

# Sector Snapshot 2018: B.C. Agriculture

**Sector Defined: B.C.'s agriculture sector includes primary production from farmers and ranchers. Primary agriculture production does not include post-farm processing.**

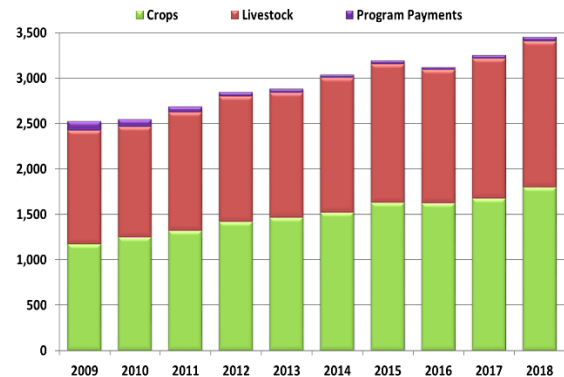
## AGRICULTURE KEY FACTS

- ❖ **Farm Cash Receipts (FCR): \$3.45 billion**
  - ❖ **GDP: \$1.6 billion**
  - ❖ **Share of Provincial Total GDP: 0.6%**
  - ❖ **International Exports: \$3.1 billion**
  - ❖ **Agriculture Jobs: 22,410**
- Primary agriculture in B.C. generated \$3.45 billion in FCR; this was 6.0 percent higher than in 2017.
  - Over 17,500 farms utilized 2.6 million hectares – which is less than three percent of the provincial land base – to produce over 200 agriculture products.
  - The top 10 commodities in terms of FCR in B.C. in 2018 were: dairy products; chickens; greenhouse vegetables; floriculture; beef; mushrooms; nursery products; blueberries; eggs; and sweet cherries.
  - Total estimated GDP for crop and animal production (excluding aquaculture) plus support activities for crop and animal production amounted to \$1.6 billion and accounted for 0.6 percent of B.C.'s total GDP.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

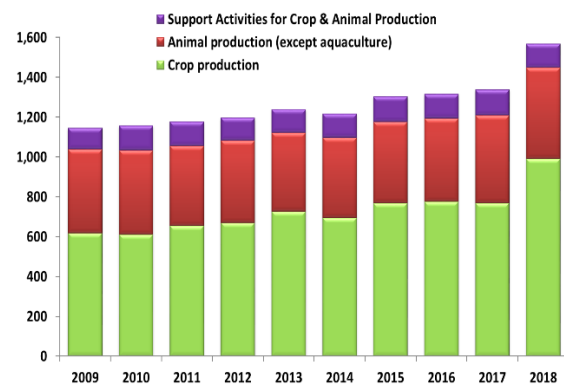
- Includes exports of both primary agricultural production products and post-farm processed products.
- B.C. exported farm products and post-farm processed products to 143 different international markets in 2018.
- B.C. farm and post-farm product exports totaled \$3.1 billion in 2018 – nearly 11 percent higher than in 2017.
- Top Five Export Markets: United States \$2.3 billion (74 percent); China \$227 million (seven percent); Japan \$102 million (three percent); South Korea \$69 million (two percent); and Taiwan \$43 million (one percent).
- Fastest growing of the 10 top export markets: Vietnam (55 percent); China (34 percent); Taiwan (26 percent); U.S. (13 percent); and Hong Kong (10 percent).
- Top Five Exports: \$361 million in food preparations for manufacturing and natural health products; \$243 million in blueberries; \$230 million in baked goods; \$189 million in mushrooms; and \$135 million in animal feeds.

B.C. Agriculture Sales (\$ Millions)



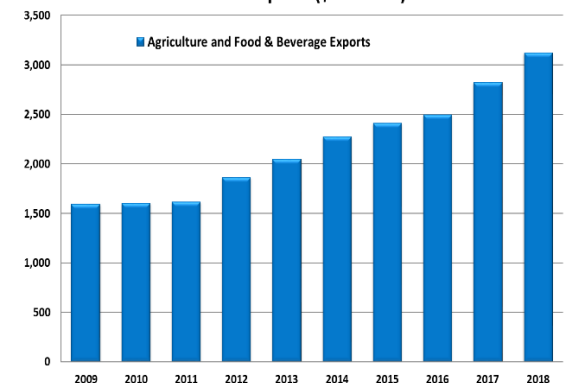
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B.C. Agriculture GDP (\$ Millions)



Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, Table 36-10-0402-01

B.C. Agriculture and Food & Beverage International Exports (\$ Millions)



Source: Adapted from Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, CATSNET Analytics.