

**Table 2.1: Comparison of Farming Systems in Saskatchewan**

<b>Farming System</b>	<b>Classical Mixed Farm (CMF)</b>	<b>Modern Specialized Farm (MSF)</b>	<b>Modern Diversified Farm (MDF)</b>
<b>Era</b>	1880–1950	1950–1990	1990–
<b>Enterprise Mix</b>	Diversified Crop & Livestock Farm	Specialized Crop and/or Livestock Production	Multiple Specialties: May Include Specialty Crops & Exotic Livestock
<b>Primary Design Criteria</b>	Resource Driven: Full Use of Production Factors	Market Driven: Specialization & Expansion	Market Driven: Diversification & Expansion
<b>Product &amp; Process Specialization</b>	Diversified & Integrated Products & Processes	Product & Process Specialization	Specialty Products, Processes & Markets
<b>Flexibility</b>	Flexible Allocation of Production Resources & Intermediate Products	Limited Flexibility Due to Narrow Product Mix & Capital Constraints	Flexibility Constrained by Specialized Technology & Facilities
<b>Technology</b>	Low Input Low Tech	High Input High & Low Tech	High Input High Tech & More Tech
<b>Knowledge &amp; Technology Control</b>	Producer Designed Production Process	Reliance on Extension & Input Suppliers for Production Advice	Processors, Brokers, Business Groups Provide Technical Support & Specialization. Increased Vertical Integration
<b>Farm Size</b>	Small	Medium to Large	Variable but Generally Larger
<b>Tenure</b>	Owned by Family	Cash Rent, Crop Share & Bank Mortgage	Cash Rent, Mortgage, Joint Ventures

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<b>Sources of Capital</b>	Limited & Generated Through Family Network & Community Ties	Expanded Credit from Financial Agencies & Institutions	Expanded Capital: Project Specific Funding & Specialized Lenders
<b>Markets</b>	Allocation Among Self-Provisioning, Farm Use, Local Markets & General Commodity Markets	Regulated General Commodity Markets	Open Markets, Specialized Markets, Niche Markets. Vertical Integration
<b>Value</b>	Value Added for Farm & Household Use & Local Markets	Value Generated by Increased Scale in Context of Declining Margins	Value May be Added by Specialized Processing, Manufacturing, or Niche Marketing
<b>Farm Household Organization</b>	Large	Medium to Small	Small but Multihousehold Enterprise Now More Common
<b>Social Economy</b>	Family's Farm: Integration of Farm Household Members	Operator's Farm: Household Members as Paid or Unpaid Labor, or Absent	Partners' Farm: >1 Operator, Family as Paid Labour, or Absent
<b>Networks &amp; Community Dynamics</b>	Community & General Farm Organizations	Commodity Groups & Specialized Community Groups	Specialty Product Associations, Business & Specialized Community Groups