# Agriculture in Brief

### Northern Rockies Regional District

## 2016



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

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	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 <sup>6</sup>	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 <sup>7</sup>	ha	Х	3,743	3,977	1.1%

#### Crop Area

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Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	1,824	2,078	1,939	0.6%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	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 <sup>9</sup>	#	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 <sup>9</sup>	#	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 <sup>9</sup>	#	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 <sup>9</sup>	#	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%

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

