

## NOTES TO DATA USERS

- **General Notes**

1. The 1971 Census of Agriculture was conducted on June 1, 1971.
2. Census farm is defined in the 1971 Census of Agriculture as a farm, ranch, or other agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the 12-month period prior to census of \$50 or more.

- **Headquarters Rule**

Many agricultural operations in Canada are composed of numerous parcels of land in a number of locations. These different locations are often situated in several geographic areas (such as townships or counties). In these situations, the “headquarters rule” assigns all data collected for the agricultural operation to the geographic area where the farm headquarters is located.

- **Conversion Factors**

The following factors are used in this publication to convert between different units of measurement:

1 acre = .404 685 6 hectares  
1 hectare = 2.471 acres  
1 arpent = 0.845 acres  
1 square foot = 0.092 903 04 square metres  
1 square metre = 10.763 91 square feet  
1 kilogram = 2.204 622 6 pounds  
1 pound = 0.453 592 4 kilograms

- **Confidentiality**

Statistics Canada is keenly aware of the importance of keeping information collected by the census strictly confidential. All tabulated data are subject to confidentiality restrictions prior to release. A number of computerized checks are performed on each table to suppress all data, which could result in the disclosure of information concerning any particular agricultural operation. Furthermore, due to confidentiality constraints, data for those geographic areas with very few agricultural operations are not released separately, but rather merged with a geographically adjacent area.

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