



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	2,642,825	52.8%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	179,394	50.8%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	287,893	0.3%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	60,895	1.3%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	34,360	1.5%
Number of Farms	#	2,118	13.4%
Average Farm Size	ha	16	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	3,070	13.0%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$10,223,026,947	19.3%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$489,516,012	12.0%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	9,078	29.4%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	24,999	4.5%
Summerfallow	ha	174	3.5%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	999	0.6%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	2,627	0.2%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	4,517	5.7%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	5,535	3.4%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	13,550	2.6%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	8,368	29.8%
Vegetables	ha	2,401	39.7%
Nursery Products	ha	580	24.4%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	97	14.8%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	786,880	44.9%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	2,084,131	60.1%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	481,970	67.8%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	196,395	61.4%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	72	5.7%
Area Irrigated	ha	26,888	11.0%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	47	10.3%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	6	10.5%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
Family Members as Successors	#	272	18.7%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	11	12.1%

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>

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Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	422	4,790,483	9.9%	20.9%
Turkeys	#	38	336,276	10.1%	45.8%
Total Other Poultry	#	68	314,060	9.3%	52.4%
Cattle & Calves	#	293	23,088	6.1%	3.7%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	66	8,995	10.7%	11.2%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	122	945	3.7%	0.5%
Pigs	#	45	5,277	5.7%	5.9%
Sheep & Lambs	#	153	3,328	10.8%	6.1%
Horses & Ponies	#	251	2,821	11.2%	14.6%
Goats	#	99	2,474	12.5%	14.3%
Mink	#	7	42,115	58.3%	77.6%
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	#	1	35	16.7%	11.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	34	179	14.3%	10.8%
Rabbits	#	25	327	12.0%	18.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	120	17,294	14.1%	34.6%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	673		13.0%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	47		8.0%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	478		14.2%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	68		7.9%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	29		14.6%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	256		9.5%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	48		9.6%	
Using Other Methods	#	41		16.3%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	18		43.9%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	96		15.0%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	32		8.0%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	11		8.9%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	222		15.2%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	458		14.4%	
Soil Sample Test	#	448		15.9%	
Drones	#	27		8.9%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	7		2.6%	
Solar Panels	#	35		3.8%	
Wind Turbines	#	5		5.8%	
Bioenergy	#	44		6.0%	

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.