2021 Agriculture in Brief
Nechako Census Agriculture Region

	Unit of Measure	2021[1]	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population[2]	#	38,420	0.8%
Population Increase since 2016[2]	#	-216	-0.1%
Jurisdictional Land Area[2]	ha	19,161,198	20.8%
Agricultural Land Reserve[3]	ha	373,649	8.1%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area[5]	ha	214,944	9.4%
Number of Farms	#	739	4.7%
Average Farm Size	ha	291	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,140	4.8%
Total Farm Capital	$	$1,613,652,902	3.0%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	$	$160,277,687	3.9%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	324	1.1%
Farmland Use			
Crops[6]	ha	48,104	8.6%
Summerfallow	ha	118	2.4%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	20,910	11.8%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	111,324	8.9%
All Other Land[7]	ha	7,347	9.3%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops[8]	ha	19,367	11.8%
Field Crops[8]	ha	48,008	9.2%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	29	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	48	0.8%
Nursery Products	ha	19	0.8%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m^2	970	0.1%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m^2	8,342	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m^2	1,936	0.3%
Mushroom Growing Area	m^2	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	58	4.6%
Area Irrigated	ha	10,580	4.3%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale[9]		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	1	1.8%
Farms With Written Succession Plans[9]		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	59	4.1%
Non-family Members as Sucessors	#	2	2.2%

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

Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	179	7,790	4.2%	0.0%
Turkeys	#	24	340	6.4%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	38	154	5.2%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	429	55,807	9.0%	9.0%
Dairy Cows	#	34	1,394	5.5%	1.7%
Beef Cows	#	373	22,674	11.3%	11.6%
Pigs	#	60	519	7.6%	0.6%
Sheep & Lambs	#	71	3,318	5.0%	6.1%
Horses & Ponies	#	146	1,322	6.5%	6.9%
Goats	#	28	1,782	3.5%	10.3%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	4	73	8.3%	0.5%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	11	27	4.6%	1.6%
Rabbits	#	12	64	5.8%	3.6%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	31	716	3.6%	1.4%

Sales Direct to Consumers[9]		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	192		3.7%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	22		3.7%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	70		2.1%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	21		2.5%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	2		1.0%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	141		5.2%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	23		4.6%	
Using Other Methods	#	14		5.6%	

Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	29		4.5%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	26		6.5%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	1		0.8%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	66		4.5%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	120		3.8%	
Soil Sample Test	#	123		4.4%	
Drones	#	23		7.6%	

Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	22		8.1%	
Solar Panels	#	43		4.7%	
Wind Turbines	#	2		2.3%	
Bioenergy	#	66		9.0%	

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.