

	Unit of Measure	2021 <sup>1</sup>	Share of B.C.
<b>Population Characteristics</b>			
Population <sup>2</sup>	#	62,931	1.3%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	943	0.3%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	8,037,379	8.7%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	936,449	20.3%
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>			
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	308,426	13.5%
Number of Farms	#	901	5.7%
Average Farm Size	ha	342	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,360	5.7%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$2,343,096,705	4.4%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$223,681,593	5.5%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	321	1.0%
<b>Farmland Use</b>			
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	35,066	6.3%
Summerfallow	ha	28	0.6%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	16,660	9.4%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	228,619	18.3%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	7,463	9.5%
<b>Crop Area</b>			
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	18,758	11.5%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	34,989	6.7%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	29	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	46	0.8%
Nursery Products	ha	0	0.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m <sup>2</sup>	2,092	0.1%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	5,415	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	4,136	0.6%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	47	3.7%
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	ha	25,708	10.5%
<b>Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup></b>			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	9	2.0%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	2	3.5%
<b>Farms With Written Succession Plans<sup>9</sup></b>			
Family Members as Successors	#	64	4.4%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	4	4.4%

**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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		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
<b>Animals on Farms</b>					
Hens & Chickens	#	266	13,286	6.2%	0.1%
Turkeys	#	25	236	6.6%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	64	338	8.8%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	#	548	80,345	11.4%	13.0%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	24	245	3.9%	0.3%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	461	33,896	13.9%	17.4%
Pigs	#	78	484	9.9%	0.5%
Sheep & Lambs	#	102	4,829	7.2%	8.8%
Horses & Ponies	#	222	1,828	9.9%	9.5%
Goats	#	52	564	6.5%	3.3%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	3	89	6.3%	0.6%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	13	68	5.5%	4.1%
Rabbits	#	12	99	5.8%	5.6%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	51	786	6.0%	1.6%
<b>Sales Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup></b>					
		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	247		4.8%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	28		4.7%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	114		3.4%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	42		4.9%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	6		3.0%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	177		6.6%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	21		4.2%	
Using Other Methods	#	13		5.2%	
<b>Technologies Use on Farms</b>					
		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	8		1.3%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	16		4.0%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	1		0.8%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	43		2.9%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	119		3.7%	
Soil Sample Test	#	83		3.0%	
Drones	#	27		8.9%	
<b>Renewable Energy Systems Production</b>					
		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	20		7.3%	
Solar Panels	#	101		11.1%	
Wind Turbines	#	13		15.1%	
Bioenergy	#	80		10.9%	

**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.