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Year	Area (ha)
1990	11883.00
1991	10710.00
1992	9197.00
1993	10724.00
1994	9982.00
1995	9914.00
1996	7536.00
1997	8306.00
1998	8061.00
1999	7371.00
2000	7869.00
2001	7274.00
2002	6865.00
2003	7332.00
2004	9164.00
2005	9420.50

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Source

Notes

Estimated area afforested (in ha) between 1990 and 2005. These numbers are consistent with those reported in Canada's NATIONAL INVENTORY REPORT, 1990-2005: GREENHOUSE GAS SOURCES AND SINKS IN CANADA (http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/ghg/inventory_report/2005_report/s7_4_eng.cfm#s7_4_2). Up to very recently, afforestation records in Canada were not available. The Feasibility Assessment of Afforestation for Carbon Sequestration (FAACS) initiative collected and compiled afforestation records for 1990-2002 (White, T. and W.A. Kurz (2005), Afforestation on private land in Canada from 1990 to 2002 estimated from historical records, *The Forestry Chronicle*, 81(4): 491-497.); activities for 2003-2005 were estimated based on activity rates observed in the FAACS data, complemented with information from the Forest 2020 Plantation Demonstration Assessment recorded in the National Note that these estimates capture the deliberate conversion of non-forest land to forest by planting trees. They do not include the natural encroachment of forest into abandoned agricultural lands. The area of natural encroachment of forest on abandoned lands is not thought to be significant.