



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	5,000,879	100.0%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	352,824	100.0%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	92,068,655	100.0%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	#N/A	#N/A
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	2,285,726	100.0%
Number of Farms	#	15,841	100.0%
Average Farm Size	ha	144	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	23,680	100.0%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$52,913,810,371	100.0%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$4,076,238,000	100.0%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	30,829	100.0%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	557,003	100.0%
Summerfallow	ha	4,925	100.0%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	177,699	100.0%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	1,246,038	100.0%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	78,871	100.0%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	163,804	100.0%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	519,856	100.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	28,064	100.0%
Vegetables	ha	6,052	100.0%
Nursery Products	ha	2,375	100.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	654	100.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	1,753,543	100.0%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	3,467,479	100.0%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	710,800	100.0%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	319,931	100.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	1,265	100.0%
Area Irrigated	ha	244,383	100.0%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	457	100.0%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	57	100.0%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	1,455	100.0%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	91	100.0%

Sources

1 Sector Insights and Corporate Initiatives adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 2021, unless otherwise specified.

2 Sector Insights and Corporate Initiatives adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Population 2021.

3 Source: Agricultural Land Commission, <https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/92e17599-ac8a-47c8-877c-107768cb373c>

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Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	4,262	#####	100.0%	100.0%
Turkeys	#	376	733,784	100.0%	100.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	730	599,506	100.0%	100.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	4,790	617,336	100.0%	100.0%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	614	80,594	100.0%	100.0%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	3,309	194,831	100.0%	100.0%
Pigs	#	788	88,709	100.0%	100.0%
Sheep & Lambs	#	1,415	54,608	100.0%	100.0%
Horses & Ponies	#	2,245	19,260	100.0%	100.0%
Goats	#	795	17,259	100.0%	100.0%
Mink	#	12	54,303	100.0%	100.0%
Bison	#	48	14,888	100.0%	100.0%
Deer	#	6	318	100.0%	100.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	237	1,663	100.0%	100.0%
Rabbits	#	208	1,778	100.0%	100.0%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	851	49,927	100.0%	100.0%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	5,190		100.0%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	591		100.0%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	3,372		100.0%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	857		100.0%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	199		100.0%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	2,688		100.0%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	500		100.0%	
Using Other Methods	#	252		100.0%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	41		100.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	640		100.0%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	400		100.0%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	124		100.0%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	1,458		100.0%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	3,182		100.0%	
Soil Sample Test	#	2,811		100.0%	
Drones	#	303		100.0%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	273		100.0%	
Solar Panels	#	912		100.0%	
Wind Turbines	#	86		100.0%	
Bioenergy	#	736		100.0%	

Note: 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

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, 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. A new conceptual definition of a "farm" was introduced in 2021 so historical comparisons are not recommended.