1)
Number of farms	2,776	3,795	1,700	558	8,829
Farmland, hectares	395,228	403,044	250,859	36,195	1,085,326
Land in crops, hectares	151,996	116,609	171,296	9,175	449,076
Total farm capital, \$ billion	1.93	2.11	1.64	0.29	5.97
Farm cash receipts, \$ million	497	454	407	112	1,470
Number of processing plants	150	250 ^e	50 ^e	100	550
Shipments of processed Agri-Food products(2), \$ billion	1.08	1.24	0.59	0.25	3.16
Agri-food exports, \$ million	362	176	327	16	881
Employment, farm (FTE)	6,300	6,350	3,530	1,400	17,580
Employment, processing (FTE)	7,090	4,180	1,420	1,100	13,790

¹AC implies Atlantic Canada;

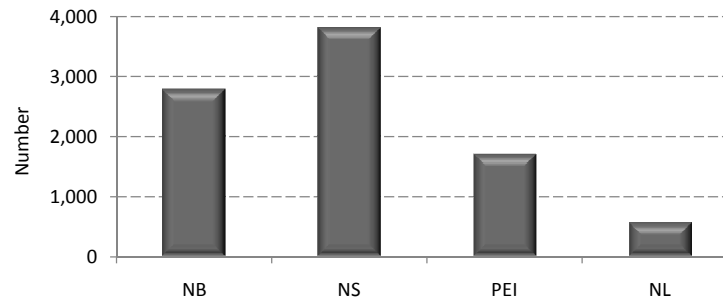
²Food manufacturing minus seafood product preparation and packaging

^eimplies "estimate"

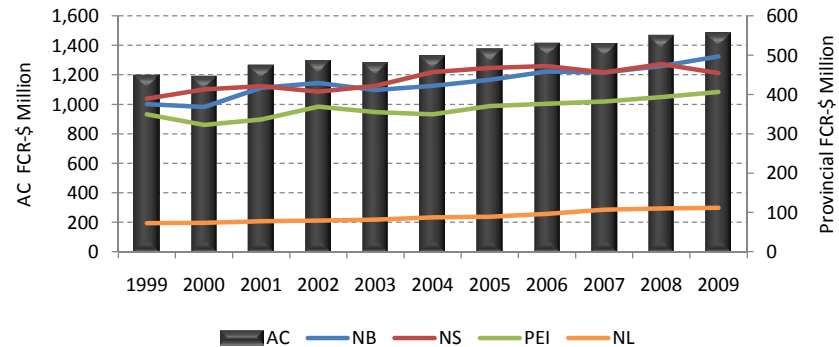
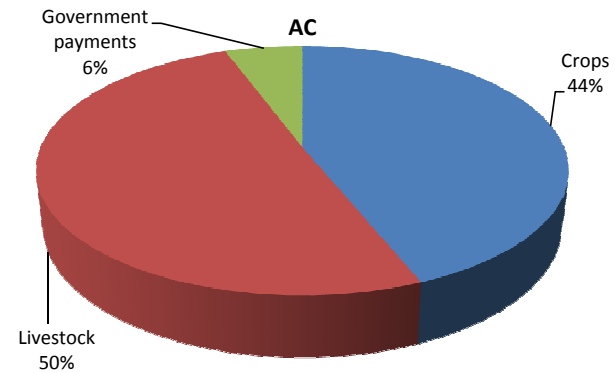
Total Farm Cash Receipts (FCR): 1999-2009

	\$ Million				
	NB	NS	PEI	NL	AC
1999	375	389	349	72	1,186
2000	369	413	323	74	1,178
2001	417	421	336	78	1,252
2002	429	407	369	80	1,285
2003	412	422	355	81	1,270
2004	422	457	350	88	1,315
2005	438	467	370	89	1,364
2006	459	472	376	96	1,403
2007	456	456	382	107	1,401
2008	472	478	393	110	1,453
2009	497	455	407	112	1,470

Number of Farms by Province



2009 Farm Cash Receipts: \$1,470 million

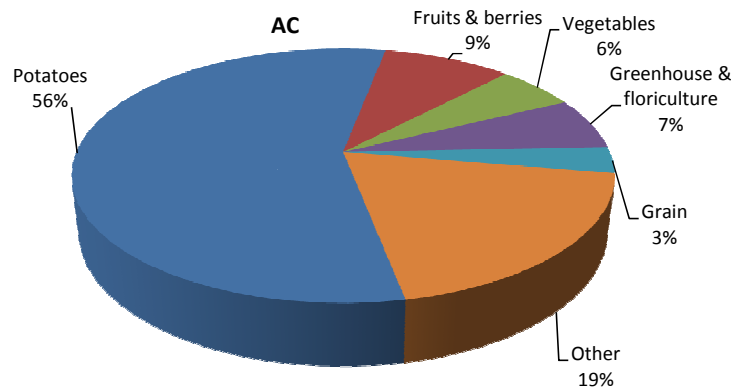


Major Commodities - Value

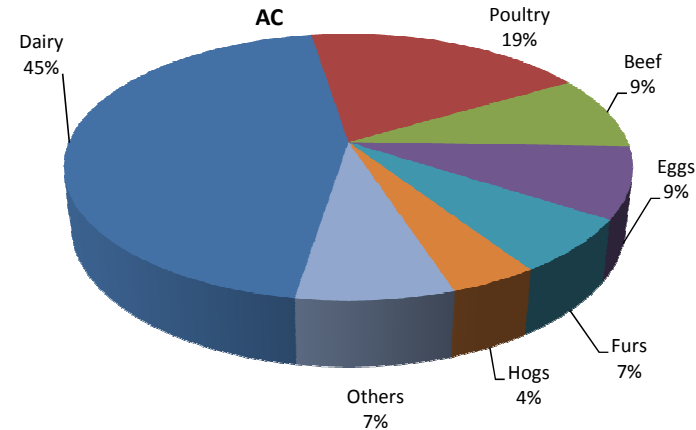
	\$ Million									
	NB		NS		PEI		NL		AC	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Potatoes	113.4	134.9	5.4	8.6	202.4	215.8	2.8	2.3	324.0	361.6
Dairy	90.8	94.4	117.9	118.9	67.2	71.2	46.3	49.4	322.2	333.9
Poultry	65.9	64.2	79.5	77.1	x	x	x	x	145.3	141.3
Beef	19.8	18.8	24.0	26.4	18.5	19.1	1.9	2.2	64.2	66.5
Eggs	17.4	18.2	27.0	27.8	4.2	4.1	13.4	13.8	62.0	63.9
Fruits & berries	30.0	16.9	47.0	35.5	9.1	5.8	1.3	0.8	87.4	59.0
Furs	2.5	2.2	64.3	42.3	2.5	2.0	7.6	2.8	77.0	49.2
Vegetables	6.1	6.5	16.2	16.8	7.1	8.2	3.5	4.8	32.9	36.2
Greenhouse & floriculture	35.9	42.2	22.8	x	2.3	x	0.3	x	61.4	42.2
Hogs	16.3	13.8	9.8	5.5	16.3	10.7	1.0	1.1	43.4	31.2
Grain	3.4	3.6	2.4	3.9	15.4	14.1	NA	NA	21.2	21.6
Others	39.6	50.7	47.2	75.8	15.3	19.5	30.2	34.3	132.3	180.3
Total payments	31.0	30.2	14.1	16.0	32.7	36.1	1.3	0.3	79.2	82.7

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Crops, AC Total Value in 2009: \$645 million



Livestock Production, AC Total value in 2008: \$742 million



- The main agricultural industries in Atlantic Canada are potato, dairy, poultry, beef, eggs, fruits & berries, vegetables, greenhouse & floriculture and hogs.

- In 2009, Potato constituted 56 percent of crops receipts while fruits & berries were 9 percent. The rest of the crops constituted less than 9 percent each.

- Dairy constituted 45 percent of livestock receipts and poultry was 19 percent. The rest of the livestock products constituted less than 10 percent each.

Major Crops - Production Area

	Hectares									
	NB		NS		PEI		NL		AC	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Potato	22,461	22,258	890	931	37,435	34,400	283	243	61,069	57,832
Barley	11,300	10,500	4,000	2,000	31,200	20,200	-	-	46,500	32,700
Blueberries	10,971	9,089	16,143	16,147	4,047	5,263	809	F	31,970	30,499
Wheat	2,200	1,800	3,000	2,800	17,000	12,500	-	-	22,200	17,100
Oats	10,100	8,100	2,400	2,000	4,900	4,900	-	-	17,400	15,000

F-too unreliable to be published

- In terms of major crops, land area under potato is the largest followed by barley, blueberries, wheat and oats in that order.

- Area planted declined slightly between 2008 and 2009 for all major crops.

Exports of Agri-Food Products

By Country

	\$ Million									
	NB		NS		PEI		NL		AC	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
United States	301.7	275.3	139.6	121.0	265.4	271.6	2.7	13.6	709.4	681.5
Venezuela	16.8	16.7	0.2	0.3	3.5	8.0	0.0	0.0	20.4	25.0
Japan	1.0	3.3	14.8	11.9	2.8	1.9	0.1	0.0	18.8	17.1
Germany	0.7	0.3	12.4	13.2	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	14.2	13.7
Costa Rica	7.9	9.9	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	9.3	11.6
Mexico	7.3	6.1	0.0	0.1	2.5	1.7	0.0	0.0	9.8	7.8
France	2.1	1.1	6.9	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	9.5	7.6
China	1.2	0.1	6.3	4.1	2.5	3.1	0.0	0.0	10.0	7.3
Panama	4.0	5.5	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	6.1	7.0
United Kingdom	0.5	0.4	11.6	5.6	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	12.6	6.3
Other	43.7	43.3	25.8	12.3	38.7	38.4	7.8	1.9	116.0	96.0
Total exports	386.8	361.9	218.8	175.5	319.3	327.3	11.1	15.9	936.1	880.6

- United States is the major export destination for Atlantic Canada, with over 75 percent of the export share.

- Other main export destinations are Venezuela, Japan, Germany and Costa Rica.

- On the whole, export revenues for Atlantic Canada declined between 2008 and 2009 mainly due to the global recession and strengthening of the Canadian dollar against the US dollar.

- However, PEI and NL exports increased slightly between the same period.

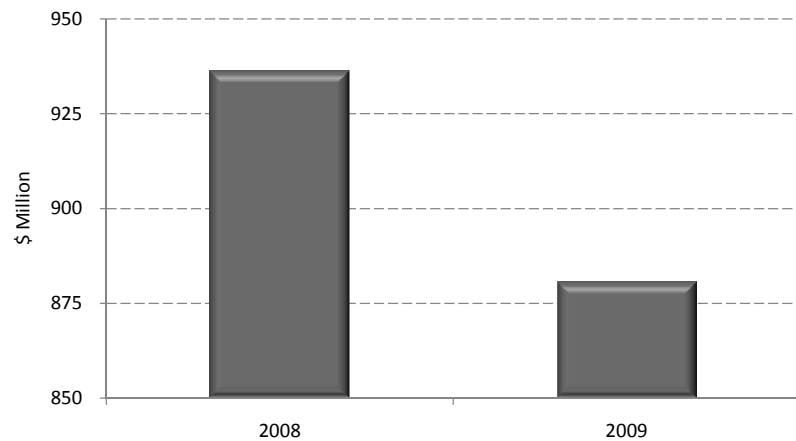
- Exports to the US declined while exports to Venezuela, Costa Rica and Panama increased.

- Generally, potatoes and potato products are the key export commodity group, followed by fruits & nuts.

By Commodity Group

	\$ Million									
	NB		NS		PEI		NL		AC	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Potatoes and potato products	237.1	217.9	1.5	2.5	291.8	302.4	0.0	0.1	530.4	522.9
Fruit and nuts	3.8	1.6	100.2	66.7	14.3	10.0	0.4	0.03	118.7	78.3
Beverages, spirits and vinegar	50.5	47.5	1.5	2.8	0.01	0.05	2.3	13.1	54.3	63.4
Live tree, plant, flowers floriculture	35.2	33.7	16.4	14.7	2.3	2.6	0.0	0.0	53.9	51.0
Preparations of grains, pasta	13.4	10.6	15.5	16.9	0.01	0.02	0.5	0.6	29.4	28.2
Others	46.7	50.6	83.8	72.0	10.9	12.3	7.9	2.0	149.3	136.9
Total exports	386.8	361.9	218.8	175.5	319.3	327.3	11.1	15.9	936.1	880.6

Export Revenues for Atlantic Canada (AC)



Export Revenues by Province

