



Unit of Measure

2021<sup>1</sup>

Share of B.C.

### Population Characteristics

Population <sup>2</sup>	#	90,178	1.8%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	7,156	2.0%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	1,040,664	1.1%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	838,282,725	18174.8%

### Farm Characteristics

Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	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 Sales/Farm Cash Receipts	\$	229,164,409	4.8%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	3,974	12.9%

### Farmland Use

Crops <sup>6</sup>	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 <sup>7</sup>	ha	2,370	3.0%

### Crop Area

Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	633	0.4%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	9,335	0.5%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	49,002	1.4%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	15,800	2.2%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	360	0.1%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	76	6.0%

### Area Irrigated

ha	25,131	10.3%
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### Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup>

Farms Reporting

Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	101	22.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	14	24.6%

### Farms With Written Succession Plans<sup>9</sup>

Farms

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>

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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 Consumers<sup>9</sup>**

		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.

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