

Movements made in Western Canada

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Both British Columbia and Manitoba grew in herd size enough to out-rank Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively. British Columbia's average herd grew by 12 cows to 172, ranking it second in the country for herd size. Alberta's average herd size shrunk by one cow and Manitoba's gained nine cows to 149, moving it to a ranking of fourth.

Even though Alberta decreased in herd size, it did have the most noticeable increase in milk per cow compared to last year at 8.7 percent. It now ranks second in the country in that category. New Brunswick also grew in milk per cow enough to increase in ranking over Prince Edward Island.

Growth in the installation of robotic milking facilities remained steady throughout most of the country when compared to the two previous years, with the exception of two provinces. Quebec installed only half the number of robots in 2015 than it did in 2013 and 2014. Meanwhile British Columbia installed robots at three times the rate it had in the previous two years.

In terms of trade, the amount of imports remained the same, while exports dropped to widen Canadian's dairy trade balance to -\$689 million. This extends the negative dairy trade trend established since 2009. **PD**



- Specialty cheese 25.1%
- MPS 20.5%
- Whey 9.2%
- Casein 7.8%
- NMC 3.0%
- Cheddar cheese 3.9%
- Butter 8.0%
- Milk & cream 3.6%
- SMP/WMP 1.7%
- Cheese 5.5%
- Yogurt 0.5%
- Other* 11.1%

Top 10 countries selling dairy products to Canada

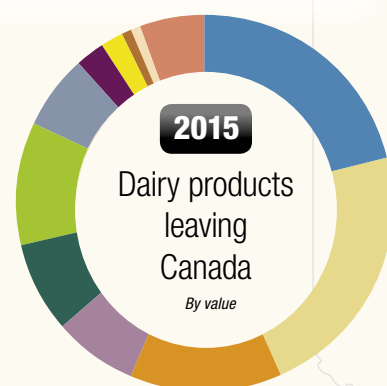
Rank	Country	2015 Imports (in dollars)	Percent change from 2014
1	U.S.	\$474,552,409	+2%
2	New Zealand	\$83,557,515	-10%
3	France	\$62,277,501	+8%
4	Italy	\$56,341,229	-3%
5	Switzerland	\$46,181,624	-4%
6	Argentina	\$35,475,787	+44%
7	Germany	\$25,053,411	-48%
8	Denmark	\$18,844,027	+9%
9	Netherlands	\$18,388,660	-2%
10	United Kingdom	\$17,670,434	+34%

Imports

Exports

Top 10 countries buying Canada dairy products

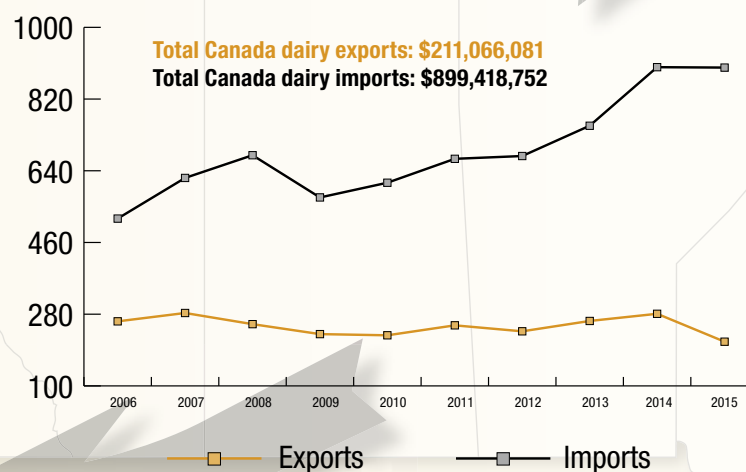
Rank	Country	2015 Exports (in dollars)	Percent change from 2014
1	U.S.	\$104,190,298	-12%
2	Egypt	\$20,105,514	8%
3	China	\$9,885,094	102%
4	Mexico	\$9,405,192	-24%
5	Saudi Arabia	\$7,295,357	-26%
6	South Korea	\$6,151,847	16%
7	Thailand	\$5,636,565	-31%
8	United Kingdom	\$4,731,187	-51%
9	Cuba	\$4,448,029	-64%
10	Brazil	\$4,040,403	-50%



- SMP/WMP¹ 21.2%
- Whey 22.4%
- Specialty cheese 12.9%
- Cheddar cheese 7.3%
- Yogurt 7.6%
- NMC 10.7%
- Cheese 6.3%
- Milk & cream 2.6%
- Butter 1.9%
- Dairy Spread 0.8%
- Ice Cream 0.8%
- Others² 5.5%

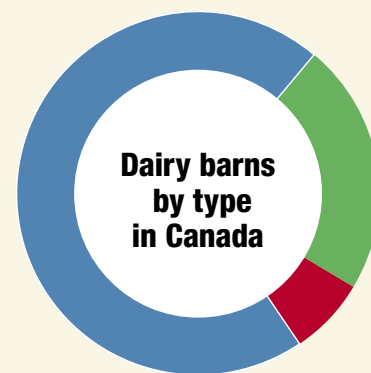
Canada dairy exports/imports

(in millions of dollars)

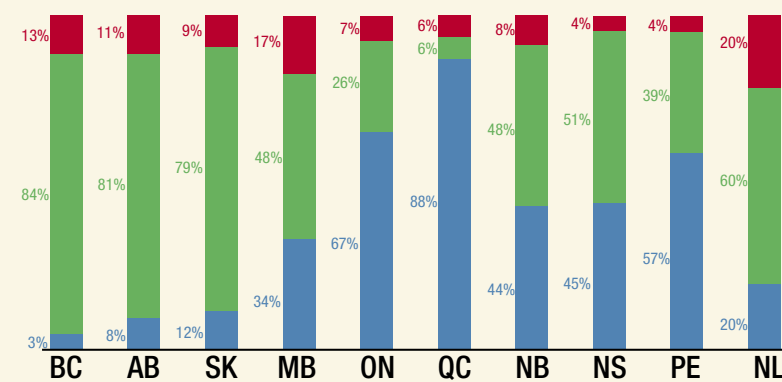


Source: Statistics Canada

2015 Dairy barns by type



- Tiestall 71%
- Freestall 22%
- Robotic System 7%

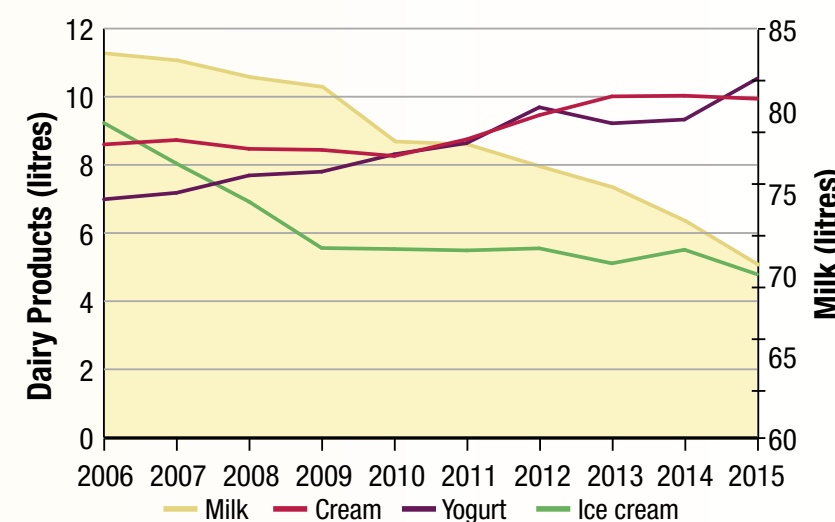


- Tiestall
- Freestall
- Robotic System

Province	Tiestall			Freestall			Robotic System		
	Number	Increase/decrease from 2014	Herd size	Number	Increase/decrease from 2014	Herd size	Number	Increase/decrease from 2014	Herd size
British Columbia	10	-1	65	255	-2	183	39	+13	113
Alberta	33	-7	80	318	-15	152	44	+6	131
Saskatchewan	11	0	83	73	-10	205	8	+1	132
Manitoba	60	-6	83	84	-10	197	30	-1	182
Ontario	1,879	-95	59	734	-33	133	198	+34	103
Québec	3,793	-212	57	264	-25	119	238	+25	101
New Brunswick	53	-2	60	58	-7	125	9	+2	76
Nova Scotia	49	0	55	56	-1	103	4	+1	96
Prince Edward Island	48	-4	65	33	0	110	3	0	214
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	0	110	3	0	167	1	0	113

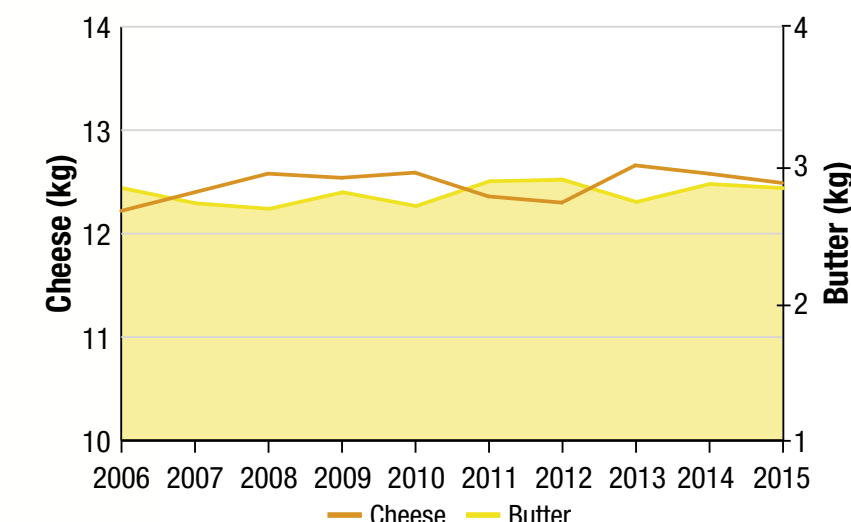
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Per capita consumption of dairy products



Source: Statistics Canada

Per capita consumption of cheese & butter



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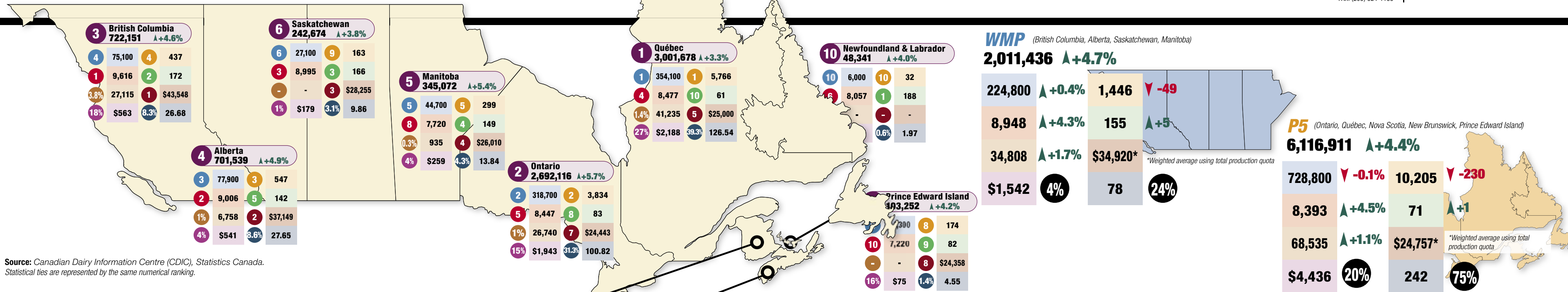
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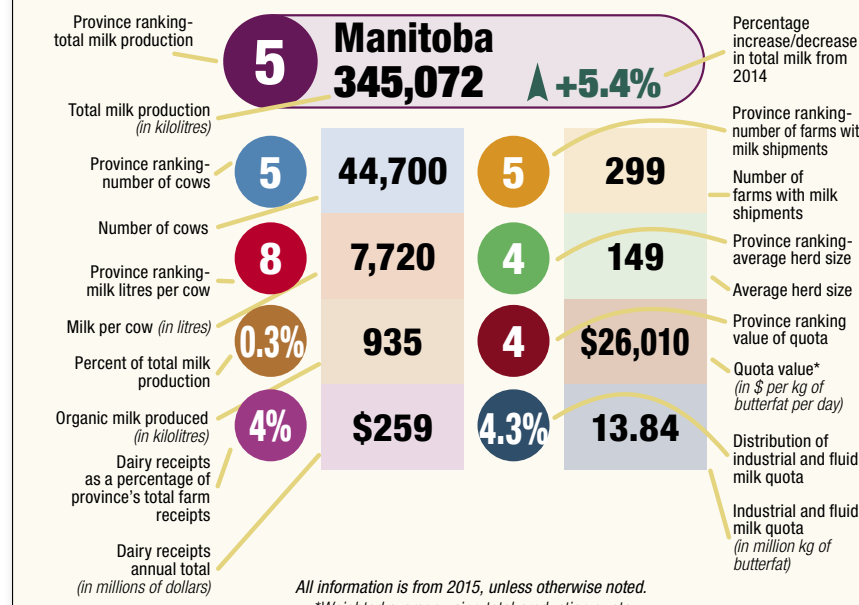
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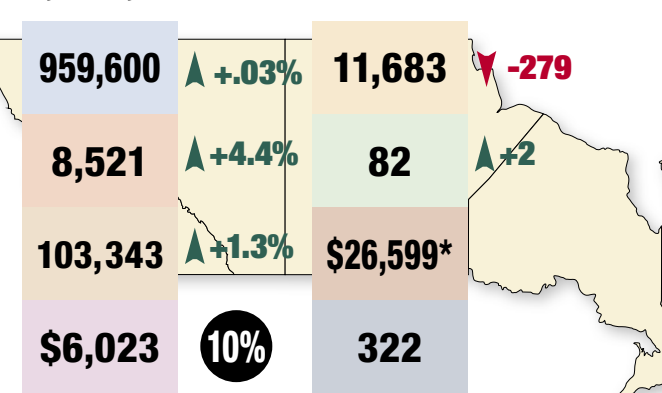


Source: Canadian Dairy Information Centre (CDIC), Statistics Canada. Statistical ties are represented by the same numerical ranking.

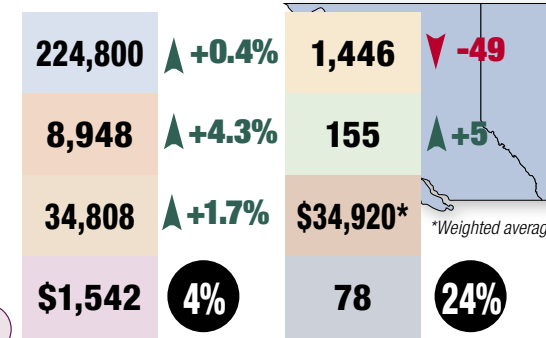
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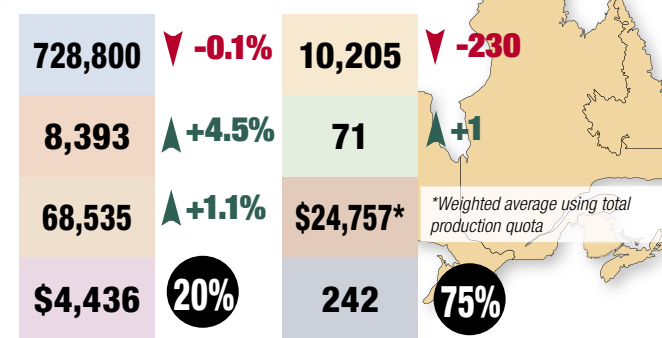
Canada



WMP (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba)



P5 (Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island)



Province total production rank	Province	Total milk production (in kilolitres)	Percentage increase/decrease in total milk from 2014	Number of cows	Percentage increase/decrease in number of cows from 2014	Milk per cow (in litres)	Percentage increase/decrease in milk per cow from 2014	Number of farms with milk shipments	Change in number of farms with milk shipments from 2014	Average herd size	Change in avg herd size
1	Quebec	3,001,678	3.3	354,100	-0.2	8,477	3.5	5,766	-128	61	+1
2	Ontario	2,692,116	5.7	318,700	0.0	8,447	5.7	3,834	-92	83	+2
3	British Columbia	722,151	4.6	75,100	3.4	9,616	1.1	437	-18	172	+12
4	Alberta	701,539	4.9	77,900	-3.5	9,006	8.7	547	-19	142	-1
5	Manitoba	345,072	5.4	44,700	3.5	7,720	1.9	299	-9	149	+9
6	Saskatchewan	242,674	3.8	27,100	-1.1	8,955	5.0	163	-3	166	+1
7	Nova Scotia	180,415	3.8	23,200	0.9	7,777	2.9	225	-4	103	+3
8	New Brunswick	139,450	5.2	18,500	-2.1	7,538	7.5	206	0	90	-2
9	Prince Edward Island	103,252	4.2	14,300	2.9	7,220	1.3	174	-6	82	+5
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	48,341	4.0	6,000	0.0	8,057	4.0	32	0	188	0
CANADA TOTAL		8,176,688	4.5	959,600	0.03	8,521	4.4	11,683	-279	82	+2

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