



	Unit of Measure	2021 <sup>1</sup>	Share of B.C.
<b>Population Characteristics</b>			
Population <sup>2</sup>	#	222,162	4.4%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	27,270	7.7%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	290,245	0.3%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	27,123	0.6%
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>			
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	20,888	0.9%
Number of Farms	#	807	5.1%
Average Farm Size	ha	26	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,215	5.1%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$2,428,892,768	4.6%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$50,720,965	1.2%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	2,396	7.8%
<b>Farmland Use</b>			
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	6,608	1.2%
Summerfallow	ha	44	0.9%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	606	0.3%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	11,193	0.9%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	1,474	1.9%
<b>Crop Area</b>			
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	705	0.4%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	2,255	0.4%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	3,879	13.8%
Vegetables	ha	98	1.6%
Nursery Products	ha	358	15.1%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	19	2.9%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m <sup>2</sup>	40,628	2.3%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	13,264	0.4%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	13,922	2.0%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	31	2.5%
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	ha	12,399	5.1%
<b>Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup></b>			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	33	7.2%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	7	12.3%
<b>Farms With Written Succession Plans<sup>9</sup></b>			
Family Members as Successors	#	68	4.7%
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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<b>Animals on Farms</b>		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	140	15,173	3.3%	0.1%
Turkeys	#	8	137	2.1%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	22	152	3.0%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	83	4,303	1.7%	0.7%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	1	45	0.2%	0.1%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	47	1,409	1.4%	0.7%
Pigs	#	15	110	1.9%	0.1%
Sheep & Lambs	#	29	449	2.0%	0.8%
Horses & Ponies	#	76	664	3.4%	3.4%
Goats	#	27	128	3.4%	0.7%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	11	120	4.6%	7.2%
Rabbits	#	6	51	2.9%	2.9%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	52	1,861	6.1%	3.7%
<b>Sales Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup></b>		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	309		6.0%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	28		4.7%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	243		7.2%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	46		5.4%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	7		3.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	127		4.7%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	28		5.6%	
Using Other Methods	#	7		2.8%	
<b>Technologies Use on Farms</b>		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	3		7.3%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	13		2.0%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	6		1.5%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	0		0.0%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	115		7.9%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	228		7.2%	
Soil Sample Test	#	160		5.7%	
Drones	#	17		5.6%	
<b>Renewable Energy Systems Production</b>		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	20		7.3%	
Solar Panels	#	27		3.0%	
Wind Turbines	#	1		1.2%	
Bioenergy	#	17		2.3%	

**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.