

Table 1

5. to inform the public on the importance of the agriculture sector and any adverse impact of finance and taxation law and policy on the agriculture sector,
6. to provide education and general assistance to the Institute's members in complying with the tax law of Canada,
7. develop a model of the flow of tax dollars through the agriculture sector of the Canadian economy.

	1981	1951
Population - Total	2,912	1,082
Farms	318.4	0.51
Total Farm Cash Receipts	16,776	5.86
Crops	9,100	7.91
Livestock	7,676	5.86
Total Operating Expenses	12,367	10.61
Total Capital Investment	12,700	26.93
Realized Net Income	4,409	5.02

Source: Agriculture Canada, Marketing and Economics Branch. The way to show the magnitude of these changes is to express them as a proportion of those from 1951 (see table 1). This index provides a quick means to compare rates of changes over time.

... the Canadian population was nearly doubling over that 30 year period, the number of people living on farms dropped by almost two thirds and the number of farms was reduced by one half.