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THE NEW RURAL ECONOMY



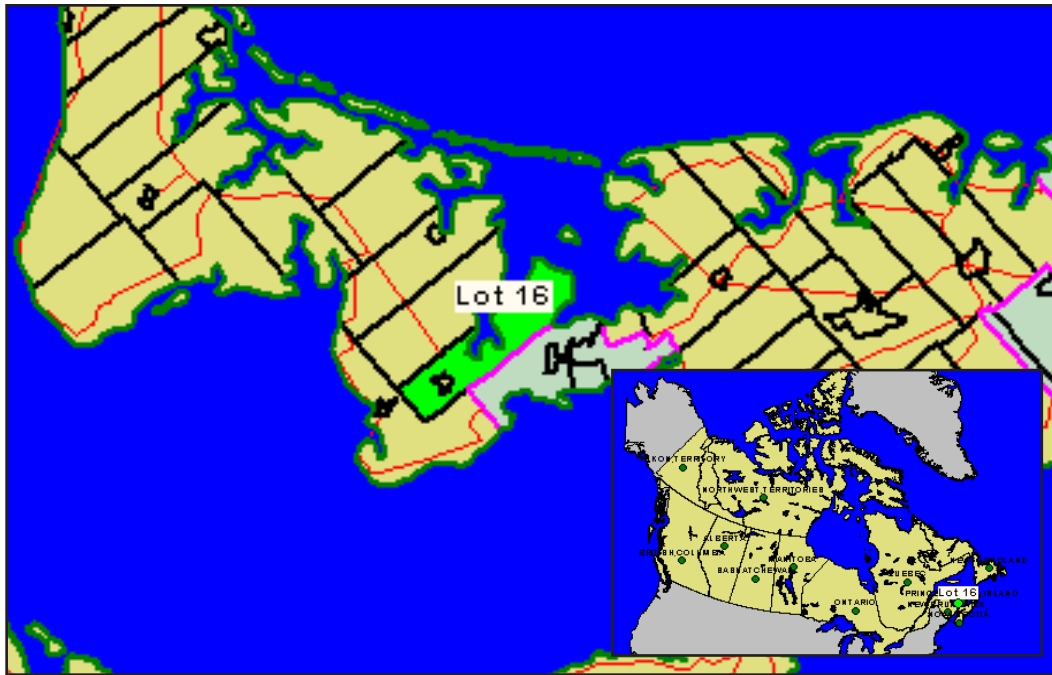
Site 3: Lot 16, Prince-Edward Island

Encompassing the communities of Belmont and Wellington, Lot 16 is an unincorporated area northwest of Summerside, PEI. With the number of year-round residents at about 650 people, Lot 16 has experienced a small population increase as people working at the relatively new GST service centre in nearby Summerside choose to live there and commute to work.

Lot 16 is one of the few remaining areas on PEI with an active dairy farming sector. However, more farmers are switching to potato farming. This, along with the fact that land is being

concentrated into the hands of fewer farmers has changed the character of the community.

School closures in Lot 16 have had an impact on the community as a whole. Institutions and services within the community have either dissolved or have been amalgamated with those in nearby larger communities, such as Miscouche and Summerside. However, this has not dampened community spirit or the level of social organization in Lot 16. Today, the 4-H calf club, which was formed in 1956, is still going and the local Hall Committee works to keep social life alive in Lot 16.



Map courtesy of Statistics Canada, Geography Division, 1998

<i>Characteristics in 1996</i>	<i>Lot 16</i>	<i>PEI</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Population	643	134 557	28 846 761
1991 to 1996 population change (%)	3.0	3.7	5.7
% of population ages 15 and over	76.5	78.3	79.5
Unemployment rate	7.2	13.8	10.1
Participation rate	70.1	68.3	65.5
% Primary industry	26.8	14.2	5.6
% Secondary industry	25.3	17.4	20
% Tertiary industry	49.3	68.4	74.4
Average number of persons in married or common-law families	3.3	3.3	3.1
Average number of persons in lone-parent families	0	2.6	2.6

Source: Statistics Canada

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