

Agriculture in Brief

Cowichan Valley Regional District



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan & North Cowichan.

Population (2011) ¹	#	80,332
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	347,455
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³	ha	19,050
Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴	#	3,403
Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴	#	43,565

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	13,656	13,996	11,559	10,837
Number of Farms	#	772	691	700	685
Average Farm Size ⁴	ha	17.7	20.3	16.5	15.8
Farmland Use					
Crops ⁶	ha	5,497	5,954	5,159	5,349
Summerfallow	ha	x	66	x	18
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,369	1,213	x	798
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	2,297	2,198	1,560	1,468
All Other Land ⁷	ha	x	4,566	3,723	3,204
Total		13,656	13,996	11,559	10,837
Crop Area					
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	4,422	5,113	4,340	4,103
Field Crops ⁸	ha	398	508	455	857
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	132	143	172	220
Vegetables	ha	368	55	63	88
Nursery Products	ha	28	69	44	51
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	27	13	16	21
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	7,747	11,306	12,382	x
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	11,122	18,738	x	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	5,009	4,940	na	x
Mushrooms	m ²	x	1,039	x	x
Christmas Trees	ha	221	157	106	125
Area Irrigated	ha	2,553	2,235	2,465	2,120
Total Farm Capital		\$378,763,753	\$381,504,975	\$581,768,996	\$743,033,117
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$40,502,173	\$38,656,691	\$47,554,455	\$48,069,900
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		\$7,461,400	\$6,749,831	\$9,448,409	\$8,931,172

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Animals on Farms	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	291	414,722	288	377,256	280	281,003	289	209,881
Turkeys	30	x	39	9,588	42	18,556	43	x
Total Other Poultry	108	1,814	82	1,924	69	5,756	80	2,994
Cattle & Calves	351	12,214	264	11,674	230	10,174	194	9,569
Dairy Cows	74	4,242	57	3,853	44	3,632	41	3,582
Beef Cows	210	1,705	162	1,468	138	1,146	112	946
Pigs	77	x	61	940	46	952	33	297
Sheep & Lambs	145	x	126	2,958	112	2,274	129	2,826
Horses & Ponies	186	718	148	704	183	876	155	714
Goats	52	938	47	832	46	1,021	51	712
Wild Boar	na	na	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x
Fox	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na
Bison	0	0	1	x	0	0	0	0
Deer	4	1,876	3	374	3	268	1	x
Llamas & Alpacas	7	71	22	314	36	697	35	431
Rabbits	43	x	9	296	13	61	17	155
Colonies of Bees for Honey	39	2,357	32	1,149	33	1,072	33	1,297

Credits

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, unless otherwise specified.

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End Notes

1 Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population.

2 Source: Statistics Canada, Geosuite, Land Area file: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/ref/dict/tables/table-tableau-7-eng.cfm>

3 Source: Agricultural Land Commission. Agricultural Land Reserve as of January 1, 2008 (for 2006) and April 1, 2012 (for 2011).

4 Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Adapted from Statistics Canada Censuses.

5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.

6 Crops includes: hay crops, field crops, total vegetables, total fruits and nuts, sod and nursery products.

7 Other farmland area includes: woodland, wetlands, Christmas tree land, land on which farm buildings, barnyards, lanes, home gardens, greenhouses and mushroom houses are located, and idle land.

8 Does not include those crop areas suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

Notes

x - indicates farms reporting but information suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act

na - indicates data is not available for a specific reference period



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