



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	90,178	1.8%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	7,156	2.0%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	1,040,664	1.1%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	83,828	1.8%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	65,516	2.9%
Number of Farms	#	1,231	7.8%
Average Farm Size	ha	53	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,750	7.4%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$4,607,551,586	8.7%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$84,345,218	2.1%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	3,974	12.9%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	10,558	1.9%
Summerfallow	ha	71	1.4%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,252	0.7%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	48,822	3.9%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	2,370	3.0%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	633	0.4%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	3,102	0.6%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	7,166	25.5%
Vegetables	ha	282	4.7%
Nursery Products	ha	10	0.4%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	9,335	0.5%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	49,002	1.4%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	15,800	2.2%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	360	0.1%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	76	6.0%
Area Irrigated	ha	25,131	10.3%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	101	22.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	14	24.6%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
Family Members as Successors	#	110	7.6%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	15	16.5%

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>

Okanagan-Similkameen Census Division					
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Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	155	7,164	3.6%	0.0%
Turkeys	#	5	24,002	1.3%	3.3%
Total Other Poultry	#	37	212	5.1%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	108	14,284	2.3%	2.3%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	2	2	0.3%	0.0%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	85	6,128	2.6%	3.1%
Pigs	#	22	285	2.8%	0.3%
Sheep & Lambs	#	26	846	1.8%	1.5%
Horses & Ponies	#	100	717	4.5%	3.7%
Goats	#	23	386	2.9%	2.2%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	9	30	3.8%	1.8%
Rabbits	#	4	23	1.9%	1.3%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	40	1,098	4.7%	2.2%
Sales Direct to Consumers⁹		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	307		5.9%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	56		9.5%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	216		6.4%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	61		7.1%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	18		9.0%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	150		5.6%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	46		9.2%	
Using Other Methods	#	8		3.2%	
Technologies Use on Farms		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	35		5.5%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	58		14.5%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	0		0.0%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	231		15.8%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	383		12.0%	
Soil Sample Test	#	302		10.7%	
Drones	#	36		11.9%	
Renewable Energy Systems Production		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	21		7.7%	
Solar Panels	#	90		9.9%	
Wind Turbines	#	6		7.0%	
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.