

Agriculture in Brief

NORTH COAST

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Includes Regional Districts: Skeena-Queen Charlotte & Kitimat-Stikine.

Population (2016) ¹	#	55,500
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	12,424,002
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	109,187
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	-645

Census of Agriculture Data		2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area⁵	ha	9,052	0.3%
Number of Farms	#	116	0.7%
Average Farm Size	ha	78.0	na
Total Farm Operators	#	175	0.7%
Total Farm Capital		\$86,714,054	0.2%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$5,110,778	0.1%
Total Number of Employees	#	49	0.1%
Farmland Use		9,053	0.3%
Crops ⁶	ha	1,675	0.3%
Summerfallow	ha	9	0.2%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,135	0.6%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	2,745	0.2%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	3,489	1.0%
Crop Area			
Hay Crop ⁸	ha	1,504	0.4%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	101	0.1%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	23	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	x	na
Nursery Products	ha	x	na
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	651	0.0%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	2,147	0.1%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	260	0.1%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	x	na
Area Irrigated	ha	19	0.0%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹		3	0.5%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	1	0.9%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹		3	0.3%
Family Members as Successors	#	3	0.3%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	0	0.0%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Animals on Farms				
Hens & Chickens	57	x	1.1%	na
Turkeys	11	182	2.1%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	14	175	1.2%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	36	1,202	0.7%	0.2%
Dairy Cows	5	5	0.7%	0.0%
Beef Cows	30	514	0.9%	0.2%
Pigs	7	37	0.8%	0.0%
Sheep & Lambs	18	x	1.1%	na
Horses & Ponies	39	168	0.8%	0.5%
Goats	13	115	1.3%	0.8%
Mink	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	5	9	1.0%	0.4%
Rabbits	8	75	2.0%	1.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	6	59	0.6%	0.1%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	56	1.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	56	1.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	8	1.4%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	44	0.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	20	1.6%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	3	1.2%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	4	1.6%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	52	0.6%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	31	0.5%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	0	0.0%
GPS Technology	6	0.5%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	1	0.3%
Greenhouse Automation	1	0.3%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	2	0.3%
Automated Animal Feeding	2	0.3%
Other Technology	1	0.7%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	11	1.8%
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	2	3.4%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	0	0.0%

Source: Statistics Canada and Adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 2016, unless otherwise specified.
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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