

Farm Operating Expenses (Annual)
Commercial Seed
(thousands of dollars)

Year	Nfld	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
2005	1,713	9,986	10,156	13,329	174,688	392,539	120,706	182,288	149,179	75,918	1,130,501
2006	1,919	11,484	10,663	14,661	179,929	396,465	124,931	184,110	156,638	75,158	1,155,959
2007	1,900	10,910	10,130	13,928	188,925	432,146	143,671	219,091	172,302	81,397	1,274,400
2008	1,748	13,528	10,839	13,789	204,039	455,914	169,532	256,337	209,346	87,095	1,422,167
2009	1,818	15,557	10,514	14,754	214,241	478,710	185,638	281,971	230,281	82,740	1,516,223
2010	1,740	14,624	11,145	15,197	227,095	507,433	190,278	284,790	239,492	84,809	1,576,603

The commercial seed estimate measures the commercial seed expenses incurred in the production of agricultural commodities. Commercial seed expenses include the value of seed and seedlings purchased by farmers through commercial channels, such as elevators, seed houses and seed dealers. The estimates exclude expenses for seed purchased from other farmers within the same province as this is an inter-farm transfer in the provincial accounting system. The value of home-grown seed and the value of seed bought for resale are excluded. Seed cleaning and treatment costs are included if they are part of the purchase cost.