

## The Farmers' Survey Results

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		Annual Farm Sales					Age					
	Total	Less \$50K	\$50K to Less \$100K	\$100K to Less \$250K	\$250K to Less \$500K	\$500K & Over	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 & Older
Base: All respondents	878	84	216	328	135	72	8	58	231	291	178	107
Weighted	887	145	243	299	108	44	8	67	204	284	181	137
Better than last year	90	26	18	29	10	6	3	12	21	25	15	14
	10%	18%	7%	10%	10%	15%	41%	18%	10%	9%	8%	10%
About the same as last year	256	29	68	92	44	14	4	20	67	75	49	40
	29%	20%	28%	31%	41%	32%	46%	29%	33%	26%	27%	29%
Worse than last year	531	89	156	178	54	22	1	36	113	182	114	83
	60%	62%	64%	60%	50%	50%	13%	53%	55%	64%	63%	60%
(DK/NS)	10	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	2	1
	1%	-	1%	-	-	3%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%

*What is your expectation regarding the profitability of your farm overall this year. Do you feel you will ...*

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Weighted	887	145	243	299	108	44	8	67	204	284	181	137
Earn a profit	209	14	34	94	42	22	3	22	50	57	45	32
	24%	9%	14%	31%	39%	49%	33%	33%	24%	20%	25%	23%
Breakeven	346	76	89	110	40	16	5	31	98	103	57	50
	39%	52%	37%	37%	37%	35%	67%	46%	48%	36%	32%	36%
Lose money	311	52	115	92	24	6	0	14	53	120	70	51
	35%	36%	47%	31%	22%	14%	-	21%	26%	42%	39%	37%
(DK/NS)	21	4	5	3	2	1	0	0	4	4	9	4
	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	1%	5%	3%

*If your current farm financial situation continued for at least another year without any major changes in commodity prices or government support, what do you expect your situation to be? Would you...*

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Base: All respondents	878	84	216	328	135	72	8	58	231	291	178	107
Weighted	887	145	243	299	108	44	8	67	204	284	181	137
Be confident that you would continue farming	525	78	122	183	78	33	5	45	120	176	99	76
	59%	54%	50%	61%	72%	74%	69%	67%	59%	62%	55%	56%
Be seriously considering getting out of farming	307	56	100	104	27	9	2	18	73	99	70	44
	35%	39%	41%	35%	25%	21%	31%	26%	36%	35%	39%	32%
Have gotten out of farming	34	4	16	9	2	1	0	5	7	7	7	9
	4%	3%	7%	3%	2%	2%	-	7%	3%	2%	4%	6%
(DK/NS)	21	6	5	2	1	2	0	0	5	3	5	8
	2%	4%	2%	1%	1%	4%	-	-	2%	1%	3%	6%

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Base: All respondents	878	84	216	328	135	72	8	58	231	291	178	107
Weighted	887	145	243	299	108	44	8	67	204	284	181	137
Not doing enough	715	124	213	228	82	29	6	51	159	227	143	122
	81%	86%	88%	76%	76%	65%	82%	76%	78%	80%	79%	89%
Doing about the right amount	117	14	15	56	19	9	1	12	31	38	24	11
	13%	10%	6%	19%	18%	20%	12%	17%	15%	14%	13%	8%
Doing too much	19	1	3	8	4	3	0	4	6	6	3	1
	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	7%	-	6%	3%	2%	1%	0
(DK/NS)	36	5	12	7	3	4	0	1	7	13	11	3
	4%	4%	5%	2%	2%	8%	6%	1%	4%	4%	6%	3%

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		ECONOMIC HEALTH (COMPARED TO LAST YEAR)			EXPECTATIONS FOR PROFITABILITY (1999)		
	Total	Better	Same	Worse	Earn a profit	Breakeven	Lose money
Base: All respondents	878	64	225	580	179	335	343
Weighted	887	90	256	531	209	346	311
Better than last year	90	90	0	0	49	25	14
	10%	100%	-	-	24%	7%	4%
About the same as last year	256	0	256	0	112	102	37
	29%	-	100%	-	54%	29%	12%
Worse than last year	531	0	0	531	46	217	258
	60%	-	-	100%	22%	63%	83%
(DK/NS)	10	0	0	0	2	2	2
	1%	-	-	-	1%	0	1%

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Base: All respondents	878	64	225	580	179	335	343
Weighted	887	90	256	531	209	346	311
Earn a profit	209	49	112	46	209	0	0
	24%	55%	44%	9%	100%	-	-
Breakeven	346	25	102	217	0	346	0
	39%	28%	40%	41%	-	100%	-
Lose money	311	14	37	258	0	0	311
	35%	15%	15%	48%	-	-	100%
(DK/NS)	21	1	5	11	0	0	0
	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	-	-

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Base: All respondents	878	64	225	580	179	335	343
Weighted	887	90	256	531	209	346	311
Be confident that you would continue farming	525	77	186	257	178	208	127
	59%	86%	73%	48%	85%	60%	41%
Be seriously considering getting out of farming	307	8	64	235	23	125	155
	35%	9%	25%	44%	11%	36%	50%
Have gotten out of farming	34	2	2	30	3	7	24
	4%	2%	1%	6%	1%	2%	8%
(DK/NS)	21	2	4	10	5	5	6
	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%

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Base: All respondents	878	64	225	580	179	335	343
Weighted	887	90	256	531	209	346	311
Not doing enough	715	67	176	466	132	285	283
	81%	75%	69%	88%	63%	82%	91%
Doing about the right amount	117	14	61	42	59	44	12
	13%	15%	24%	8%	28%	13%	4%
Doing too much	19	3	6	9	8	5	6
	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%
(DK/NS)	36	5	13	15	10	12	10
	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%

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		REGION		PROVINCE				FARM SIZE (ACRES)				
	Total	East	West	AB	SK	MB	ON	100 to 199	200 to 319	320 to 639	640 to 1279	1280 +
Base: All respondents	878	200	678	214	383	81	200	67	57	180	260	314
Weighted	887	270	616	184	317	115	270	140	67	312	240	128
Better than last year	90	40	49	17	26	6	40	23	7	42	15	3
	10%	15%	8%	9%	8%	6%	15%	16%	11%	13%	6%	3%
About the same as last year	256	113	143	52	57	34	113	58	35	81	58	24
	29%	42%	23%	28%	18%	29%	42%	42%	53%	26%	24%	19%
Worse than last year	531	111	421	111	234	75	111	55	23	187	166	100
	60%	41%	68%	61%	74%	65%	41%	39%	35%	60%	69%	78%
(DK/NS)	10	6	3	3	0	0	6	4	1	2	1	1
	1%	2%	1%	2%	0	-	2%	3%	2%	1%	0	1%

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Base: All respondents	878	200	678	214	383	81	200	67	57	180	260	314
Weighted	887	270	616	184	317	115	270	140	67	312	240	128
Earn a profit	209	110	99	29	41	29	110	54	28	72	36	19
	24%	41%	16%	16%	13%	26%	41%	38%	42%	23%	15%	14%
Breakeven	346	99	247	84	116	47	99	54	26	116	98	52
	39%	37%	40%	45%	37%	41%	37%	38%	39%	37%	41%	40%
Lose money	311	56	255	62	156	37	56	30	12	117	96	57
	35%	21%	41%	34%	49%	32%	21%	21%	18%	37%	40%	44%
(DK/NS)	21	6	15	9	4	2	6	3	1	7	9	1
	2%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%

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Weighted	887	270	616	184	317	115	270	140	67	312	240	128
Be confident that you would continue farming	525	201	324	103	155	66	201	101	51	177	129	66
	59%	74%	53%	56%	49%	57%	74%	72%	77%	57%	54%	52%
Be seriously considering getting out of farming	307	55	252	76	133	43	55	32	12	118	96	50
	35%	20%	41%	41%	42%	38%	20%	23%	18%	38%	40%	39%
Have gotten out of farming	34	5	28	2	24	2	5	0	2	11	13	7
	4%	2%	5%	1%	8%	2%	2%	-	4%	4%	5%	6%
(DK/NS)	21	9	12	3	5	4	9	7	1	7	1	5
	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	5%	2%	2%	0	4%

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Weighted	887	270	616	184	317	115	270	140	67	312	240	128
Not doing enough	715	177	537	142	293	102	177	86	46	260	211	112
	81%	66%	87%	77%	93%	88%	66%	62%	68%	83%	88%	87%
Doing about the right amount	117	70	47	28	15	4	70	38	18	35	19	8
	13%	26%	8%	15%	5%	3%	26%	27%	26%	11%	8%	6%
Doing too much	19	9	9	7	2	0	9	4	1	5	4	4
	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	-	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
(DK/NS)	36	13	23	7	6	10	13	11	2	12	6	4
	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	8%	5%	8%	4%	4%	2%	3%

## The Canadians' Survey Results

*Recently, concerns have been raised about the economic hardships faced by Canadian farmers. Some people say that farmers are always complaining but are not really that badly off. Others say that farmers really are facing severe problems right now. What do you think? Would you say that farmers are not that badly off or do you think they are facing severe problems?*

		Region						Age			Gender	
	Total	BC	Alberta	Sask/ Man	Ontario	Quebe c	Atlantic	18 to 34	35 to 54	55+	Male	Female
Base: All respondents												
	1500	200	135	120	525	400	120	442	678	365	715	785
Weighted	1500	196	135	105	566	377	122	506	573	408	735	765
Always complaining/Not that badly off	25%	21%	24%	22%	23%	35%	15%	24%	24%	28%	29%	22%
Facing severe problems (DK/NS)	72%	76%	75%	76%	74%	61%	81%	72%	74%	69%	68%	75%
	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%

*What is your opinion about what the federal government has been doing for Canada's farmers? Would you say the federal government has been doing too much for farmers, have they been doing about the right amount, or has the federal government not been doing enough?*

		Region						Age			Gender	
	Total	BC	Alberta	Sask/ Man	Ontario	Quebe c	Atlantic	18 to 34	35 to 54	55+	Male	Female
Base: All respondents												
	1500	200	135	120	525	400	120	442	678	365	715	785
Weighted	1500	196	135	105	566	377	122	506	573	408	735	765
Too much About the right amount Not enough (DK/NS)	7%	8%	9%	8%	5%	9%	6%	5%	7%	11%	9%	5%
	35%	34%	36%	17%	33%	43%	37%	38%	34%	33%	37%	34%
	52%	51%	52%	73%	55%	42%	54%	51%	54%	53%	50%	54%
	5%	7%	3%	3%	6%	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%	4%	6%

*Have you read, heard or seen anything recently about farmer protests and rallies on the current farm economic situation?*

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Yes	54%	49%	68%	89%	47%	55%	46%	44%	54%	65%	57%	51%
No	46%	51%	32%	11%	53%	45%	54%	56%	46%	34%	43%	49%
(DK/NS)	0	-	-	-	0	-	1%	0	0	0	0	-





*And to what extent do you feel that farmer protests, such as blocking traffic or holding rallies, is an effective way to inform the public about the poor farm economy? Do you think this is very effective, somewhat effective or not at all effective?*

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	1500	196	135	105	566	377	122	506	573	408	735	765
Very effective	15%	15%	10%	19%	13%	18%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Somewhat effective	49%	53%	60%	50%	52%	38%	50%	51%	48%	47%	48%	49%
Not at all effective	36%	32%	29%	31%	34%	44%	35%	33%	36%	38%	36%	36%
(DK/NS)	1%	0	1%	-	1%	-	-	0	1%	1%	1%	0

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		Education				Income		
	Total	<HS	HS	Some Post-Sec	University	<\$30K	\$30K to \$59K	\$60K +
Base: All respondents Weighted								
	1500	167	359	555	416	358	562	486
	1500	173	352	558	414	360	565	482
Always complaining/Not that badly off	25%	35%	27%	25%	20%	27%	28%	22%
Facing severe problems	72%	63%	71%	71%	77%	70%	70%	75%
(DK/NS)	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%

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Too much	7%	11%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%
About the right amount	35%	32%	34%	33%	40%	33%	35%	38%
Not enough	52%	53%	54%	55%	47%	56%	53%	48%
(DK/NS)	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%

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Yes	54%	53%	51%	49%	63%	54%	52%	56%
No	46%	47%	49%	50%	37%	46%	48%	43%
(DK/NS)	0	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%

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Not at all effective	36%	39%	37%	35%	34%	33%	35%	38%
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	1%	0	-	1%	0	0