



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	415,451	8.3%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	32,091	9.1%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	233,822	0.3%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	16,398	0.4%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	10,932	0.5%
Number of Farms	#	753	4.8%
Average Farm Size	ha	15	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,120	4.7%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$1,858,785,779	3.5%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$88,686,566	2.2%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	862	2.8%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	4,715	0.8%
Summerfallow	ha	48	1.0%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	682	0.4%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	1,712	0.1%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	1,678	2.1%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	2,368	1.4%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	3,976	0.8%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	271	1.0%
Vegetables	ha	399	6.6%
Nursery Products	ha	69	2.9%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	49,575	2.8%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	47,084	1.4%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	31,488	4.4%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	32	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	67	5.3%
Area Irrigated	ha	3,806	1.6%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	33	7.2%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	3	5.3%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
Family Members as Successors	#	51	3.5%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	8	8.8%

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	#	326	81,293	7.6%	0.4%
Turkeys	#	21	335	5.6%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	47	5,926	6.4%	1.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	91	2,347	1.9%	0.4%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	12	411	2.0%	0.5%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	55	460	1.7%	0.2%
Pigs	#	47	855	6.0%	1.0%
Sheep & Lambs	#	144	4,839	10.2%	8.9%
Horses & Ponies	#	88	757	3.9%	3.9%
Goats	#	44	344	5.5%	2.0%
Mink	#	1	32	8.3%	0.1%
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	11	52	4.6%	3.1%
Rabbits	#	17	171	8.2%	9.6%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	67	618	7.9%	1.2%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	488		9.4%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	82		13.9%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	370		11.0%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	89		10.4%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	31		15.6%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	240		8.9%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	58		11.6%	
Using Other Methods	#	19		7.5%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	2		4.9%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	5		0.8%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	9		2.3%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	2		1.6%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	30		2.1%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	151		4.7%	
Soil Sample Test	#	113		4.0%	
Drones	#	6		2.0%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	18		6.6%	
Solar Panels	#	55		6.0%	
Wind Turbines	#	1		1.2%	
Bioenergy	#	34		4.6%	

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.