

Unit of Measure

 2021¹

Share of B.C.

Population Characteristics

	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population ²	#	62,509	1.2%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	2,992	0.8%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	2,207,810	2.4%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	63,042	1.4%

Farm Characteristics

	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	17,356	0.8%
Number of Farms	#	461	2.9%
Average Farm Size	ha	38	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	680	2.9%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$694,544,050	1.3%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$488,278,314	12.0%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	1,027	3.3%

Farmland Use

	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Crops ⁶	ha	9,572	1.7%
Summerfallow	ha	55	1.1%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,125	0.6%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	3,875	0.3%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	1,268	1.6%

Crop Area

	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	3,041	1.9%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	9,010	1.7%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	456	1.6%
Vegetables	ha	59	1.0%
Nursery Products	ha	13	0.5%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	34	5.2%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	5,515	0.3%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	30,952	0.9%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	1,938	0.3%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	128	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	17	1.3%
Area Irrigated	ha	5,987	2.4%

Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹

	Unit of Measure	Farms Reporting	Share of B.C.
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	27	5.9%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	3	5.3%

Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹

	Unit of Measure	Farms	Share of B.C.
Family Members as Successors	#	27	1.9%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	3	3.3%

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>

Central Kootenay Census Division						
	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹		Share of B.C.		
Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number	
Hens & Chickens	#	142	20,468	3.3%	0.1%	
Turkeys	#	16	345	4.3%	0.0%	
Total Other Poultry	#	25	1,388	3.4%	0.2%	
Cattle & Calves	#	134	8,415	2.8%	1.4%	
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	13	2,004	2.1%	2.5%	
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	98	1,840	3.0%	0.9%	
Pigs	#	23	273	2.9%	0.3%	
Sheep & Lambs	#	36	612	2.5%	1.1%	
Horses & Ponies	#	49	241	2.2%	1.3%	
Goats	#	23	185	2.9%	1.1%	
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Llamas & Alpacas	#	7	51	3.0%	3.1%	
Rabbits	#	3	25	1.4%	1.4%	
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	25	970	2.9%	1.9%	
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting				
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	215		4.1%		
Sales of Value-added Products	#	25		4.2%		
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	130		3.9%		
Using Farmers' Markets	#	51		6.0%		
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	10		5.0%		
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	111		4.1%		
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	14		2.8%		
Using Other Methods	#	8		3.2%		
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting				
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	1		2.4%		
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	16		2.5%		
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	10		2.5%		
Use of Robotic Milking	#	1		0.8%		
Variable Rate Input Application	#	25		1.7%		
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	69		2.2%		
Soil Sample Test	#	73		2.6%		
Drones	#	6		2.0%		
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting				
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	11		4.0%		
Solar Panels	#	34		3.7%		
Wind Turbines	#	2		2.3%		
Bioenergy	#	24		3.3%		

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.