



EVALUATE **evidence** OF **change**



Think About

Canada's communities are often described as either **urban** or **rural**. How would you describe your own community? Why?

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How have urban and rural communities in Alberta changed?

Go to www.projectagriculture.ca/elementary to find the carousel slide with this guiding question in the **change WITH THE times** topic. Use the information in the carousel slide and the **The Face of Progress Learning Source** to help you complete these learning tasks.



Investigate and Create

The size of Canada's farms and Canada's total population are both increasing. However, there are still many small farms. Some people think these farms will eventually be **amalgamated**, or combined to make a larger farm. Other people think it is better for small farms to only make a specific type of product. They think that Canada's future will include both large and small farms.

What effect do you think farm amalgamation could have on the land? Why do you think this?

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An **urban** community is an area that is built up and settled by many people. Cities and towns are urban communities. A **rural** community is found on a more open area of land with less settlement and fewer buildings.

The proportion of people who live in rural communities has been decreasing since 1851, when 9 out of 10 Canadians lived in a rural area. What effect do you think larger and growing urban communities could have on farming and farmers?

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Find **three** examples of change from your research.

List them in the **Cause and Effect Chart**. For each change, describe why you think it has occurred. Then, describe what you think the possible result of this change may be in the future.

Change	What has caused this change	What has happened because of this change
<i>The number of farms is decreasing over time.</i>	<i>More people are living in urban areas and fewer people are farming.</i>	<i>Some farms are combined to make bigger farms. These bigger farms need more workers.</i>

Do you think these three changes are true for communities in Alberta?
Why do you think this?

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Self-Check

	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
I identify and examine values and beliefs that influence communities.			
I consider how cooperation in communities caused their establishment and growth.			
I use evidence to figure out how human activities affect the well-being of communities.			