



	Unit of Measure	2021 <sup>1</sup>	Share of B.C.
<b>Population Characteristics</b>			
Population <sup>2</sup>	#	72,445	1.4%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	5,918	1.7%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	169,703	0.2%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	23,353	0.5%
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>			
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	9,148	0.4%
Number of Farms	#	351	2.2%
Average Farm Size	ha	26	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	545	2.3%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$691,058,921	1.3%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$109,391,603	2.7%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	355	1.2%
<b>Farmland Use</b>			
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	3,961	0.7%
Summerfallow	ha	58	1.2%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	636	0.4%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	1,694	0.1%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	844	1.1%
<b>Crop Area</b>			
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	2,890	1.8%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	3,722	0.7%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	144	0.5%
Vegetables	ha	80	1.3%
Nursery Products	ha	8	0.3%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	6	0.9%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m <sup>2</sup>	4,362	0.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	12,107	0.3%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	965	0.1%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	35	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	78	6.2%
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	ha	2,409	1.0%
<b>Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup></b>			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	14	3.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	1	1.8%
<b>Farms With Written Succession Plans<sup>9</sup></b>			
Family Members as Successors	#	22	1.5%
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>

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<b>Animals on Farms</b>		Farms	Number	Farms	Number	
Hens & Chickens	#	142	33,345	3.3%	0.1%	
Turkeys	#	6	316	1.6%	0.0%	
Total Other Poultry	#	21	109	2.9%	0.0%	
Cattle & Calves	#	97	5,421	2.0%	0.9%	
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	21	1,345	3.4%	1.7%	
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	65	913	2.0%	0.5%	
Pigs	#	38	1,039	4.8%	1.2%	
Sheep & Lambs	#	45	1,058	3.2%	1.9%	
Horses & Ponies	#	28	148	1.2%	0.8%	
Goats	#	22	185	2.8%	1.1%	
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Bison	#	2	88	4.2%	0.6%	
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Llamas & Alpacas	#	6	69	2.5%	4.1%	
Rabbits	#	4	7	1.9%	0.4%	
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	20	726	2.4%	1.5%	
<b>Sales Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup></b>		<b>Farms Reporting</b>				
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	195		3.8%		
Sales of Value-added Products	#	33		5.6%		
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	136		4.0%		
Using Farmers' Markets	#	49		5.7%		
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	9		4.5%		
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	97		3.6%		
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	19		3.8%		
Using Other Methods	#	9		3.6%		
<b>Technologies Use on Farms</b>		<b>Farms Reporting</b>				
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%		
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	1		0.2%		
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	10		2.5%		
Use of Robotic Milking	#	1		0.8%		
Variable Rate Input Application	#	20		1.4%		
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	87		2.7%		
Soil Sample Test	#	67		2.4%		
Drones	#	7		2.3%		
<b>Renewable Energy Systems Production</b>		<b>Farms Reporting</b>				
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	2		0.7%		
Solar Panels	#	33		3.6%		
Wind Turbines	#	1		1.2%		
Bioenergy	#	16		2.2%		

**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.