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	Unit of Measure	2021[1]	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population[2]	#	57,021	1.1%
Population Increase since 2016[2]	#	5,655	1.6%
Jurisdictional Land Area[2]	ha	2,888,582	3.1%
Agricultural Land Reserve[3]	ha	54,464	1.2%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area[5]	ha	27,052	1.2%
Number of Farms	#	510	3.2%
Average Farm Size	ha	53	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	765	3.2%
Total Farm Capital	$	$1,292,343,266	2.4%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	$	$168,660,970	4.1%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	314	1.0%
Farmland Use			
Crops[6]	ha	10,170	1.8%
Summerfallow	ha	44	0.9%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,663	0.9%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	8,253	0.7%
All Other Land[7]	ha	1,616	2.0%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops[8]	ha	3,265	2.0%
Field Crops[8]	ha	9,956	1.9%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	122	0.4%
Vegetables	ha	57	0.9%
Nursery Products	ha	27	1.1%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	8	1.2%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m^2	3,744	0.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m^2	8,192	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m^2	4,945	0.7%
Mushroom Growing Area	m^2	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	51	4.0%
Area Irrigated	ha	5,669	2.3%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale[9]	Farms Reporting		
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	12	2.6%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	0	0.0%
Farms With Written Succession Plans[9]	Farms		
Family Members as Successors	#	40	2.7%
Non-family Members as Sucessors	#	1	1.1%

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

	Unit of Measure	Columbia-Shuswap Census Division			
		2021[1]		**Share of B.C.**	
Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	160	617,233	3.8%	2.7%
Turkeys	#	14	202	3.7%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	30	317	4.1%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	#	175	14,315	3.7%	2.3%
Dairy Cows	#	25	3,438	4.1%	4.3%
Beef Cows	#	115	3,044	3.5%	1.6%
Pigs	#	29	309	3.7%	0.3%
Sheep & Lambs	#	35	1,331	2.5%	2.4%
Horses & Ponies	#	76	420	3.4%	2.2%
Goats	#	27	508	3.4%	2.9%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	1	18	2.1%	0.1%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	12	116	5.1%	7.0%
Rabbits	#	10	95	4.8%	5.3%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	29	1,308	3.4%	2.6%
Sales Direct to Consumers[9]		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	176		3.4%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	22		3.7%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	121		3.6%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	32		3.7%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	3		1.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	98		3.6%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	25		5.0%	
Using Other Methods	#	5		2.0%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	1		2.4%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	9		1.4%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	7		1.8%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	5		4.0%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	27		1.9%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	74		2.3%	
Soil Sample Test	#	51		1.8%	
Drones	#	5		1.7%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	14		5.1%	
Solar Panels	#	32		3.5%	
Wind Turbines	#	0		0.0%	
Bioenergy	#	25		3.4%	

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.