2021 Agriculture in Brief
Peace River Census Agriculture Region

	Unit of Measure	2021[1]	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population[2]	#	66,010	1.3%
Population Increase since 2016[2]	#	-2,325	-0.7%
Jurisdictional Land Area[2]	ha	20,207,563	21.9%
Agricultural Land Reserve[3]	ha	1,332,939	28.9%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area[5]	ha	743,857	32.5%
Number of Farms	#	1,419	9.0%
Average Farm Size	ha	524	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	2,075	8.8%
Total Farm Capital	$	$4,092,271,635	7.7%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	$	$74,660,300	1.8%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	493	1.6%
Farmland Use			
Crops[6]	ha	277,697	49.9%
Summerfallow	ha	3,837	77.9%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	101,152	56.9%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	264,188	21.2%
All Other Land[7]	ha	23,795	30.2%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops[8]	ha	59,136	36.1%
Field Crops[8]	ha	277,648	53.4%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	38	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	9	0.1%
Nursery Products	ha	0	0.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m^2	2,808	0.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m^2	4,241	0.1%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m^2	4,194	0.6%
Mushroom Growing Area	m^2	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	6	0.5%
Area Irrigated	ha	122	0.0%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale[9]		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	18	3.9%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	3	5.3%
Farms With Written Succession Plans[9]		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	103	7.1%
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

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Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	215	26,247	5.0%	0.1%
Turkeys	#	30	3,127	8.0%	0.4%
Total Other Poultry	#	41	203	5.6%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	691	116,328	14.4%	18.8%
Dairy Cows	#	15	229	2.4%	0.3%
Beef Cows	#	599	53,463	18.1%	27.4%
Pigs	#	60	9,718	7.6%	11.0%
Sheep & Lambs	#	100	13,080	7.1%	24.0%
Horses & Ponies	#	355	3,301	15.8%	17.1%
Goats	#	53	1,302	6.7%	7.5%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	26	13,402	54.2%	90.0%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	20	86	8.4%	5.2%
Rabbits	#	24	291	11.5%	16.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	40	2,048	4.7%	4.1%
Sales Direct to Consumers[9]		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	129		2.5%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	16		2.7%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	51		1.5%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	17		2.0%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	1		0.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	91		3.4%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	7		1.4%	
Using Other Methods	#	11		4.4%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	1		2.4%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	184		28.8%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	63		15.8%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	2		1.6%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	126		8.6%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	128		4.0%	
Soil Sample Test	#	129		4.6%	
Drones	#	27		8.9%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	9		3.3%	
Solar Panels	#	135		14.8%	
Wind Turbines	#	23		26.7%	
Bioenergy	#	108		14.7%	

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.