

INTRODUCTION

Agriculture has always been a vitally important economic sector throughout Canada, where nearly 80 million hectares (200 million acres) are under cultivation. This land is devoted mainly to the production of grain, livestock or a combination of the two, and specialty crops such as fruits and tobacco. All but one fifth of the farmland lies in Western Canada where crops depend heavily on mechanized cultivation and harvesting.

In serving the agricultural community at home and abroad, Canadian farm equipment manufacturers provide a complete range of machinery for use in land clearing, drainage and irrigation; livestock and dairy; dry land grain farming; horticultural and specialty crops; and grain handling, storage and processing.

As far back as the late 1800s, Canada was making important overseas sales of cultivating, haying and harvesting equipment. Over the years, these exports have increased substantially, earning Canada an enviable reputation as a supplier of high quality, reliable equipment for growing, harvesting, storing and transporting grain.

Canadian-made farm equipment is exported to all parts of the world, notably the United States, the European Community, the Middle East, Australia, South America, the USSR and Eastern Europe. Shipments include large, four-wheel-drive tractors, combines, swathers, cultivators, barn equipment and tobacco-harvesting machinery.

Special agricultural knowledge, provided by Canadian consultants and engineers, has resulted in advances throughout the world in crops, soil and animal science, farm management, horticulture, agriculture engineering and economics, and food processing.

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