



- ▶ **2.7** the number of hours more per day that farm youth spend working, including farm, off-farm, and unpaid work, than youth in the general population.¹
- ▶ **57%** the proportion of all students enrolled in agricultural programs in 2008/2009 that were women.²
- ▶ **20%** the greater the likelihood that a farm operator with a university degree will work off-farm compared to a farmer without a degree.³
- ▶ **2.2%** the proportion of Canada's total population classified as the farm population.⁴
- ▶ **229,000** the total number of farms in Canada (2006).⁵
- ▶ **113,950** the total number of family farms (2009).⁶
- ▶ **327,000** the total number of farm operators in Canada (2006).⁷
- ▶ **5.4%** the overall increase in the number of organic farm producers in Canada between 2006-2008.⁸
- ▶ **27.7%** the proportion of farm operators in Canada that are female.⁹
- ▶ **52.0** the average age of Canada's farm operators.¹⁰
- ▶ **4.3 & 3.1** the average size of a census farm family in 1971 and 2006, respectively.¹¹

¹ Diane J. F. Martz and Ingrid S. Brueckner (2003). The Canadian Farm Family At Work: Exploring Gender And Generation. Centre For Rural Studies and Enrichment, St. Peter's College, Muenster, Saskatchewan