

# Agriculture in Brief

## Sunshine Coast Regional District



### Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Gibsons & Sechelt.

Population (2011) <sup>1</sup>	#	28,619
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	377,662
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) <sup>3</sup>	ha	3,981
Population Increase (2006-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	860
Population Increase (1971-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	19,299

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
<b>Total Farmland Area<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>621</b>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Average Farm Size<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Farmland Use</b>					
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	361	242	172	145
Summerfallow	ha	x	4	0	0
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	96	60	158	68
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	74	161	203	75
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	x	343	334	333
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,630</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>621</b>
<b>Crop Area</b>					
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	na	na	72	79
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	na	na	2	2
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	17	27	34	14
Vegetables	ha	14	27	12	16
Nursery Products	ha	22	14	34	16
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	x	x	x
Greenhouse Flower Production	m <sup>2</sup>	1,113	1,037	4,386	x
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m <sup>2</sup>	x	6,291	1,499	8,090
Other Greenhouse Production	m <sup>2</sup>	x	771	na	x
Mushrooms	m <sup>2</sup>	x	x	x	0
Christmas Trees	ha	28	28	x	x
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>		<b>\$46,496,806</b>	<b>\$39,517,347</b>	<b>\$64,879,892</b>	<b>\$77,901,963</b>
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>		<b>\$4,832,881</b>	<b>\$2,183,011</b>	<b>\$2,583,742</b>	<b>\$2,551,191</b>
<b>Total Wages and Salaries Paid</b>		<b>\$549,783</b>	<b>\$614,068</b>	<b>\$574,388</b>	<b>\$810,316</b>

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<b>Animals on Farms</b>	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	48	x	47	4,741	38	3,181	39	3,506
Turkeys	7	363	4	x	6	88	6	109
Total Other Poultry	20	274	15	235	13	x	9	149
Cattle & Calves	12	226	12	102	10	156	5	40
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	1	x	3	x	0	0	0	0
<i>Beef Cows</i>	6	x	5	x	7	47	3	11
Pigs	12	130	14	65	6	45	4	x
Sheep & Lambs	17	330	10	227	11	114	8	83
Horses & Ponies	12	63	12	57	16	102	20	109
Goats	6	23	6	13	7	27	6	21
Wild Boar	na	na	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na
Bison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llamas & Alpacas	2	x	7	22	5	15	7	35
Rabbits	12	137	3	38	1	x	0	0
Colonies of Bees for Honey	14	197	6	213	3	x	4	115

## 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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