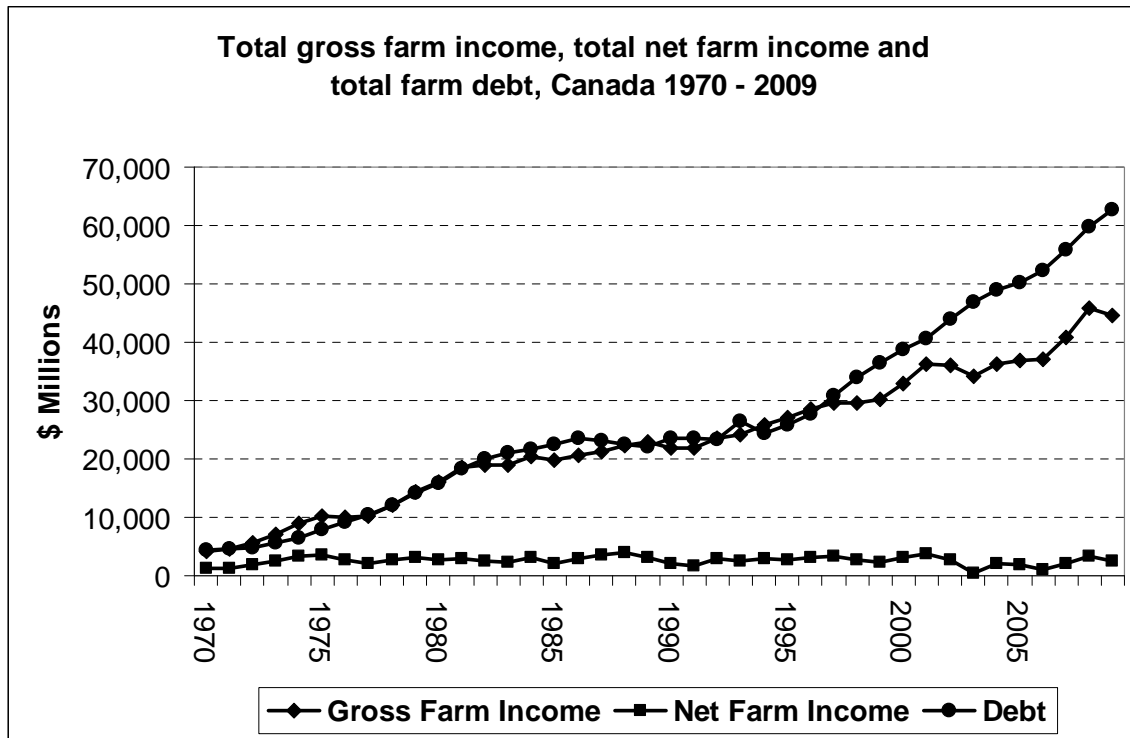


The State of CANADIAN AGRICULTURE by the NUMBERS



Source: Statistics Canada

Realized net farm income - what farmers take home after paying the cost of production

Gross farm income - how much farmers' production is worth in the marketplace when it leaves the farm

Gross debt - the total amount of debt that farmers have taken on, including investment in land and equipment as well as operating loans

Since 1970 realized net farm income in Canada has remained virtually unchanged, while the value of farm products has steadily increased. The cost of production has risen dramatically, and thus farmers have taken on more and more debt in order to stay in business. Nearly all of the gain in value of farm products has been paid out to input suppliers, leaving little for the farmers families to live on. The current agriculture policies are not working for farmers.

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