



### Population Characteristics

	Unit of Measure	2021 <sup>1</sup>	Share of B.C.
Population <sup>2</sup>	#	3,049,496	61.0%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	217,496	61.6%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	3,626,205	3.9%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	161,881	3.5%

### Farm Characteristics

Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	102,755	4.5%
Number of Farms	#	4,648	29.3%
Average Farm Size	ha	22	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	6,900	29.1%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$23,576,394,628	44.6%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$1,275,258,634	31.3%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	17,624	57.2%

### Farmland Use

Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	64,348	11.6%
Summerfallow	ha	301	6.1%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	4,147	2.3%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	19,840	1.6%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	9,898	12.5%

### Crop Area

Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	17,310	10.6%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	43,191	8.3%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	14,886	53.0%
Vegetables	ha	4,294	71.0%
Nursery Products	ha	1,468	61.8%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	507	77.5%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m <sup>2</sup>	1,595,498	91.0%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	3,132,823	90.3%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	584,635	82.3%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	315,901	98.7%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	226	17.9%
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	ha	61,046	25.0%

### Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup>

		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	136	29.8%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	7	12.3%

### Farms With Written Succession Plans<sup>9</sup>

		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	610	41.9%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	25	27.5%

### 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>

## Lower Mainland-Southwest Census Agriculture Region

Unit of Measure

2021<sup>1</sup>

Share of B.C.

**Animals on Farms**

		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	1,158	#####	27.2%	88.0%
Turkeys	#	80	686,951	21.3%	93.6%
Total Other Poultry	#	143	585,912	19.6%	97.7%
Cattle & Calves	#	916	132,037	19.1%	21.4%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	322	58,155	52.4%	72.2%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	321	4,860	9.7%	2.5%
Pigs	#	114	72,367	14.5%	81.6%
Sheep & Lambs	#	306	6,324	21.6%	11.6%
Horses & Ponies	#	402	3,869	17.9%	20.1%
Goats	#	225	8,600	28.3%	49.8%
Mink	#	10	54,241	83.3%	99.9%
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	#	2	70	33.3%	22.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	59	274	24.9%	16.5%
Rabbits	#	39	407	18.8%	22.9%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	239	32,179	28.1%	64.5%

**Sales Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup>**

		Farms Reporting	
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	1,312	25.3%
Sales of Value-added Products	#	96	16.2%
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	917	27.2%
Using Farmers' Markets	#	158	18.4%
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	47	23.6%
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	552	20.5%
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	118	23.6%
Using Other Methods	#	70	27.8%

**Technologies Use on Farms**

		Farms Reporting	
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	29	70.7%
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	265	41.4%
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	108	27.0%
Use of Robotic Milking	#	87	70.2%
Variable Rate Input Application	#	541	37.1%
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	1,151	36.2%
Soil Sample Test	#	1,159	41.2%
Drones	#	69	22.8%

**Renewable Energy Systems Production**

		Farms Reporting	
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	18	6.6%
Solar Panels	#	74	8.1%
Wind Turbines	#	12	14.0%
Bioenergy	#	102	13.9%

**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.