Agriculture in Brief

Northern Rockies Regional District

2016



| Population (2016) ¹ | # | 5,393 |
|---|----|-----------|
| Jurisdictional Land Area ² | ha | 8,511,107 |
| Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³ | ha | 48,433 |
| Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴ | # | -185 |

| Census of Agriculture Data | | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 | Share of B.C. 2016 |
|----------------------------------|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Total Farmland Area ⁵ | ha | 7,418 | 8,068 | 9,454 | 0.4% |
| Number of Farms | # | 30 | 28 | 24 | 0.1% |
| Average Farm Size | ha | 247.3 | 288.1 | 393.9 | na |
| Total Farm Operators | # | 50 | 45 | 35 | 0.1% |
| Total Farm Capital | | \$16,482,461 | \$26,409,975 | \$38,452,667 | 0.1% |
| Total Gross Farm Receipts | | \$1,308,264 | \$555,958 | \$1,249,630 | 0.0% |
| Total Number of Employees | # | na | 8 | 9 | 0.0% |

| Farmland Use | ha | 7,418 | 8,068 | 9,454 | 0.4% |
|-----------------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Crops ⁶ | ha | 2,089 | 2,144 | 2,102 | 0.4% |
| Summerfallow | ha | Х | 106 | 21 | 0.4% |
| Tame or Seeded Pasture | ha | 1,337 | 787 | 1,486 | 0.7% |
| Natural Land for Pasture | ha | 1,261 | 1,288 | 1,868 | 0.1% |
| All Other Land ⁷ | ha | Х | 3,743 | 3,977 | 1.1% |

Crop Area

| Crop Area | | | | | |
|--|----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Hay Crops ⁸ | ha | 1,824 | 2,078 | 1,939 | 0.6% |
| Field Crops ⁸ | ha | х | x | 59 | 0.0% |
| Fruits, Berries & Nuts | ha | x | x | х | na |
| Vegetables | ha | 3 | x | x | na |
| Nursery Products | ha | х | x | x | na |
| Sod Grown for Sale | ha | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Greenhouse Flower Production | m² | x | x | х | na |
| Greenhouse Vegetable Production | m² | х | x | x | na |
| Other Greenhouse Production | m² | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Mushrooms | m² | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Christmas Trees | ha | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Area Irrigated | ha | х | x | 2 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale ⁹ | # | na | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting Certified Products | # | na | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting in Transition Products | # | na | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms With Written Succession Plans ⁹ | # | na | na | 0 | 0.0% |
| Family Members as Successors | # | na | na | 0 | 0.0% |
| Non-family Members as Sucessors | # | na | na | 0 | 0.0% |

| Census of Agriculture Data (continued) | 20 | 06 | Ĩ | 2011 | 2 | 2016 | Share of B. | C. 2016 |
|--|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|---------|
| Animals on Farms | Farms | Number | Farms | Number | Farms | Number | Farms | Number |
| Hens & Chickens | 1 | х | 4 | 129 | 2 | х | 0.0% | na |
| Turkeys | 0 | 0 | 2 | х | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Total Other Poultry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Cattle & Calves | 9 | 688 | 8 | 714 | 7 | 2,024 | 0.1% | 0.3% |
| Dairy Cows | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Beef Cows | 8 | 264 | 6 | X | 6 | 834 | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| Pigs | 1 | х | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Sheep & Lambs | 2 | х | 2 | х | 1 | х | 0.1% | na |
| Horses & Ponies | 16 | 151 | 12 | 299 | 13 | 198 | 0.3% | 0.6% |
| Goats | 3 | Х | 2 | х | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Mink | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Bison | 1 | х | 2 | х | 1 | х | 1.8% | na |
| Deer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Llamas & Alpacas | 2 | х | 2 | х | 1 | х | 0.2% | na |
| Rabbits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Colonies of Bees for Honey | 0 | 0 | 1 | х | 1 | х | 0.1% | na |

| | | Farms | Share of B.C. 2016 | |
|--|---|-------|--------------------|--|
| Farms Selling Direct to Consumers ⁹ | # | 6 | 0.1% | |
| Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products | # | 6 | 0.1% | |
| Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products | # | 2 | 0.3% | |
| Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick | # | 4 | 0.1% | |
| Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets | # | 3 | 0.2% | |
| Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture | # | 0 | 0.0% | |
| Farms Reporting Using Other Methods | # | 0 | 0.0% | |

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms

| Computers/Laptops for Farm Management | # | 15 | 0.2% |
|--|---|----|------|
| Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management | # | 10 | 0.2% |
| Automated Steering (Auto-steer) | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| GPS Technology | # | 1 | 0.1% |
| GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping) | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Greenhouse Automation | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Robotic Milking | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Automated Animal Feeding | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Other Technology | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale ⁹ | # | 1 | 0.1% |
| Farms Reporting Solar Panels | # | 1 | 0.2% |
| Farms Reporting Wind Turbines | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane) | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator | # | 0 | 0.0% |
| Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems | # | 0 | 0.0% |
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Source: Statistics Canada and Adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 2006, 2011, 2016, unless otherwise specified. Prepared by Ministry of Agriculture, Corporate Statistics and Research Unit. Summer 2017

End Notes

1 Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population.

- 2 Source: Statistics Canada, Geosuite: http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/geo/index-eng.cfm
- 3 Source: Adapted from Agricultural Land Commission. Agricultural Land Reserve as of January 1, 2008 (for 2006) & April 1, 2012 (for 2011) & April 2017 (for 2016).

4 Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population.

- 5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.
- 6 Crops include hay crops, field crops, field vegetables, 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.

9 The "number of farms reporting" may not equal the sum of the parts because farms reporting more than one category (or activity) are only counted once.

Notes

Totals may not add up due to rounding

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

na - indicates data is not available or applicable

