



Unit of Measure

2021<sup>1</sup>

Share of B.C.

### Population Characteristics

Population <sup>2</sup>	#	61,532	1.2%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	-1,410	-0.4%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	11,721,674	12.7%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	12,845,064,962	278494.2%

### Farm Characteristics

Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	740,541	32.4%
Number of Farms	#	1,409	8.9%
Average Farm Size	ha	526	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	2,060	8.7%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$4,066,718,160	7.7%
Total Sales/Farm Cash Receipts	\$	234,681,041	4.9%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	486	1.6%

### Farmland Use

Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	277,115	49.8%
Summerfallow	ha	3,829	77.7%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	100,727	56.7%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	262,812	21.1%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	23,746	30.1%

### Crop Area

Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	59,000	36.0%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	277,066	53.3%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	38	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	8	0.1%
Nursery Products	ha	0	0.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m <sup>2</sup>	2,808	0.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	4,046	0.1%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	4,194	0.6%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	6	0.5%

### Area Irrigated

	ha	121	0.0%
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### Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup>

		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	18	3.9%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	3	5.3%

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

		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	103	7.1%
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>

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**Animals on Farms**

		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	214	26,232	5.0%	0.1%
Turkeys	#	30	3,127	8.0%	0.4%
Total Other Poultry	#	41	203	5.6%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	687	115,622	14.3%	18.7%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	15	229	2.4%	0.3%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	595	53,135	18.0%	27.3%
Pigs	#	58	9,678	7.4%	10.9%
Sheep & Lambs	#	98	13,002	6.9%	23.8%
Horses & Ponies	#	353	3,283	15.7%	17.0%
Goats	#	52	1,291	6.5%	7.5%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	25	13,358	52.1%	89.7%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	20	86	8.4%	5.2%
Rabbits	#	24	291	11.5%	16.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	40	2,048	4.7%	4.1%

**Sales Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup>**

Farms Reporting

Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	126	2.4%
Sales of Value-added Products	#	14	2.4%
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	49	1.5%
Using Farmers' Markets	#	16	1.9%
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	1	0.5%
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	89	3.3%
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	7	1.4%
Using Other Methods	#	10	4.0%

**Technologies Use on Farms**

Farms Reporting

Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	1	2.4%
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	184	28.8%
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	63	15.8%
Use of Robotic Milking	#	2	1.6%
Variable Rate Input Application	#	126	8.6%
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	128	4.0%
Soil Sample Test	#	129	4.6%
Drones	#	27	8.9%

**Renewable Energy Systems Production**

Farms Reporting

Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	9	3.3%
Solar Panels	#	134	14.7%
Wind Turbines	#	23	26.7%
Bioenergy	#	104	14.1%

**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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