



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	159,910	3.2%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	3,416	1.0%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	13,095,451	14.2%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	1,327,442	28.8%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	377,052	16.5%
Number of Farms	#	1,357	8.6%
Average Farm Size	ha	278	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	2,035	8.6%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$3,009,293,224	5.7%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$269,662,985	6.6%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	459	1.5%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	52,169	9.4%
Summerfallow	ha	87	1.8%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	25,665	14.4%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	254,349	20.4%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	12,722	16.1%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	31,545	19.3%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	51,986	10.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	85	0.3%
Vegetables	ha	66	1.1%
Nursery Products	ha	0	0.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	32	4.9%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	6,325	0.4%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	12,483	0.4%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	8,577	1.2%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	58	4.6%
Area Irrigated	ha	28,009	11.5%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	14	3.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	2	3.5%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	92	6.3%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	5	5.5%

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>

Cariboo Census Agriculture Region					
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Animals on Farms					
		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	399	56,160	9.4%	0.2%
Turkeys	#	48	584	12.8%	0.1%
Total Other Poultry	#	101	692	13.8%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	#	772	99,307	16.1%	16.1%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	35	647	5.7%	0.8%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	651	41,706	19.7%	21.4%
Pigs	#	110	868	14.0%	1.0%
Sheep & Lambs	#	144	6,590	10.2%	12.1%
Horses & Ponies	#	311	2,477	13.9%	12.9%
Goats	#	80	913	10.1%	5.3%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	5	183	10.4%	1.2%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	22	195	9.3%	11.7%
Rabbits	#	18	123	8.7%	6.9%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	80	998	9.4%	2.0%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹					
		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	379		7.3%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	52		8.8%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	170		5.0%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	66		7.7%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	11		5.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	272		10.1%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	27		5.4%	
Using Other Methods	#	19		7.5%	
Technologies Use on Farms					
		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	23		3.6%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	25		6.3%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	1		0.8%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	69		4.7%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	169		5.3%	
Soil Sample Test	#	129		4.6%	
Drones	#	43		14.2%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production					
		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	42		15.4%	
Solar Panels	#	133		14.6%	
Wind Turbines	#	15		17.4%	
Bioenergy	#	118		16.0%	

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.