



	Unit of Measure	2021 <sup>1</sup>	Share of B.C.
<b>Population Characteristics</b>			
Population <sup>2</sup>	#	96,979	1.9%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	2,473	0.7%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	5,058,072	5.5%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	390,993	8.5%
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>			
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	68,626	3.0%
Number of Farms	#	456	2.9%
Average Farm Size	ha	150	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	675	2.9%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$666,196,519	1.3%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$45,981,392	1.1%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	138	0.4%
<b>Farmland Use</b>			
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	17,103	3.1%
Summerfallow	ha	59	1.2%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	9,005	5.1%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	25,730	2.1%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	5,259	6.7%
<b>Crop Area</b>			
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	12,787	7.8%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	16,997	3.3%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	56	0.2%
Vegetables	ha	20	0.3%
Nursery Products	ha	0	0.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	32	4.9%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m <sup>2</sup>	4,233	0.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	7,068	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	4,441	0.6%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	11	0.9%
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	ha	2,301	0.9%
<b>Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup></b>			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	5	1.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	0	0.0%
<b>Farms With Written Succession Plans<sup>9</sup></b>			
Family Members as Successors	#	28	1.9%
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>

<b>Animals on Farms</b>		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	133	42,874	3.1%	0.2%
Turkeys	#	23	348	6.1%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	37	354	5.1%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	#	224	18,962	4.7%	3.1%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	11	402	1.8%	0.5%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	190	7,810	5.7%	4.0%
Pigs	#	32	384	4.1%	0.4%
Sheep & Lambs	#	42	1,761	3.0%	3.2%
Horses & Ponies	#	89	649	4.0%	3.4%
Goats	#	28	349	3.5%	2.0%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	2	94	4.2%	0.6%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	9	127	3.8%	7.6%
Rabbits	#	6	24	2.9%	1.3%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	29	212	3.4%	0.4%
<b>Sales Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup></b>		<b>Farms Reporting</b>			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	132		2.5%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	24		4.1%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	56		1.7%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	24		2.8%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	5		2.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	95		3.5%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	6		1.2%	
Using Other Methods	#	6		2.4%	
<b>Technologies Use on Farms</b>		<b>Farms Reporting</b>			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	15		2.3%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	9		2.3%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	0		0.0%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	26		1.8%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	50		1.6%	
Soil Sample Test	#	46		1.6%	
Drones	#	16		5.3%	
<b>Renewable Energy Systems Production</b>		<b>Farms Reporting</b>			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	22		8.1%	
Solar Panels	#	32		3.5%	
Wind Turbines	#	2		2.3%	
Bioenergy	#	38		5.2%	

**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.