



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	91,610	1.8%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	7,266	2.1%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	749,723	0.8%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	68,914	1.5%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	62,415	2.7%
Number of Farms	#	972	6.1%
Average Farm Size	ha	64	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,475	6.2%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$2,307,380,174	4.4%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$134,459,844	3.3%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	917	3.0%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	19,666	3.5%
Summerfallow	ha	95	1.9%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	2,180	1.2%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	32,397	2.6%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	2,586	3.3%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	5,411	3.3%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	18,919	3.6%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	470	1.7%
Vegetables	ha	133	2.2%
Nursery Products	ha	110	4.6%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	33	5.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	5,547	0.3%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	23,066	0.7%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	2,922	0.4%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	24	1.9%
Area Irrigated	ha	18,824	7.7%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	32	7.0%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	5	8.8%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
Family Members as Successors	#	85	5.8%
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>

North Okanagan Census Division					
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Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	271	1,273,830	6.4%	5.6%
Turkeys	#	21	475	5.6%	0.1%
Total Other Poultry	#	40	1,310	5.5%	0.2%
Cattle & Calves	#	317	31,287	6.6%	5.1%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	56	8,013	9.1%	9.9%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	183	6,492	5.5%	3.3%
Pigs	#	48	427	6.1%	0.5%
Sheep & Lambs	#	93	3,125	6.6%	5.7%
Horses & Ponies	#	132	923	5.9%	4.8%
Goats	#	52	452	6.5%	2.6%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	1	3	2.1%	0.0%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	20	383	8.4%	23.0%
Rabbits	#	14	86	6.7%	4.8%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	45	2,099	5.3%	4.2%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	321		6.2%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	28		4.7%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	209		6.2%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	54		6.3%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	9		4.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	149		5.5%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	32		6.4%	
Using Other Methods	#	14		5.6%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	32		5.0%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	21		5.3%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	11		8.9%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	74		5.1%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	168		5.3%	
Soil Sample Test	#	165		5.9%	
Drones	#	12		4.0%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	37		13.6%	
Solar Panels	#	37		4.1%	
Wind Turbines	#	4		4.7%	
Bioenergy	#	34		4.6%	

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.