



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	89,013	1.8%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	5,274	1.5%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	347,248	0.4%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	18,987	0.4%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	10,635	0.5%
Number of Farms	#	498	3.1%
Average Farm Size	ha	21	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	780	3.3%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$932,493,063	1.8%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$77,660,474	1.9%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	505	1.6%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	5,219	0.9%
Summerfallow	ha	37	0.8%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	534	0.3%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	2,140	0.2%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	1,200	1.5%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	4,070	2.5%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	5,002	1.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	153	0.5%
Vegetables	ha	54	0.9%
Nursery Products	ha	7	0.3%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	2	0.3%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	6,633	0.4%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	49,721	1.4%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	3,430	0.5%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	19	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	73	5.8%
Area Irrigated	ha	4,409	1.8%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	5	1.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	2	3.5%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
Family Members as Successors	#	35	2.4%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	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>

Cowichan Valley Census Division					
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Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	231	298,059	5.4%	1.3%
Turkeys	#	23	15,855	6.1%	2.2%
Total Other Poultry	#	42	2,066	5.8%	0.3%
Cattle & Calves	#	134	8,483	2.8%	1.4%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	30	3,464	4.9%	4.3%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	85	832	2.6%	0.4%
Pigs	#	58	368	7.4%	0.4%
Sheep & Lambs	#	91	2,026	6.4%	3.7%
Horses & Ponies	#	50	222	2.2%	1.2%
Goats	#	31	413	3.9%	2.4%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	#	2	190	33.3%	59.7%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	7	32	3.0%	1.9%
Rabbits	#	10	42	4.8%	2.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	33	940	3.9%	1.9%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	272		5.2%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	24		4.1%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	203		6.0%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	38		4.4%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	9		4.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	132		4.9%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	21		4.2%	
Using Other Methods	#	17		6.7%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	1		2.4%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	2		0.3%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	7		1.8%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	8		6.5%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	28		1.9%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	106		3.3%	
Soil Sample Test	#	71		2.5%	
Drones	#	5		1.7%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	12		4.4%	
Solar Panels	#	41		4.5%	
Wind Turbines	#	3		3.5%	
Bioenergy	#	26		3.5%	

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.