The Rural Development Institute is celebrating 25 years as an applied research centre at Brandon University in 2014. In recognition of this anniversary, the Institute has commissioned a series of eleven Factsheets by Dr. Ray Bollman of Statistics Canada (ret.) that are available no charge on the RDI website (http://www.brandonu.ca/rdi/25th/).

These factsheets tell the story of rural Manitoba against the backdrop of Canada by covering topics related to changes to rural demographics and the rural economy. Each factsheet is between 2-6 pages in length and focuses on key data including information context and statistical highlights.

The eleven factsheets are:

- Rural Population Size and Change
- Components of Population Change
- Patterns of Job Growth and Decline
- Working Age Population
- Aboriginal Population
- Immigrant Arrivals
- Agricultural Price Change
- GDP in Agriculture and Food Processing
- GDP by Sector in Non-Metro
- Non-Metro Employment Patterns
- Intentions to Build in Non-Metro

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