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Saskatchewan's forests

The forest is Canada's most valuable renewable natural resource, and the benefits provided by the forests to the people of Saskatchewan are numerous.

Some benefits are intangible and difficult to assess, such as protecting agricultural crops, providing food and shelter for wildlife, regulating water flow, and creating a pleasing environment for hikers, campers, and nature lovers.

Other benefits are tangible and can be measured in terms of the various goods and services that make up the forest industry in Saskatchewan.

The tables and facts presented on the following pages attempt to provide a comprehensive, although brief, picture of this significant industry, which is the second largest manufacturing group in Saskatchewan. Information presented here is based on data collected in 1979-80.

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Tree planting crew in the Nisbet Forest Reserve, Saskatchewan, 1919

Area classification

	Saskatch	newan	Cana	da
	'000 km	2 %	'000 km²	%
Land classification				
Forest ^a —Inventorie	ed 123	-	3 424	
— Noninven	toried 55		940	warmen or .
—Total	178	27	4 364	44
Agriculture	264	40	672	7
Urban and cleared	4	1	34	— b
Unclassified ^c	124	19	4 097	41
Total land	570	87	9 167	92
Total water	82	13	755	8
Total area	652	100	9 922	100

^a Includes inventoried and best estimates of noninventoried forest land, with forest defined as land primarily intended for growing or currently supporting forest.

b Less than 1%.

Primarily wild land that includes tundra, barrens, and alpines and is generally uninfluenced by human activity.

Sources: Canadian Forestry Service and Statistics Canada.

• Approximately 25% of Canada's productive forest land is found in the prairies; Saskatchewan has 6.5%.

Conversion factors

Metric		Imperial
1 centimetre (cm)	=	0.3937 inch (in.)
1 metre (m)	==	3.2808 feet (ft)
1 cubic metre (m³) roundwood	=	35.3147 cubic feet (ft³)
1 m³ roundwood	=	0.4155 cords (solid wood)
0.0283 m³ roundwood		1 ft ³
2.4067 m³ roundwood	-	1 cord (solid wood)
1 tonne (t)	=	1.1023 tons (T)
1 t (chips)	=	0.9167 bone dry units
		(BDU)
1 m ³ processed lumber	==	616 board feet (foot board
		measure, fbm)
0.0016 m³ processed lumber		1 board foot (fbm)
1 m² sheet product (1 mm basis)	=	6.8 ft² (1/16 in. basis)
0.1470 m² sheet product		
(1 mm basis)		1 ft² (1/16 in. basis)
1 square kilometre (km²)		0.3861 square miles (mi²)
1 kilogram (kg)	=	2.2046 pounds (lb)
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For definitions and uses of forest products listed in this report, refer to *Canadian woods, their properties and uses*, E.J. Mullins and T.S. McKnight (Eds.).

Forest land ownership

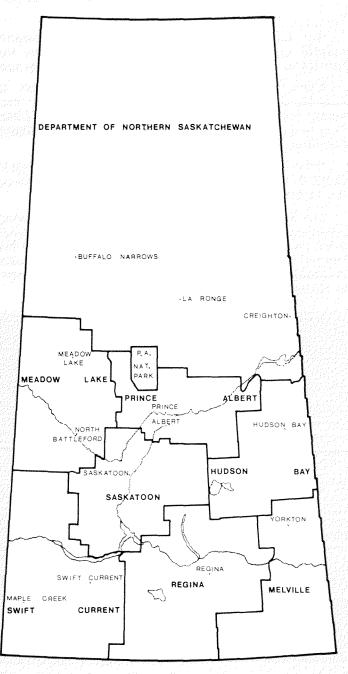
	Saskatchewan '000 km² %		Canac '000 km²	la %
Provincial crown	173	97	3 243	74
Federal crown	5	3	919	21
Private ^a		0	199	5
Undetermined	0	0	3	c
Total	178	100	4 364	100
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^a Land that is not the property of the crown.

b Information not available.

c Less than 1%.

Source: Canadian Forestry Service.



Saskatchewan forest regions

Volume of forest growing stock^a

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Region ^b	White spruce	Black spruce	Jack pine	Lodgepole pine		Larch	Volume ^e '0 0 0 m³	%	Trembling aspen		White birch	Other ^d	Volume ^e '000 m ³	%
Department of Northern														
Saskatchewan	57.€	84.2	86.2	********	56.5	58.9	255 537	78.4	48.1	40.1	62.9	40.2	99 111	48.0
Meadow Lake	10.2	2.8	6.0		12.2	8.2	18 926	5.8	18.5	15.6	11.9	*****	36 038	17.4
Prince Albert	8.0	3.6	6.0	- Annual	8.4	8.2	18 253	5.6	7.8	7.9	5.5	5.4	15689	7.6
Hudson Bay	24.2	9.4	1.7		22.1	24.6	32 302	9.9	23.5	34.7	18.4	54.4	51 782	25.1
Melville	0.5		0.1		0.8	0.1	511	0.2	2.0	1.6	1.2	*****	3 807	1.8
Swift Current	0.1	-		100.0	,	Photogram	283	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	*******	156	0.1
Total volume—'000 m³	68 740	120 967	126 760	185	5 147	4 013	325 812	100.0	157 925	31 434	15 760	1 464	206 583	100.0
% of total by species	21.1	37.1	38.9	0.1	1.6	1.2	-0.000	William.	76.5	15.2	7.6	0.7	Norman .	Application .
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1979-80 harvest—'000 m ³		-	Where			-	3 138	*********				_	369	_
% AAC harvested	1000000			nagem		- Mariena	Management	70.8						10.6

- ^a Data for the Commercial Forest Zone only; excludes the Reconnaisance Inventory Zone of Northern Saskatchewan.
- b The Regina and Saskatoon regions do not contain significant commercial forest volumes.
- ^c Coniferous 61% and deciduous 39% of total roundwood volume.
- d Green ash, Manitoba maple, and white elm.
- ^e Gross merchantable volume for trees 10 + cm in diameter at breast height (taken at 1.37 m), assuming a 30.5-cm stump and a 7.6-cm top diameter inside bark.

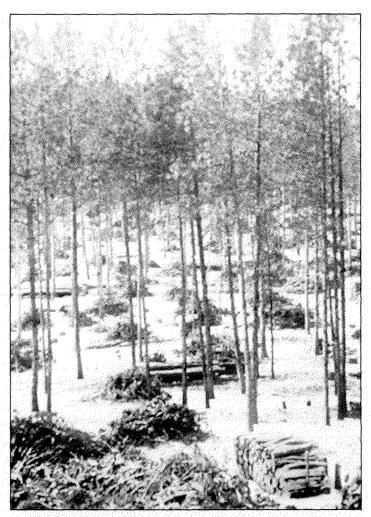
Source: Saskatchewan Tourism and Renewable Resources.

Annual allowable cut

The annual allowable cut from Saskatchewan's forests is equal to the annual growth, assuming that cutovers fully regenerate immediately after harvesting. The intent is to utilize this annual increment and still maintain the current level of growing stock. This is similar to spending the interest earned from a bank deposit without reducing the principal.

As the level of intensive forest management (e.g., stand tending practices such as thinning and fertilizing) increases in Saskatchewan, there will be an increase in the growing stock and a corresponding increase in the annual allowable cut. On the other hand, significant forest losses due to fire, insects and diseases, and allocation of forest lands for other uses such as agriculture and recreation will reduce the annual allowable cut.

- Saskatchewan's reforestation program in 1979-80 included the planting of 11.8 million seedlings and scarification of 2940 ha. Reforestation is a growing activity that provides employment for local and northern people.
- Saskatchewan lost a total of 331 000 ha of forest land to wildfires in 1980. Some of this loss was in merchantable timber that, where economically possible, was salvaged — 210 990 m³ of processed lumber in 1980.



Thinning jack pine (about 1920)

Forest products_

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				нес	gion				Total
Product	Dep. North. Sask.	Meadow Lake	Prince Albert	Hudson Bay	Melville	Swift Current	Regina	Saskatoon	produc- tion ^a
Dimension lumber ^b —m³	20 724	68 484	91 888	144 741	1 548	834	0	Ö	328 219
Boards ^b -m ³	9 199	10 399	4 230	17 418	187	282	0	0	41 715
Timbers ^b —m³	2 186	1 934	466	329	0	23	0	0	4 938
Ties ^b —m³	0	336	872	0	0	0	0	0	1 208
Treated lumberb—m³	0	135	2 287	0	0	0	0	0	2 422
Pallets and containers ^b —m ³	0	0	308	0	2 597	97	2 272	1 298	6 572
Lath ^b —m³	16	136	128	0	0	0	0	0	280
Shakes and shinglesb—m3	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Rails [©] —m³	6 032	1 473	425	850	0	170	0	0	8 950
House logs ^c −m³	1 182	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	1 205
Posts (untreated) ^c —m³	17 728	0	0	113	0	0	0	0	17 841
Poles (untreated) ^c —m³	0	2 605	510	0	0	0	0	0	3 1 15
Peeler logs ^c —m³	0	0	0	146 827	0	0	0	0	146 827
Treated posts ^c —m³	0	23 449	67 572	0	0	0	0	0	91 021
Treated poles ^c —m³	0	57	26 054	0	0	0	0	0	26 11 1
Plywood cores ^c m ³	0	0	0	13 080	0	0	0	0	13 080
Firewood ^c —m³	15 251	6 742	15 556	11 041	563	563	563	563	50 842
Pulpwood ^c — m³	1 339 014	170 837	86 888	320 485	0	0	0	0	1 917 224
Pływood (1 mm basis) ^d —'000 000 m²	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	62
Waferboard (1 mm basis) ^d —'000 000 m²	0	0	0	129	0	0	0	0	129
Pulp (bleached sulfate)—t	0	0	275 793	0	0	0	0	0	275 793
Chips—t	0	25 321	20 836	70 906	0	0	0	0	117 063

^a Total wood volume harvested in 1979-80 was 3 507 000 m³.

Source: The Northern Forest Research Centre.

- In 1979-80, 3.5 million m³ of wood were harvested in Saskatchewan, which was the seventh largest harvest in the nation.
- The sawmill industry produced approximately 370 000 m³ of lumber, enough to build 24 400 homes.
- Of the \$355 million value of shipments of forest products produced in Saskatchewan in 1979-80, 42% was exported to the USA, 37% was consumed in Saskatchewan, 6% went to neighboring provinces of Alberta and Manitoba, 6% went to the rest of Canada, and 9% went to others, overseas, and elsewhere.

^b Processed lumber; volume based on the actual size of the sawn product (i.e., 3.8×8.6 cm or $1.1/2 \times 1.3/8$ in.) and not on the nominal size (i.e., 5.1×10.2 cm or 2×4 in.).

^c Roundwood.

d Sheet product.



Loading tree-length logs on truck

Destination of forest products

	Destination						
Product	Sask.	Alta.	Man. %	Rest of Canada %	United States %	Other Foreign •⁄⁄	Total produc- tion ^a
Dimension lumberb—m³	22	6	7	12	53	0	328 219
Boards ^b —m ³	59	3	7	2	29	0	41 715
Timbers ⁵ —m ³	81	4	15	0	•••• C	0	4 938
Tiesb—m³	14	61	0	25	0	0	1 208
Treated lumberb—m³	35	32	33	0	0	0	2 422
Pallets and containersb—m³	100	0	0	0	0	0	6 572
Lathb—m³	89	5	6	0	0	0	280
Shakes and shinglesb—m3	100	0	0	0	0	0	21
Railsd-m ³	74	21	5	0	0	0	8 950
House logsd—m³	100	0	0	0	0	0	1 205
Posts (untreated)d—m3	100	0	0	0	0	0	17 841
Poles (untreated)d—m³	37	50	13	0	0	0	3 115
Peeler logsd—m³	100	0	0	0	0	0	146 827
Treated postsd—m³	59	32	9	C	0	0	91 021
Treated polesd—m³	34	33	33	0	0	0	26 111
Plywood coresd—m3	100	0	0	0	0	0	13 080
Firewood ^d —m ³	100	0	0	0	0	0	50 842
Pulpwood ^d —m ³	100	0	0	0	0	0	1 917 224
Plywood (1 mm basis) ^e							
— '000 000 m²	34	2	8	40	0	16	62
Waferboard (1 mm basis)e		_				_	
— '000 000 m²	16	16	16	12	37	3	129
Pulp (bleached sulfate)—t	0	0	0	5	75	20	275 793
Chips—t	81	0	19	0	0	0	117 063

^a Total wood volume harvested in 1979-80 was 3 507 000 m³.

Source: The Northern Forest Research Centre.

Processed lumber; volume based on the actual size of the sawn product (i.e., 3.8 × 8.6 cm or 1 1/2 × 1 3/8 in.) and not on the nominal size (i.e., 5.1 × 10.2 cm or 2 × 4 in.).

Less than 1%.

d Roundwood.

e Sheet product.

Direct and indirect employment

Industry	Number of firms	Direct employ- ment Person- years	Indirect employ- ment Person- years	Total employ- ment Person- years	Industry multiplier ^a
Sawmills					
Greater than 8115 m³ (> 5 MM fbm) 1623 – 8115 m³ (1 MM to	6	1 195	1 374	2 569	2.15
5 MM fbm)	5	130	150	280	2.15
162 – 1623 m³ (100 M to 1 MM fbm) Less than 162 m³	60	149	171	320	2.15
(< 100 M fbm)	200	77	89	166	2.15
Independent planing mills	11	28	32	60	2.15
Plywood	1	205	248	453	2.21
Wood treating	19	322	306	628	1.95
Miscellaneous wood-using industries (building logs, pallets, laths)	12	143	179	322	2.25
Pulp and paper and waferboard	2	1 381	1 768	3 149	2.28
Total	316	3 630	4 317	7 947	
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The multipliers in this table are estimates supported by statistics of the Northern Forest Research Centre forest industry surveys and pertinent literature.

Source: The Northern Forest Research Centre.

Industry multiplier

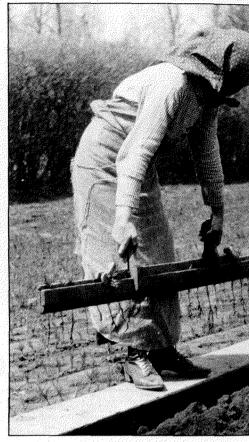
An industry multiplier is a value that multiplied by the direct employment of a given industry indicates the total direct and indirect employment generated by that industry. Indirect employment results from economic activity associated with the manufacturing.

In the forest industry, direct employment includes all persons directly employed in the processing plants. Indirect employment includes all persons employed as an indirect result of forest industry activity, for example, sales personnel in local retail outlets, those employed in supplying the forestry complex with intermediate goods, and civil servants required to maintain community services.

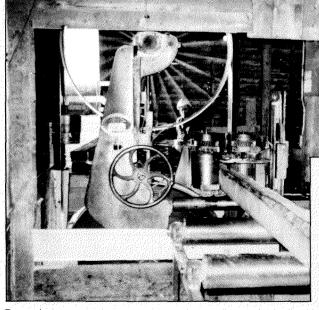
Direct × Industry employment × multiplier

= Total employment resulting from manufacturing

= Direct + indirect employment



Yale planting board being used at Indian Head.



Resawing aspen

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One job in 50 in Saskatchewan is directly or indirectly related to the forest industry.



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Salaries and wages

Rank by industry ^a	Salaries and wages for total activity \$000 000 %			
Saskatchewan				
 Food and beverage 	89	26.4		
 Forest industry^b: forestry (logging), wood industries, and paper and allied industries 	71	21.1		
3. Machinery	35	10.4		
 Printing, publishing, and allied industries 	31	9.2		
5. Metal fabricating	26	7.7		
6. Nonmetallic mineral products	20	5.9		
7. Transportation equipment	11	3.2		
8. Electrical products	9	2.7		
9. Clothing	5	1.5		
10. Chemical and chemical				
products	4	1.2		
Other	36	10.7		
Total	337	100.0		
Canada 1. Forest industryb: forestry (logging), wood industries, and paper and allied industries	5 692	18.2		
2. Food and beverage	3 545	11.3		
3. Transportation equipment	3 489	11.2		
4. Metal fabricating	2 636	8.4		
5. Primary metal products	2 432	7.8		
6. Electrical products	1 925	6.2		
7. Machinery	1 701	5.4		
Printing, publishing, and allied industries	1 613	5.2		
Chemical and chemical products	1 606	5.1		
10. Clothing	1 085	3.5		
Other	5 526	17.7		
Total	31 250	100.0		

a For Saskatchewan, rank relates only to industry groups for which data can be published.

b Includes values from the Northern Forest Research Centre.

Sources: Statistics Canada and the Northern Forest Research Centre.

Value of shipments in the manufacturing sector.

	Value of sh of goods of manufac	of own
Rank by industry ^a	\$000 000	%
Saskatchewan		
Food and beverage	712	36.8
 Forest industry^b: forestry (logging), wood industries, and paper and allied industries 	355	18.3
3. Machinery	131	6.8
 Nonmetallic mineral products 	111	5.7
Printing, publishing, and allied industries	81	4.2
6. Metal fabricating	80	4.1
7. Electrical products	35	1.8
8. Transportation equipment	32	1.7
Chemical and chemical products	27	1.4
10. Clothing	19	1.0
Other	353	18.2
Total	1 936	100.0
Canada		
 Forest industry^b: forestry (logging), wood industries, and paper and allied industries 	26 142	16.6
Food and beverage	25 373	16.1
3. Transportation equipment	19 667	12.5
4. Petroleum and coal		
products	12 371	7.9
5. Primary metal products	11 856	7.5
6. Metal fabricating	10 397	6.6
Chemical and chemical products	9 53 1	6.1
8. Electrical products	6 661	4.2
9. Machinery	6 528	4.2
Printing, publishing, and allied industries	4 721	3.0
Other	23 933	15.2
Total	157 180	100.0

a For Saskatchewan, rank relates only to industry groups for which data can be published.

Sources: Statistics Canada and the Northern Forest Research Centre.

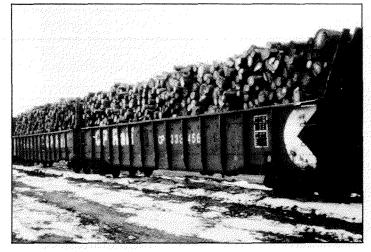


Lath and treated posts ready for market

Value of shipments

Value of shipments refers to the total value of sales excluding discounts, returns, allowances, sales tax, excise duties, and the cost of transporting the product to market. The value is essentially the total revenue of the goods (shipped from the mill) of a firm or of an industry.

- During 1979-80 the forest industry in Saskatchewan
 —made up 18.3% of the value of shipments of goods of own production in the manufacturing industry, second only to the food and beverage industry
 - —provided 3.3% of the total value added in the goods producing sector
 - paid salaries and wages amounting to \$71 million, making it the second largest manufacturing industry.
- In 1979-80 the forest industry in Canada contributed
 —\$26.1 billion in value of shipments of goods of own
 production
 - -\$11.8 billion in total value added
 - —\$11.5 billion net contribution to Canada's balance of payments.



Pulp logs arriving at mill

b Includes values from the Northern Forest Research Centre.

Value added—provincial

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	Saskatc \$000 00		Cana \$000 000			
Gross domestic product by sector						
All goods producing (Forest industry	5 289 172	48.0 1.6	123 171 11 849	45.7 4.4)		
Service producing	5 740	52.0	146 150	54.3		
Total	11 029	100.0	269 321	100.0		
Goods producing industries ^a						
Agriculture	1 758	33.2	7 957	6.5		
Mining ^b	1 566	29.6	19820	16.1		
Construction	1 074	20.3	21 988	17.8		
Manufacturing ^c	552	10.4	54 577	44.3		
Forest industryd: forestry (logging), wood industries, and paper and						
allied industries	172	3.3	11849	9.6		
Electric power	154	2.9	6 012	4.9		
Hunting and trapping	10	0.2	80	0.1		
Fisheries	3	0.1	888	0.7		
Total	5 289	100.0	123 171	100.0		

a Value added for forest industry, mining, and manufacturing is for total activity, not just value of goods of own manufacture

Sources: Statistics Canada and the Northern Forest Research Centre.



Forest access using a rail speeder (about 1920)

Value added

In the process of creating manufactured goods, a number of intermediate goods and services are purchased by firms and are used during production.

A few examples of intermediate goods and services in the forest industry include fuel and electricity, wood-preserving chemicals, veneer adhesives, pulp treating chemicals, contractor fees, and lawyer and accountant fees. Without the use of these purchased intermediate goods and services, the forest product firm could not produce the form of output demanded by consumers.

Value added is defined as the difference between total revenue and the cost of all purchased materials, supplies, and services. Value added therefore includes payments to labor, depreciation, profits, and taxes. The relationships can be shown as follows:

Value added = Wages and salaries + Depreciation + Profits + Taxes

= Total revenue - Cost of purchased intermediate goods and services

Value added—national

	All goods producing \$000 000	Forest industry \$000 000	Forest industry as % of goods
Newfoundland	2 006ª	Χp	X
Prince Edward Island	278	Χ	X
Nova Scotia	2 285	246	10.8
New Brunswick	2 178	460	21.1
Quebec	25 807	3 087	12.0
Ontario	44 918	2 570	5.7
Manitoba ^c	3 834	189	4.9
Saskatchewan ^c	5 289	172	3.3
Alberta	22 238	381	1.7
British Columbia	13 724	4 558	33.2
Yukon and			
Northwest Territories	614	Χ	X
Canada	123 171	11 849	9.6

Due to confidentiality, forestry (logging) data for Prince Edward Island are included with those for Newfoundland.
 Confidential.

Sources: Statistics Canada and the Northern Forest Research Centre.

b Includes metals, petroleum, and coal before refining into products.

Wood industries and paper and allied industries are excluded from the manufacturing total and are included as part of the forest industry total.

Includes values from the Northern Forest Research Centre.

⁶ Includes values from the Northern Forest Research Centre.

Corporate and personal income taxes from the forest industry

	Estimated taxes paid [©]		
Tax	Saskatchewan \$000 000	Canada \$000 000	
Corporate income Provincial Federal	1.3 2.4	262 484	
Personal income Provincial Federal	6.5 12.5	332 674	
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- Forest industry includes forestry (logging), wood industries, and paper and allied industries.
- b Includes values from the Northern Forest Research Centre

Source: Statistics Canada

- In 1980-81, the provincial governments and private industry spent approximately \$16 million and \$12.7 million, respectively, on forest research and development.
- In 1980-81 the Canadian Forestry Service spent \$51.7 million on forest research across Canada.
- In 1980-81 the Northern Forest Research Centre spent \$4 million fulfilling its forestry research, development, and technology transfer roles in the three prairie provinces and the Northwest Territories.



Timber forwarder

Saskatchewan Forestry Branch revenues and expenditures_____

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Revenues		
	\$000	
Royalties and fees Pulpwood—license areas —nonlicense areas Sawtimber—license areas —nonlicense areas Other wood products—license areas —nonlicense areas —nonlicense areas Regeneration fees Licenses and permits Penalties and interest Fire protection levy Miscellaneous—sales and services, ground renta	420 41 1 658 378 131 1 106 44 107 12 34	
Total forestry revenues	3 972	
Expenditures	\$000	
Forest inventory Silviculture Forest management Salaries and wages Administration Fire protection	1 097 2 494 238 2 750 152 2 535	
Total forestry expenditures		į
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Source: Saskatchewan Tourism and Renewable Resources.

Other uses of forest land

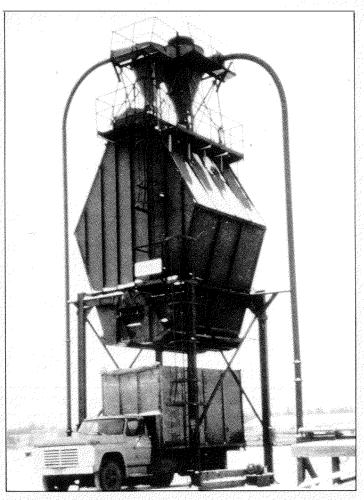
Fish Angling licenses—'000 Estimated revenue—\$000 Commercial fish catch—'000 kg Estimated market value—\$000	198 729 4 753 5 157
Game Hunting licenses—'000 Estimated revenue—\$000	165 2 038
Trapping Trapper licenses—'000 Estimated value of harvest—\$000	26 9 125
Outdoor recreation ^a Visitors—'000 Campers in parks—'000 Estimated permit revenue—\$000	3 758 439 894
Grazing Animal unit months ^b —'000 Estimated revenue—\$000	66 78
Hay cropping Tonnes (forest and parks) Estimated permit revenue—\$	3 694 4 030
Watershed benefits Net mean annual yield ^c in river discharges —'000 000 m ³	42 589

^a Provincial and national parks, 1979-80.

^b An animal unit month is the amount of forage provided for one animal unit for one month. One animal unit is defined as one mature cow with calf or their equivalent. Statistics include sheep and horses.

^c Difference between outflow and inflew river discharges, with the majority of water being produced in a forested area.

Sources: Saskatchewan Energy and Natural Resources and Parks Canada.



Hog fuel storage bin

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Loading logs on a sleigh "scooter," 1921

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