## Environment, Energy and Transportation Statistics Division

# **Agricultural Water Survey, 2016**

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Please verify the business or organization name, contact person and address for this questionnaire and correct where needed. Legal name

Operating name	
First name	
Last name	
Title	
Address (number and street)	
City	
Province, territory or state	Postal code or ZIP code
Country	

# Information for the respondent

#### Authority

This is a voluntary survey conducted under the authority of the *Statistics Act*, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, Chapter **S** 19. Your cooperation is important to ensure that the information collected in this survey is as accurate as possible.

#### Survey purpose

The Agricultural Water Survey is conducted to gather information on water use, irrigation methods and practices, and sources and quality of water used for agricultural purposes.

This survey is part of the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators (CESI) program. The data collected will be used in CESI's reporting activities and to inform water use policy and development of programs for Canadian irrigators. Statistics Canada will also use the survey results to report on total water use by sector in Canada. Your information may also be used by Statistics Canada for other statistical and research purposes.

### Confidentiality

Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from releasing any information it collects which could identify any person, business, or organization, unless consent has been given by the respondent or as permitted by the *Statistics Act*. Statistics Canada will use the information from this survey for statistical purposes.

### **Record linkage**

To enhance the data from this survey and to minimize the reporting burden, Statistics Canada may combine it with information from other surveys or from administrative sources.

### Data-sharing agreements

To reduce respondent burden, Statistics Canada has entered into data-sharing agreements with federal, provincial and territorial government organizations, which have agreed to keep the data confidential and use them only for statistical purposes. Statistics Canada will only share data from this survey with those organizations that have demonstrated a requirement to use the data.

**Section 12** of the *Statistics Act* provides for the sharing of information with federal, provincial or territorial government organizations. Under **Section 12**, you may refuse to share your information with any of these organizations by writing a letter of objection to the Chief Statistician and returning it with the completed questionnaire. Please specify the organizations with which you do not want to share your data.

For this survey, there are **Section 12** agreements with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Environment Canada, the Institut de la statistique du Québec, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

For agreements with provincial government organizations, the shared data will be limited to information pertaining to business establishments located within the jurisdiction of the respective province.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY IS IMPORTANT REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH IRRIGATION WAS DONE DURING THE GROWING SEASON.

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## Instructions for completing this questionnaire

- Who should complete this survey?

This survey is addressed to the farm operation and is to be completed by a person that has good knowledge of the irrigation activities practiced on this farm.

- If exact values are not available, please provide estimates.
- Comments on any part of the survey should be provided in the space on the secondlast page of the questionnaire.
- Please return the completed questionnaire within 30 days of receipt by mail, using the enclosed, postage paid envelope.

Cropland and Irrigation in 2016

Please refer to the **2016 growing season** when answering the following questions.

Irrigation is defined as applying water to the soil to assist the growing of crops in dry areas during periods of inadequate rainfall; to prevent soil compaction or erosion; or to protect plants against frost.

### Include:

 all irrigated land, producing or non-producing, used for forage crops, fruits, vegetables, field crops, hay and improved pasture, on owned land or land rented or leased from others

## **Exclude:**

- land rented or leased to others
- summerfallow
- Christmas trees
- greenhouses, nurseries and sod operations
- land drained by a drainage system that is never irrigated

		Irrigating operations					
	<b>Irrigating</b> is defined as applying water to the soil to assist the growing of crops in dry areas during periods of inadequate rainfall; to prevent soil compaction or erosion; or to protect plants against frost.						
1.	Have you ever irrigated your	r crops?					
	<sup>C0201 1</sup> Yes						
		u for your cooperation. Please return the questionnaire <b>within 30 receipt</b> by mail, using the enclosed postage paid envelope.					
2.	Did you irrigate your crops ir	n 2016?					
	C0101 1 Yes 3	No					
3.	In 2016, were you unable to irr <b>Mark all that apply:</b>	rigate for any length of time because of any of the following issues?					
	<sup>C0301</sup> Shortage of surface	e water					
	<sup>C0302</sup> Shortage of underg	ground water (include shallow wells and deep wells)					
	<sup>C0303</sup> Poor water quality	C					
	<sup>C0304</sup> High cost of obtain	ning water					
	<sup>C0305</sup> Irrigation ban						
	<sup>C0306</sup> Other issue(s), spe	ecify:					
	<sup>C0308</sup> No issues prevente	ed irrigation for any length of time					
		16, please return the questionnaire within 30 days of receipt envelope. Otherwise, go to question 4.					
4.		ctares, or arpents to report land areas?					
	<sup>C0401</sup> 1 Acres	<sup>2</sup> Hectares <sup>3</sup> Arpents					
5.		of cropland and improved pasture on this operation, producing tion water was applied to in 2016?					
6.		bu use to report the quantity of water used for irrigation? used throughout the survey. ity of water – check one only:					
C0604		<sup>05</sup> Total gallons (US) <sup>09</sup> Imperial gallons per acre					
	02 Millimetres	<sup>06</sup> Total litres <sup>10</sup> US gallons per acre					
	03 O Total acre-feet	<sup>07</sup> Total cubic metres <sup>11</sup> Other; please specify:					
	<sup>04</sup> Total gallons (imperial)	<sup>08</sup> Acre-feet per acre					

		Irrigatio	on volumes	– Forage c	rops		
7a.	Did you produce or grow <b>forage crops</b> on this operation during the 2016 growing season? Include hay, improved pasture and silage.						
	<sup>C0601</sup> 1 Yes	<sup>3</sup> No	o ➔ Go to que	stion 8a			
7b.	Did you apply irrigation to <b>forage crops</b> on this operation during the 2016 growing season?						
	<sup>C0602</sup> <sup>1</sup> Yes	<sup>3</sup> No	o ➔ Go to que	stion 8a			
7c.	What area of land was irrigation applied to for <b>forage crops</b> ? Specify the total land area that received irrigation in 2016 using the unit of measure specified in question 4. A land area that received irrigation multiple times during the season should only be counted once. For example, if you irrigated 100 acres in July and the same 100 acres plus an additional 50 acres in August, the size of the irrigated crop area is 150 acres:						
7d.	. How much water was applied to the <b>forage crops</b> in each of the following months? Please provide the quantity of water, as well as the irrigated land area using the unit of measure specified in question 4. Enter a "0" if there was no irrigation for a particular month.						
	2016	- FC	Quantity of	water		Irrigated land area	
	April	C0605			C0613		
	Мау	C0606			C0614		
	June	C0607			C0615		
	July	C0608			C0616		
	August	C0609			C0617		
	September	C0610			C0618		
	October	C0611			C0619		
	TOTAL						

	Irrigation volumes – Field crops						
8a.	Did you produce or grow <b>field crops</b> , <b>including potatoes</b> , on this operation during the 2016 growing season? Exclude hay, improved pasture and silage. <i>If needed, see the crop guide at the end of the questionnaire.</i>						
	<sup>C0701</sup> <sup>1</sup> Yes	3	No ➔ Go t	o question	9a		
8b.	Did you apply irrigation to <b>field crops</b> , <b>including potatoes</b> , on this operation during the 2016 growing season?						
	<sup>C0702</sup> 1 Yes	3	No ➔ Go t	o question	9a		
8c.	What area of land v	vas irriga	tion applie	d to for <b>fi</b>	eld crops,	including	ootatoes?
	Specify the total land a question 4. A land area counted once. For exar additional 50 acres in A	that receiv nple, if you	ed irrigation irrigated 10	multiple tin 0 acres in J	nes during th uly and the s	le season shoi same∕100 acre	Id only be
	C0703			~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		<u> </u>	
8d.	How much water w following months? Please provide the qua	ntity of wat	er, as well a	s the irrigat	ed land area	using the unit	
	specified in question 4.	Enter a "0	" if there was	s no irrigatio	on for a parti	cular month.	
	2016	4	Ouant	ity of water			Irrigated land area
		C0705		ity of water		C0713	
	April						
	Мау	C0706				C0714	
	June	C0707				C0715	
	July	C0708				C0716	
	August	C0709				C0717	
	September	C0710				C0718	
	October	C0711				C0719	
	TOTAL	2					

		Irriga	tion volun	nes – Fruit c	rops		
9a.	. Did you produce or grow <b>fruit crops</b> on this operation during the 2016 growing season? <i>If needed, see the crop guide at the end of the questionnaire.</i>						
	<sup>C0801</sup> 1 Yes	3 <b>N</b>	o 🗲 Go to q	uestion 10a			
9b.	. Did you apply irrigation to <b>fruit crops</b> on this operation during the 2016 growing season?						
	<sup>C0802</sup> 1 Yes	<sup>3</sup> N	o 🗲 Go to q	uestion 10a			
9c.	What area of land was Specify the total land area question 4. A land area counted once. For exan additional 50 acres in A	rea that received that received nple, if you in	ved irrigation I irrigation mu rigated 100 ad	in 2016 using th Itiple times duri cres in July and	ne unit of measur ng the season sh the same 100 ac	ould only be	
9d.	d. How much water was applied to the <b>fruit crops</b> in each of the following months? Please provide the quantity of water, as well as the irrigated land area using the unit of measure specified in question 4. Enter a "0" if there was no irrigation for a particular month.						
	2016	F	Quantity	of water		Irrigated land area	
	April	C0805	<u>20    </u>		C0813		
	Мау	C0806			C0814		
	June	C0807			C0815		
	July	C0808			C0816		
	August	C0809			C0817		
	September	C0810			C0818		
	October	C0811			C0819		
	TOTAL	2					

	Irrigation volumes – Ve	getable crops				
10a. Did you produce or grow <b>vegetable crops</b> , <b>excluding potatoes</b> , on this operation during the 2016 growing season? <i>If needed, see the crop guide at the end of the questionnaire.</i>						
<sup>C0901</sup> 1 Yes	<sup>3</sup> ONo → Go to question	111				
10b. Did you apply irriga during the 2016 gro	tion to <b>vegetable crops</b> , <b>excl</b> owing season?	uding potatoes, on thi	is operation			
C0902 1 Yes	<sup>3</sup> No → Go to question	ı 11				
Specify the total land a question 4. An area the counted once. For exa additional 50 acres in a	Od. How much water was applied to the <b>vegetable crops</b> , <b>excluding potatoes</b> , in each of the					
question 4. Enter a "0" if there was no irrigation for a particular month.						
2016	Quantity of wate	r	Irrigated land area			
April	C0905	C0913				
Мау	C0906	C0914				
June	C0907	C0915				
July	C0908	C0916				
August	C0909	C0917				
September	C0910	C0918				
October	C0911	C0919				
TOTAL	12					

11. What **irrigation method** was used to irrigate your crops in 2016? **Mark all that apply**. *If needed, see the crop guide at the end of the questionnaire.* 

	Forage crops, including hay, improved pasture and silage	Field crops, including potatoes	Fruits	Vegetables, excluding potatoes
<b>Sprinkler irrigation</b> Systems distribute water above the crop canopy using a spray. Sprinkler irrigation systems include hand move; solid or permanent set; side roll, wheel line, wheel move or wheel roll; traveller, volume gun, travelling gun, walker, overhead or circular; linear move; and centre pivot.	C1001_1	C1002_1	C1003_1	C1004_1
<b>Micro-irrigation</b> Delivers water onto the soil surface very close to the crop or below the soil. It includes surface drip, sub-surface drip, micro-sprinklers, bubblers, micro jets and hand watering.	C1001_2	C1002_2	C1003_2	C1004_2
Surface irrigation The water flows over the soil surface by gravity, either by flooding or in furrows. It includes down rows, furrows, corrugations, border dyke, level basins, uncontrolled flooding and back flooding. It excludes surface drip irrigation.	C1001_3	C1002_3	C1003_3	C1004_3

Irrigation practices	and	water	sources
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# The following questions deal with possible sources of water used for irrigation.

12. Of all the water used for irrigation in 2016, what percentage came from each of the following?

		%
<b>On-farm</b> underground water or well water, including shallow wells and deep wells	C1101	
<b>On-farm</b> lakes, rivers, creeks or streams, ponds or dugouts i.e. direct access (surface water)	C1102	
<b>Off-farm</b> water transported <b>to the farm</b> e.g., via pipeline, canal system or vehicle, including municipal water and any surface water located <b>off-farm</b>	C1103	
Other source(s), C1105 specify:	C1104	
If only <b>on-farm</b> water is reported in question 12 $\rightarrow$ Go to question 15 If <b>off-farm</b> water is reported in question 12, continue to question 13		100%
Of all the <b>off-farm</b> water used for irrigation in 2016, what percentage came from each of the following?	C1201	%
Tap water	61201	
Treated wastewater	C1202	
Provincial water sources (irrigation district, irrigation project)	C1203	
Private sources	C1204	
Other source(s), specify:	C1205	
		100%
. Why did this operation need to obtain water from an <b>off-farm</b> source in 201 <b>Mark all that apply:</b>	16?	
<sup>C1301</sup> No water or not enough water available <b>on the farm</b> for irrigation		
<sup>C1302</sup> Poor quality of <b>on-farm</b> water for irrigation		
C1303 Other reason(s) specify:		

The following question asks about water and energy practices used for irrigation on this operation during the 2016 growing season. 15. Which of the following practices were used in 2016 to conserve water or energy? Mark all that apply: C1401 Wind breaks C1402 Leaving stubble on fields (e.g., minimum tillage, direct seeding) C1403 Watering at night or in the morning C1404 Pressure reduction C1405 Water or energy saving nozzles C1406 Incorporating compost or other organic material into soil to increase soil water retention C1407 Other water or energy saving methods or devices C1408 No practices used Comments 16. Approximately how long did it take to collect the data minutes hour(s) C9910 C9909 and complete the survey? 17. We invite your comments on any section of the survey. Please be assured that we review all comments with the intent of improving the survey. C1501 C1502 C1503 C1504

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return the completed questionnaire within 30 days of receipt by mail, using the enclosed, postage paid envelope.

C1505

C1506

# Crop guide

### **Field crops**

- Barley Borage seed Buckwheat Canary seed Canola Caraway seed Chick peas Coriander seed Corn for grain Dry beans
- Dry field peas Flaxseed Ginseng Lentils Linola Mixed grains Mustard seed Oats Potatoes Rye

Safflower Soybeans Sugar beets Sunflower seeds Tobacco Triticale Wheat Other field crops

Raspberries

Strawberries

Other fruit

**Pumpkins** 

Radishes

Rhubarb

Spinach

Squash

Turnips

Zucchini Other herbs

**Tomatoes** 

Rutabagas

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Saskatoon berries

## **Fruits**

Apples Apricots Blueberries Cherries Cranberries Grapes

## Nectarines Peaches Pears Plums Prunes

**Kiwis** 

Garlic

Leeks

Lettuce

Parsley

Parsnips

Peppers

Peas (green)

Melons (watermelon)

Melons, other

Onions, green

Onions (dry)

Gherkins

## Vegetables

Asparagus Beans (green or wax) Beets Broccoli Brussels sprouts Cabbage (Chinese) Cabbage (regular) Carrots (including baby) Cauliflower Celery Corn (sweet) Cucumbers

## **Forage Crops**

Alfalfa Clover Trefoil Bromegrass Timothy Orchardgrass Canarygrass Ryegrass Fescue Sorghum-sudan Wheatgrass

Other vegetables