

Agriculture and Agri-Food 2005

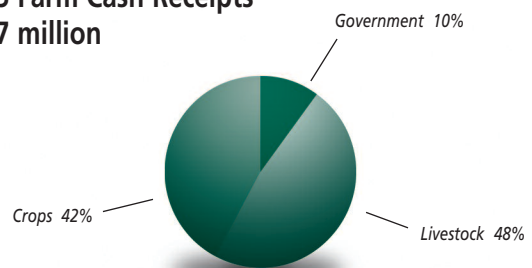
Agriculture is as important to New Brunswick's economy as its traditional family values are to its social fabric. This sector is diverse, combining 3,034 farms with 100 processing plants to produce \$1.13 billion worth of agri-food and beverage products in 2005. New Brunswick enjoys one of the highest levels of value-added processing in Canada from its agriculture sector and its agri-products, which are currently exported to 82 countries. More than 80 percent of the province's agriculture production is processed before reaching the market, supporting key economic activity and thousands of jobs. Potatoes, dairy products, eggs and poultry account for over 60 percent of New Brunswick's total farm income of \$427 million in 2005.



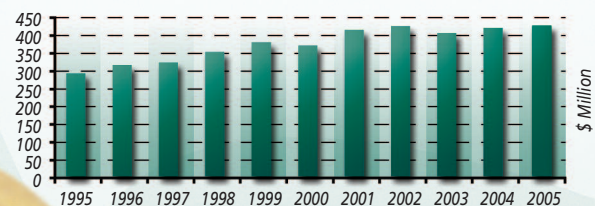
Industry at a Glance

Number of farms	3,034
Farmland, hectares	383,560
Land in crops, hectares	147,159
Total farm capital 2005	\$2.0 billion
Farm cash receipts	\$427 million
Number of processing plants	100
Shipments of processed product and beverage	\$1.13 billion
Processing rate	260%
Agri-food exports	\$351 million
Employment, farm	8,240
Employment, processing	6,540

2005 Farm Cash Receipts \$427 million



Total Farm Cash Receipts 1995 – 2005



Major Commodities- Value

\$ Million

Year	2004	2005
Potatoes	\$84	\$77
Dairy	\$80	\$83
Poultry	\$51	\$50
Greenhouse & floriculture	\$41	\$50
Hogs	\$29	\$25
Fruits & berries	\$17	\$22
Eggs	\$17	\$17
Beef	\$16	\$21
Vegetables	\$6	\$5
Grain	\$5	\$3
Other	\$34	\$34
Government payments	\$36	\$40

Major Crops

Hectares

Year	2004	2005
Potatoes	23,675	22,600
Barley	16,188	14,800
Blueberries	9,713	9,410
Oats	8,903	7,600
Wheat	5,666	2,400

Exports of Agri-food Products

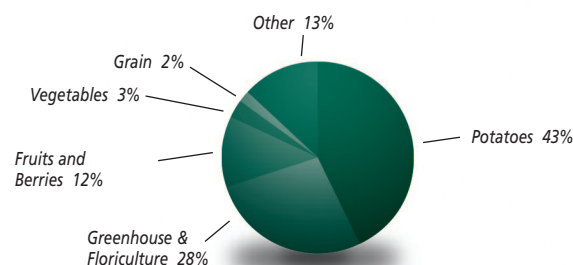
By Country – \$ Million

Year	2004	2005
U.S.	\$293.1	\$270.3
Venezuela	\$12.8	\$15.0
Cuba	\$5.6	\$5.9
Japan	\$4.5	\$4.3
Mexico	\$3.8	\$8.5
China	\$2.2	\$0.1
Phillipines	\$0.1	\$2.1
Other	48.0	44.5
Total exports	\$370.1	\$350.7

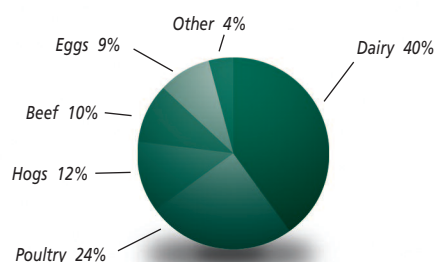
By Commodity – \$ Million

Year	2004	2005
Potatoes and potato products	\$196.2	\$181
Beer	\$33.9	\$53
Preparations for grain, pasta	\$24.4	\$18.7
Plants, live trees, foliage, etc.	\$38.1	\$37.5
Other	\$77.5	\$61.6
Total exports	\$370.1	\$350.7

Total Value of Crops \$181 million



Total Value of Livestock Production \$206 million



2005 Highlights

- Farm cash receipts continued to grow, reaching a value of \$427 million despite a stressful year for the agriculture sector in Canada in general.
- The greenhouse and floriculture sector continues to grow and help the industry to diversify from traditional crops. The commodity's value was \$50 million in 2005, an increase of \$9 million from 2004.
- Fruits and berries enjoyed a good year, and the blueberry and cranberry acreage continues to increase with blueberries having one of the best years on record. The value of fruits and berries increased by \$5 million over 2004 with a value of \$22 million.
- Improved cattle and calf prices, and sales numbers have helped the beef sector pull slowly out of the deep depression caused by the closure of the American market due to BSE-infected cattle in Canada. Sales in 2005 reached \$21 million, an increase of nearly 25 percent over the previous year.