



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	170,367	3.4%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	14,669	4.2%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	203,593	0.2%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	18,802	0.4%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	5,659	0.2%
Number of Farms	#	345	2.2%
Average Farm Size	ha	16	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	530	2.2%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$619,917,930	1.2%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$315,937,040	7.8%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	281	0.9%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	1,953	0.4%
Summerfallow	ha	50	1.0%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	410	0.2%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	1,236	0.1%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	720	0.9%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	1,143	0.7%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	1,696	0.3%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	131	0.5%
Vegetables	ha	87	1.4%
Nursery Products	ha	27	1.1%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	13	2.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	13,139	0.7%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	7,934	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	17,888	2.5%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	3,440	1.1%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	78	6.2%
Area Irrigated	ha	1,825	0.7%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	6	1.3%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	1	1.8%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
Family Members as Successors	#	25	1.7%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	2	2.2%

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>

Animals on Farms

		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	148	214,819	3.5%	0.9%
Turkeys	#	16	486	4.3%	0.1%
Total Other Poultry	#	20	98	2.7%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	85	2,333	1.8%	0.4%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	8	199	1.3%	0.2%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	59	521	1.8%	0.3%
Pigs	#	25	127	3.2%	0.1%
Sheep & Lambs	#	53	1,139	3.7%	2.1%
Horses & Ponies	#	45	259	2.0%	1.3%
Goats	#	31	242	3.9%	1.4%
Mink	#	1	30	8.3%	0.1%
Bison	#	1	4	2.1%	0.0%
Deer	#	1	19	16.7%	6.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	14	78	5.9%	4.7%
Rabbits	#	10	79	4.8%	4.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	23	1,465	2.7%	2.9%

Sales Direct to Consumers⁹

		Farms Reporting	
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	198	3.8%
Sales of Value-added Products	#	18	3.0%
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	149	4.4%
Using Farmers' Markets	#	36	4.2%
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	10	5.0%
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	91	3.4%
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	9	1.8%
Using Other Methods	#	9	3.6%

Technologies Use on Farms

		Farms Reporting	
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	1	2.4%
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	3	0.5%
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	6	1.5%
Use of Robotic Milking	#	4	3.2%
Variable Rate Input Application	#	10	0.7%
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	67	2.1%
Soil Sample Test	#	55	2.0%
Drones	#	8	2.6%

Renewable Energy Systems Production

		Farms Reporting	
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	7	2.6%
Solar Panels	#	28	3.1%
Wind Turbines	#	0	0.0%
Bioenergy	#	14	1.9%

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.