



Saskatchewan Farm Facts

- According to census figures for 1921, 1931 and 1941, Saskatchewan was Canada's third largest province by population.
- In 1918 there were only 12,382 immigrants to Saskatchewan compared with a peak of some 46,000 in 1912. Saskatchewan's total population reached about 675,000 in 1918, a huge increase over the 1901 census report of 91,279.
Source: Canada Year Book, 1919
- The number of tractors on Saskatchewan farms increased from 17,523 in 1921 to 43,308 in 1931.
Source: WDM Winning the Prairie Gamble research
- The number of cars in Saskatchewan almost doubled between 1921 and 1931, from 34,085 to 65,094.
Source: WDM Winning the Prairie Gamble research
- Saskatchewan Wheat Pool built its first elevator at Bulyea, Saskatchewan; it opened in 1925.
- The number of grain elevators in Saskatchewan peaked at 3240 in 1932-33.
- The number of farms in Saskatchewan peaked in 1936 at just over 142,000.
- 1937 was the worst year of the Depression; the average yield per acre in Saskatchewan was 2.7 bushels per acre.

Number of Horses on Saskatchewan Farms

1921	1,169,278	
1930	1,071,80	
1941	838,000	
1951	303,853	
1961	109,000	

Source: Canada Year Books, 1921; 1930; 1942; 1952-53; 1962



Average Farm Price of Wheat in Saskatchewan

1920	\$56.95 per tonne	
1930	\$17.27 per tonne	
1940	\$21.31 per tonne	
1950	\$54.75 per tonne	
1960	\$58.05 per tonne	
1970	\$53.28 per tonne	
1980	\$209.81 per tonne	

Source: Fairbairn, Garry: *From Prairie Roots: The Remarkable Story of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool*

Machines on Saskatchewan Farms, 1926 – 1951

Machine	1926	1951
Binder	129,177 (1931)	70,584
Threshing Machine	27,046 (1931)	19,221
Combine	6,000	43,000
Tractor	26,700	106,700
Truck	3,300	50,000
Car	52,000	63,000

Source: Ralph Hedlin, "Machines Have Changed Saskatchewan" in *The Country Guide*, May 1955, pp. 10, 86

Number of Farms in Saskatchewan

1991	60,840	
1996	56,995	
2006	44,329	

Source: interactive.usask.ca; 2006 census



Ten Years Progress	1905	1915
Population	195,000	700,000
Cities	3	7
Towns	16	72
Villages	63	297
Schools	896	3,639
Post Offices	212	1,632
Banks	53	408
Miles of Telegraph and Telephone Line	1,700	18,000
Acres Planted to Crop	1,638,281	10,543,796
Bushels Harvested	42,612,136	262,800,000
Grain Elevators	298	1,500
Miles of Railway Track	1,176	6,000

Source: Department of Public Works of Saskatchewan, May 1, 1916 found on map WDM-1973-NB-13577 in the Western Development Museum artifact collection.

Twenty Years Progress	1905	1925
Population	195,000	828,000
Cities	3	7
Towns	16	80
Villages	63	368
Rural Municipalities	2	301
School Districts	896	4679
Hospitals	6	119
Banks	53	435
Post Offices	212	1423
Railway Mileage	1176	7321
Motor Licences	0	79,383
Acreage Under Cultivation	1,638,281	27,195,453
Grain Elevators	298	2552

Source: Map WDM-1973-S-22954 in the Western Development Museum artifact collection



50 Years Progress	1905	1925	1955
Population	195,000	828,000	880,665
Cities	3	7	8
Towns	16	80	98
Villages	63	368	373
Rural Municipalities	2	301	310
School Districts	896	4679	5221
Hospital	6	119	163
Banks	53	435	256
Post Offices	212	1423	1250
Railway Mileage	1176	7321	8883
Motor Licences	0	79,383	267,373
Acreage Under Cultivation	1,638,281	27,195,453	23,705,573
Grain Elevators	298	2552	2957
Elevator Capacity (bu.)	8,934,000	90,000,000	190,110,000

Source: map WDM-1973-S-22954 in the Western Development Museum artifact collection

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