

Canada's average herd size hits 100

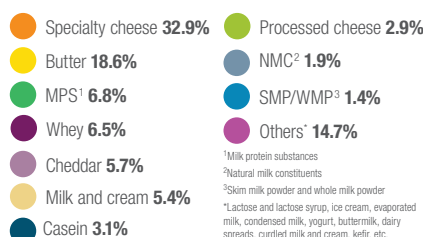
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Milk production across Canada for 2022 remained stable, decreasing less than 1% (630,000 hectolitres) from the previous year. A slight increase of 0.3% in the larger P5 covered most of the more prominent production drop (-3.5%) in the Western Milk Pool.

Cow numbers also held close to the previous year and are up 8,800 compared to 10 years ago. The number of farms with milk shipments continued to decline, down 213 from the previous year. There are 2,790 fewer dairy farms (-22%) in Canada now than in 2012. With more cows and fewer farms, the average herd size continues to grow. The average herd size in Canada is now calculated at 100 cows, up from 77 cows per farm 10 years ago.

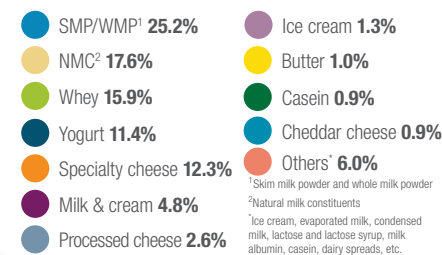
Total dairy cash receipts topped \$8.2 billion, up 11.4% from 2021. This helped but was still outpaced by the 18.7% increase in total farm input prices. Double-digit increases were seen in all categories of input prices. Machinery fuel continued to be the category with the largest increase at 54.7% higher than the previous year, followed by general business costs at 28.4% higher.

Dairy product exports were up 33% over last year; however, imports also increased and the net trade difference widened to \$849 million, \$149 million higher than last year and the greatest spread in the last decade. Imported dairy products, based on monetary value, from the U.S. and New Zealand grew by 36% and 44%, respectively. More dairy products by value also came in from Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Germany.



Top 10 countries selling dairy products to Canada

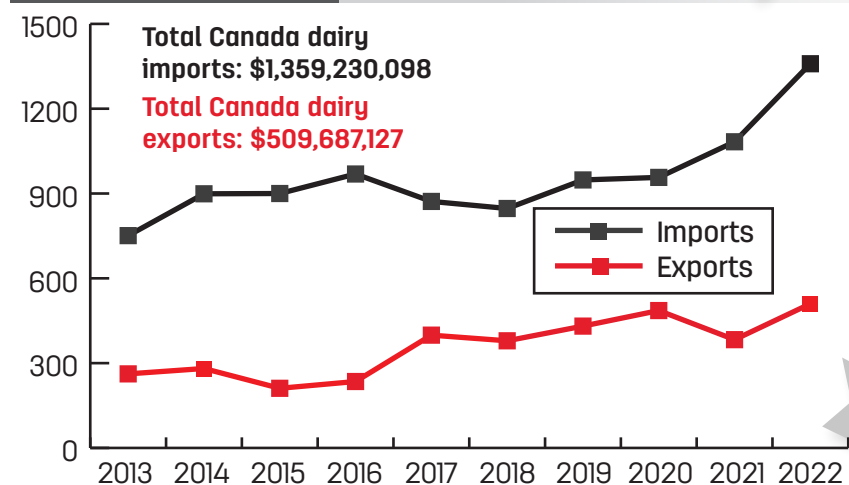
Rank	Country	2022 Imports (in dollars)	Percent change from 2021
1	U.S.	\$715,612,378	36%
2	New Zealand	\$156,735,965	44%
3	Italy	\$138,933,154	19%
4	France	\$78,632,644	-2%
5	Netherlands	\$43,627,978	21%
6	Switzerland	\$38,956,883	6%
7	United Kingdom	\$30,669,571	3%
8	Germany	\$27,925,427	11%
9	Denmark	\$27,802,709	-1%
10	Ireland	\$23,498,490	-4%



Top 10 countries buying Canada dairy products

Rank	Country	2022 Exports (in dollars)	Percent change from 2021
1	U.S.	\$242,068,613	19%
2	Egypt	\$79,332,077	126%
3	Algeria	\$32,150,623	66%
4	Philippines	\$21,756,250	28%
5	Japan	\$15,508,745	6%
6	United Arab Emirates	\$9,771,125	64%
7	Republic of Korea	\$8,627,357	4%
8	Saudi Arabia	\$8,403,767	237%
9	China	\$7,874,353	-29%
10	Singapore	\$7,310,539	170%

Canada dairy exports/imports (in millions of dollars)



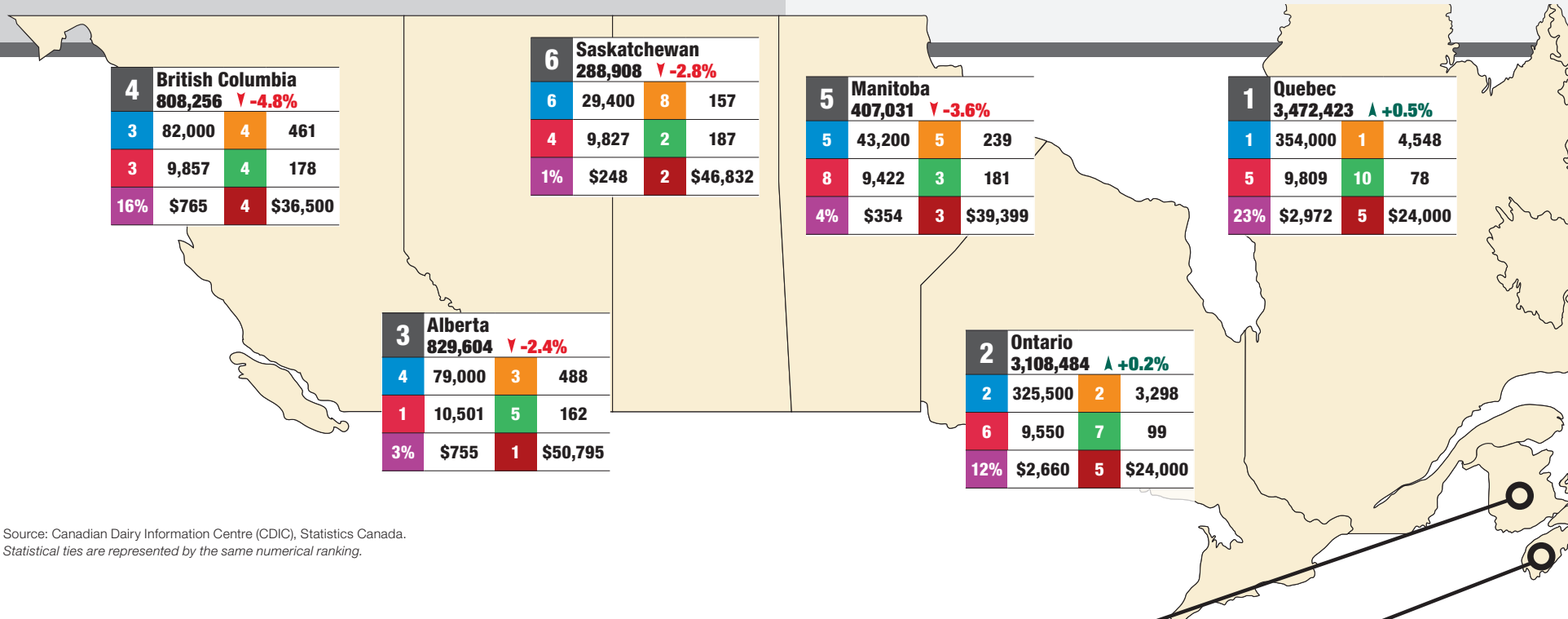
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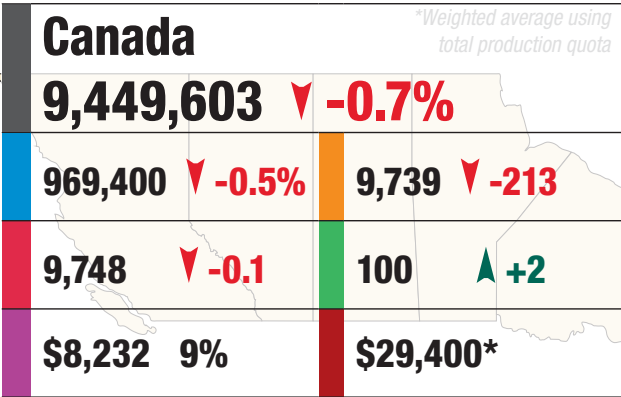
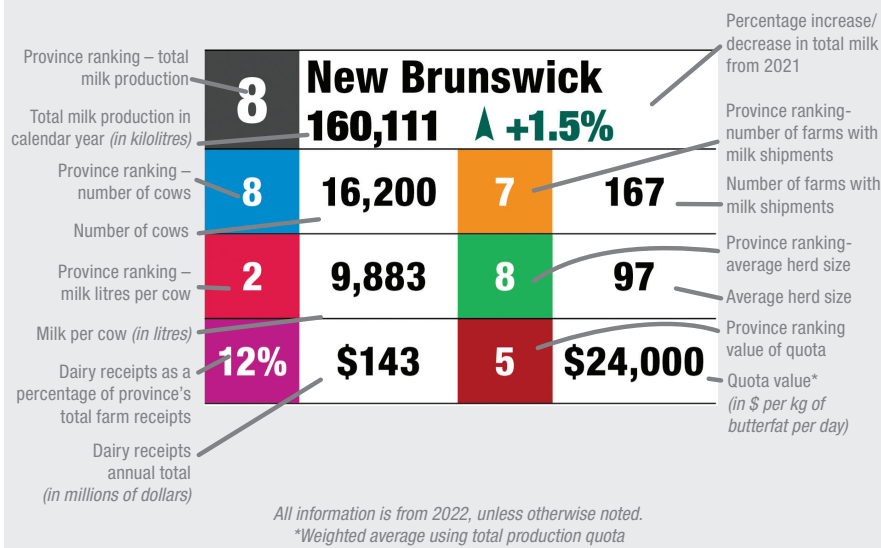


2022 Canada dairy statistics



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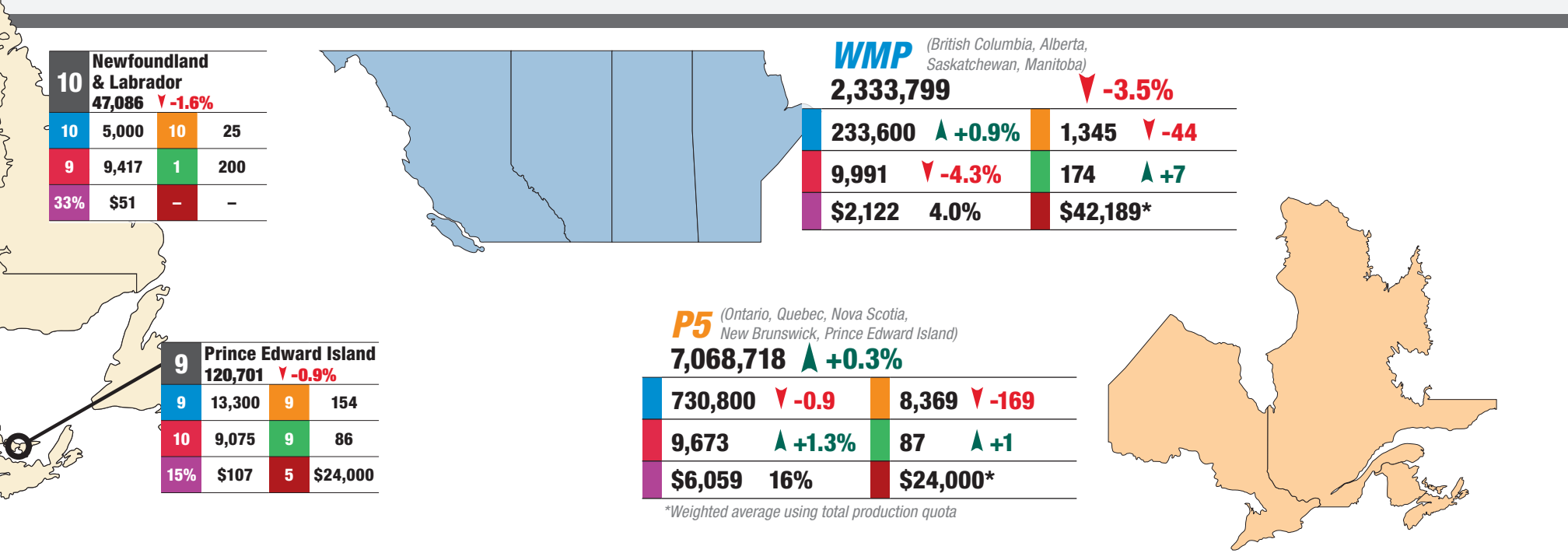


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Province total production rank	Province	Total milk production (in kilolitres)	Percentage increase/decrease in total milk from 2021	Number of cows	Percentage increase/decrease in number of cows from 2021	Milk per cow (in litres)	Percentage increase/decrease in milk per cow from 2021	Number of farms with milk shipments	Change in number of farms with milk shipments from 2021	Average herd size	Change in avg herd size
1	Quebec	3,472,423	0.5	354,000	-1.8	9,809	2.3	4,548	-127	78	1
2	Ontario	3,108,484	0.2	325,500	0.4	9,550	-0.2	3,298	-38	99	2
3	Alberta	829,604	-2.4	79,000	-1.7	10,501	-0.6	488	-6	162	-1
4	British Columbia	808,256	-4.8	82,000	0.9	9,857	-5.6	461	-12	178	6
5	Manitoba	407,031	-3.6	43,200	3.6	9,422	-7.0	239	-10	181	13
6	Saskatchewan	288,908	-2.8	29,400	4.3	9,827	-6.7	157	-16	187	24
7	Nova Scotia	206,999	-0.9	21,800	-0.9	9,495	0	202	0	108	-1
8	New Brunswick	160,111	1.5	16,200	-8.5	9,883	10.9	167	-3	97	-7
9	Prince Edward Island	120,701	-0.9	13,300	-1.5	9,075	0.6	154	-1	86	-1
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	47,086	-1.6	5,000	-3.8	9,417	2.3	25	0	200	-8
CANADA TOTAL		9,449,603	-0.7	969,400	-0.5	9,748	-0.1	9,739	-213	100	+2



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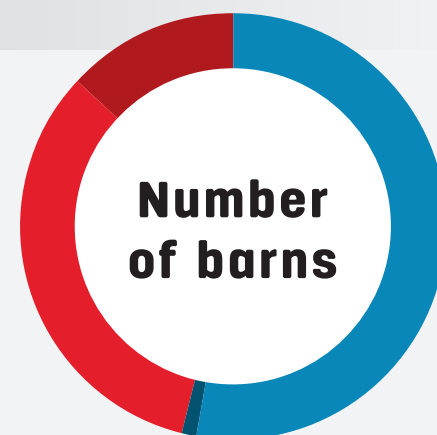
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2022 Dairy barns by type

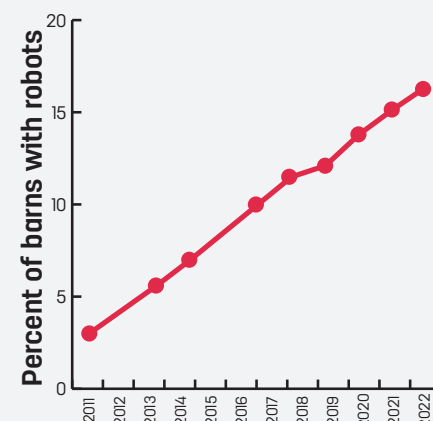
Province	Tiestall			Freestall		
	Number	Herd size	Percentage of tiestall barns with robots	Number of barns	Herd size	Percentage of freestall barns with robots
British Columbia	6	30		190	195	30%
Alberta	10	91		279	168	25%
Saskatchewan	6	110		64	191	28%
Manitoba	31	83	6%	100	227	59%
Ontario	1,190	63	0.4%	892	132	36%
Quebec	2,543	70	2%	692	129	56%
New Brunswick	42	64		68	139	41%
Nova Scotia	44	62		62	143	26%
Prince Edward Island	36	75	3%	45	113	20%
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	246		7	220	29%
Total	3,909		2%	2,399		40%

Based on herds enrolled in milk recording program

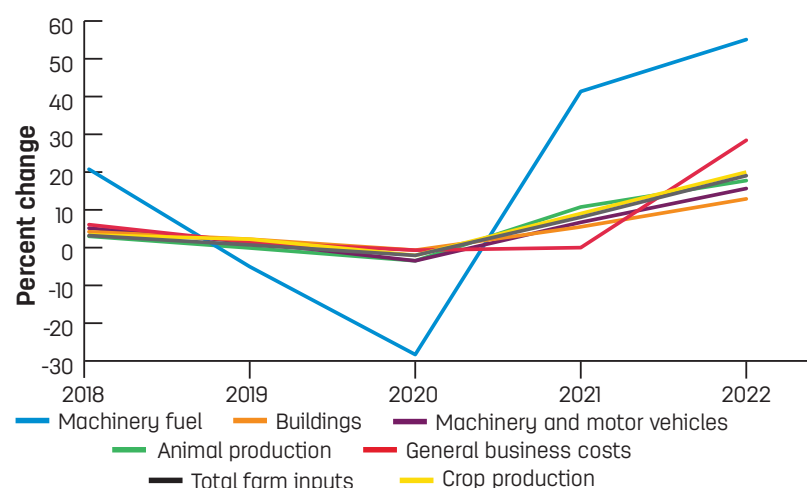
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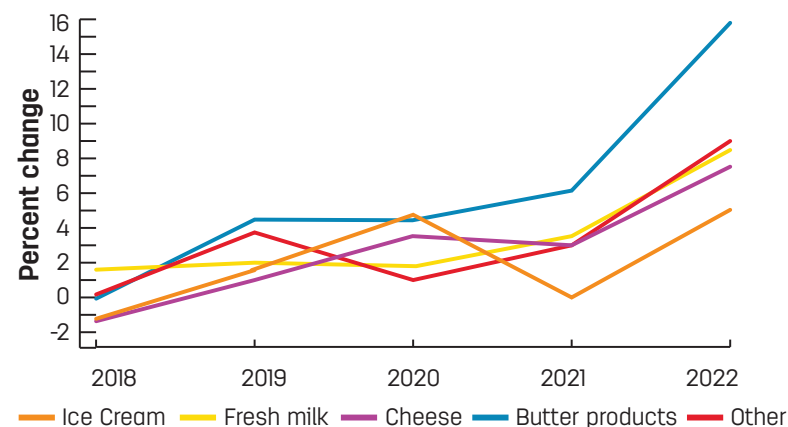
● Tiestall (3,909) 53%
 ● Freestall (2,399) 33%
 ● Tiestall with robots (70) 1%
 ● Freestall with robots (971) 13%



Percent change in Canadian dairy farm input prices



Percent change in Canadian consumer prices



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