



Population Characteristics

Population ²	#	161,557	3.2%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	10,154	2.9%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	5,767,296	6.3%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	378,462	8.2%

Farm Characteristics

Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	107,937	4.7%
Number of Farms	#	1,017	6.4%
Average Farm Size	ha	106	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,525	6.4%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$2,246,587,735	4.2%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$947,103,562	23.2%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	1,374	4.5%

Farmland Use

Crops ⁶	ha	21,019	3.8%
Summerfallow	ha	82	1.7%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	6,403	3.6%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	65,880	5.3%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	5,434	6.9%

Crop Area

Hay Crops ⁸	ha	6,570	4.0%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	20,049	3.9%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	540	1.9%
Vegetables	ha	134	2.2%
Nursery Products	ha	262	11.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	34	5.2%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	11,708	0.7%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	37,366	1.1%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	9,691	1.4%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	128	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	278	22.0%

Area Irrigated

	ha	21,471	8.8%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹

		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	33	7.2%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	5	8.8%

Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹

		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	72	4.9%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	12	13.2%

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>

Kootenay Census Agriculture Region					
	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹		Share of B.C.	
Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	310	33,862	7.3%	0.1%
Turkeys	#	40	579	10.6%	0.1%
Total Other Poultry	#	64	1,815	8.8%	0.3%
Cattle & Calves	#	356	32,490	7.4%	5.3%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	21	2,071	3.4%	2.6%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	282	12,656	8.5%	6.5%
Pigs	#	57	966	7.2%	1.1%
Sheep & Lambs	#	104	3,380	7.3%	6.2%
Horses & Ponies	#	168	967	7.5%	5.0%
Goats	#	63	613	7.9%	3.6%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	1	121	2.1%	0.8%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	19	142	8.0%	8.5%
Rabbits	#	10	46	4.8%	2.6%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	57	2,361	6.7%	4.7%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	427		8.2%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	50		8.5%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	252		7.5%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	90		10.5%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	23		11.6%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	242		9.0%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	33		6.6%	
Using Other Methods	#	24		9.5%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	2		4.9%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	18		2.8%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	17		4.3%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	1		0.8%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	53		3.6%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	156		4.9%	
Soil Sample Test	#	124		4.4%	
Drones	#	11		3.6%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	22		8.1%	
Solar Panels	#	79		8.7%	
Wind Turbines	#	3		3.5%	
Bioenergy	#	58		7.9%	

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.