

- (b) What are the limitations of only considering percentage change?
- (c) To what extent are the different indices (i) compatible and (ii) incompatible with one another?
- (d) What picture emerges of farming within P.E.I.?
- (e) What conclusions do you reach concerning employment within the farming sector of the economy?

One of the most significant changes, not illustrated by Fig. 7.10 has been the recent move from diversification to specialisation on individual farms.

	Number of Census Farms	Total Farm area (acres)	Average Farm size (acres)	Total Improved land (acres)	Cropped (acres)
1921	13701	1216500	89	767319	461322
1931	12865	1191000	93	765772	497114
1941	12203	1168900	96	737400	470351
1951	10137	1095300	108	645795	426210
1956	9432	1065500	113	645492	419099
1961	7335	960200	131	579558	391112
1966	6357	927000	146	569799	398373
1971	4543	774630	171	494131	351384
1976	*	687076	*	479749	375208

\*comparable figures are unavailable. The definition of a census farm changed for the purpose of the 1976 census: "an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales the previous year of \$1200 or more".

Fig. 7.12. Long-term trends in farming 1921-1976, P.E.I.

(Source: Census of Canada, Agriculture volume, various years)

- 11.(a) To what extent do the 1971-76 trends confirm those operating since 1921?
- (b) To what extent does Fig. 7.13 compare with your conclusions reached in answer to question 10(e) and 11(a)?
- (c) To what extent does Fig. 7.14 add to your understanding of population changes affecting Prince Edward Island?