



Unit of Measure

2021¹

Share of B.C.

Population Characteristics

Population ²	#	50,496	1.0%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	7,831	2.2%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	1,629,634	1.8%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	254,776,107	5523.8%

Farm Characteristics

Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	7,526	0.3%
Number of Farms	#	117	0.7%
Average Farm Size	ha	64	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	175	0.7%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$293,801,209	0.6%
Total Sales/Farm Cash Receipts	\$	9,419,758	0.2%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	184	0.6%

Farmland Use

Crops ⁶	ha	2,120	0.4%
Summerfallow	ha	12	0.2%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	498	0.3%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	3,136	0.3%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	578	0.7%

Crop Area

Hay Crops ⁸	ha	912	0.6%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	2,033	0.4%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	30	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	40	0.7%
Nursery Products	ha	19	0.8%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	2,313	0.1%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	716	0.0%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	46	0.0%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	1	0.1%

Area Irrigated

ha	2,318	0.9%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹

Farms Reporting

Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	10	2.2%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	1	1.8%

Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹

Farms

Family Members as Successors	#	7	0.5%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	0	0.0%

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	#	33	10,886	0.8%	0.0%
Turkeys	#	6	107	1.6%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	#	38	2,589	0.8%	0.4%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	1	1	0.2%	0.0%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	31	1,300	0.9%	0.7%
Pigs	#	8	95	1.0%	0.1%
Sheep & Lambs	#	15	393	1.1%	0.7%
Horses & Ponies	#	11	89	0.5%	0.5%
Goats	#	1	70	0.1%	0.4%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	1	1	0.4%	0.1%
Rabbits	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	12	649	1.4%	1.3%

Sales Direct to Consumers⁹

		Farms Reporting	
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	52	1.0%
Sales of Value-added Products	#	5	0.8%
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	33	1.0%
Using Farmers' Markets	#	11	1.3%
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	6	3.0%
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	33	1.2%
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	10	2.0%
Using Other Methods	#	3	1.2%

Technologies Use on Farms

		Farms Reporting	
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0	0.0%
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	1	0.2%
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	7	1.8%
Use of Robotic Milking	#	0	0.0%
Variable Rate Input Application	#	8	0.5%
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	18	0.6%
Soil Sample Test	#	23	0.8%
Drones	#	2	0.7%

Renewable Energy Systems Production

		Farms Reporting	
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	1	0.4%
Solar Panels	#	7	0.8%
Wind Turbines	#	1	1.2%
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.

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