

# Agriculture and Agri-Food 2013

The agriculture and agri-food sector is an important component of the provincial economy, generating employment, income and nourishment to both rural and urban communities. The sector combines approximately 2,611 farms and 140 processing plants to produce farm cash receipts of \$570 million and processed agri-food products worth over \$1 billion. New Brunswick enjoys one of the highest levels of value-added processing in the country from its agriculture and agri-food sector with around 80% of the province's agriculture production being processed in-province before reaching the market. The sector has an extensive network of export markets comprising over 70 countries, with total exports estimated at \$381 million in 2013. The sector is quite diverse with over 30 commodities being produced in New Brunswick. Potatoes, dairy products, poultry & eggs, floriculture, nursery & sod, fruits & berries, and beef accounted for close to 80% of total farm cash receipts in 2013. In terms of employment, the sector generated about 4,500 and 6,200 full-time equivalent jobs in primary production and secondary processing activities, respectively.

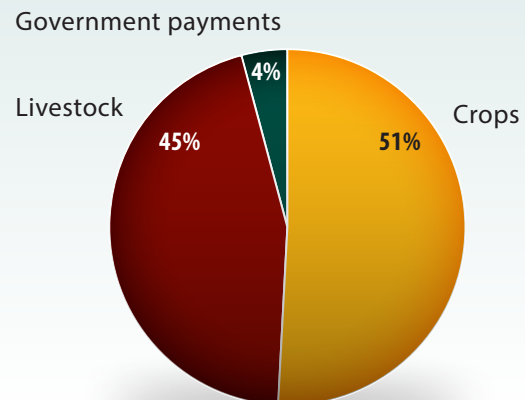
## Agriculture and Agri-Food Industry

Number of farms (2011 Census of Agric.)	2,611
Farmland, hectares (2011 Census of Agric.)	379,526
Land in crops, hectares (2011 Census of Agric.)	142,138
Total Farm Assets	\$2.7 billion
Farm cash receipts	\$573 million
Number of processing plants	140
Shipments of processed food products*	Over \$1 billion
Agri-food exports	\$380.8 million
Employment, farm	4,500
Employment, processing	6,200

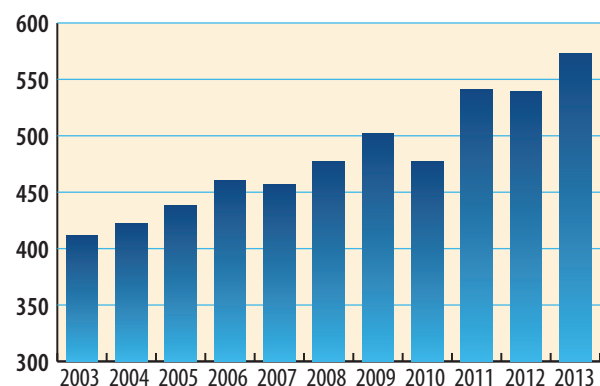
## Major Crops - Production Area (Hectares)

	2012	2013
Potato	21,651	19,425
Blueberries	12,920	13,365
Barley	8,900	8,900
Oats	8,500	8,100
Corn for grain	5,100	4,000
Soybeans	4,000	6,500
Wheat	2,200	2,200

## 2013 Farm Cash Receipts: \$573 million



## Total Farm Cash Receipts: 2003–2013



## Major Commodities (\$ Million)

	2012	2013
Potatoes	110.6	143.8
Poultry and eggs*	101.7	102.7
Dairy	101.3	102.0
Floriculture, nursery and sod	38.3	33.7
Fruits & berries	40.8	39.2
Beef	26.4	27.9
Maple Products	20.4	28.9
Grain	21.2	23.4
Hogs	11.2	12.3
Total payments	32.5	20.9
Other	34.4	38.5

Note: \*implies estimate

## Exports of Agri-Food Products (\$ Millions)

By Country	\$ Million	
	2012	2013
United States	330.2	281.3
Japan	13.5	29.0
Philippines	9.5	2.1
Mexico	7.9	7.0
Costa Rica	7.8	4.6
United States Minor Outlying Islands	4.9	3.1
Kuwait	4.7	3.4
Australia	4.0	2.0
Bahamas	3.5	7.6
Denmark	3.0	3.3
Bahrain	2.8	4.1
Saudi Arabia	2.5	3.5
Other	25.6	29.8
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>419.7</b>	<b>380.8</b>

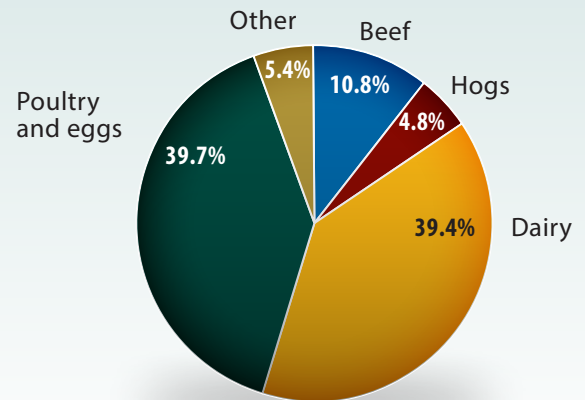
By Commodity	\$ Million	
	2012	2013
Potatoes and potato products	277.7	226.7
Beer	47.8	47.6
Live tree, plant and flowers	27.9	28.5
Maple products	12.0	9.5
Preparation for grain, pasta	9.0	7.4
Live animals	2.7	15.0
Other	42.6	46.1
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>419.7</b>	<b>380.8</b>

## 2013 Highlights

- Potato receipts increased by about \$33 million (30%) to about \$144 million in 2013. This was mainly due to an increase in seeded area by 1,700 acres and marketable yield by 30 cwt for the 2012 crop compared to the 2011 crop. Although 2011 yield was low due to excess moisture problems, 2012 yield was close to the 10-year average (270 cwt/acre), an outcome which was reflected in 2013 due to the lag in reporting potato receipts.
- Grain receipts increased by more than \$2 million (10%) to slightly more than \$23 million in 2013. This was mainly due to an increase in soybean receipts by close to \$2 million as a result of a 60% increase in seeded acreage and a higher output price.
- Maple products receipts increased by nearly \$9 million (42%) from about \$20 million in 2012 to around \$29 million in 2013. This is mainly due to an increase in production by 136,000 gallons (39%) to 484,000 gallons in 2013.

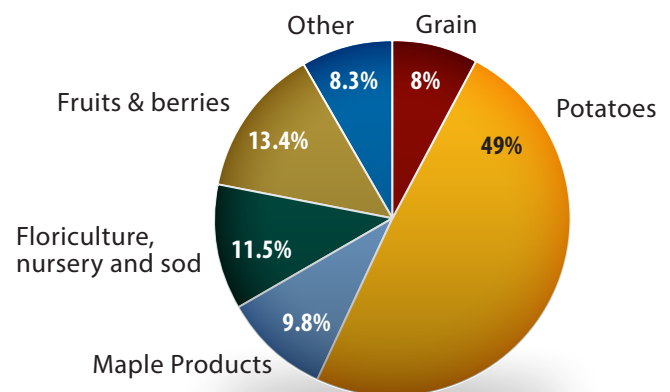
## Livestock Production

Total value in 2013: \$259 million



## Crops

Total Value in 2013: \$293 million



- After record production in 2012, blueberry receipts were stable in 2013 at about \$31 million, as production and price remained consistent at around 43 million pounds and \$0.71 per pound, respectively.
- Hog receipts increased by about \$1 million (11%) from around \$11 million in 2012 to slightly more than \$12 million in 2013. This was mainly due to higher hog prices.
- Beef, eggs and dairy receipts increased by 4.3%, 1.8% and 0.7%, respectively, due to slightly higher prices compared to 2012.
- Agri-food export revenues decreased by close to \$40 million (9%) over 2012. This decrease is mainly due to lower international exports of potato and potato product. It should be noted that the processed potato sector tends to supply its Canadian markets from New Brunswick and its export markets from its facilities in western Canada.
- Agri-food exports to Japan increased by about \$16 million in 2013 (more than double 2012 exports). Most of these exports were potato and potato products.