



Unit of Measure

2021<sup>1</sup>

Share of B.C.

**Population Characteristics**

Population <sup>2</sup>	#	143,680	2.9%
Population Increase since 2016 <sup>2</sup>	#	11,017	3.1%
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	4,434,723	4.8%
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup>	ha	574,272	12.5%

**Farm Characteristics**

Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	516,079	22.6%
Number of Farms	#	895	5.6%
Average Farm Size	ha	577	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	1,380	5.8%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$3,265,521,457	6.2%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$170,104,235	4.2%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	737	2.4%

**Farmland Use**

Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	28,365	5.1%
Summerfallow	ha	20	0.4%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	10,427	5.9%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	419,904	33.7%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	6,103	7.7%

**Crop Area**

Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	7,541	4.6%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	28,065	5.4%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	51	0.2%
Vegetables	ha	246	4.1%
Nursery Products	ha	5	0.2%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m <sup>2</sup>	2,939	0.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m <sup>2</sup>	6,000	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m <sup>2</sup>	9,057	1.3%
Mushroom Growing Area	m <sup>2</sup>	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	126	10.0%
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	ha	47,430	19.4%

**Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup>**

		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	15	3.3%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	3	5.3%

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

		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	67	4.6%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	4	4.4%

**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>

		Thompson-Nicola Census Division			
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<b>Animals on Farms</b>		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	290	30,629	6.8%	0.1%
Turkeys	#	27	212	7.2%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	#	63	310	8.6%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	#	458	96,270	9.6%	15.6%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	23	928	3.7%	1.2%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	333	38,848	10.1%	19.9%
Pigs	#	64	496	8.1%	0.6%
Sheep & Lambs	#	133	6,120	9.4%	11.2%
Horses & Ponies	#	225	2,978	10.0%	15.5%
Goats	#	57	912	7.2%	5.3%
Mink	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	#	7	996	14.6%	6.7%
Deer	#	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	13	55	5.5%	3.3%
Rabbits	#	11	78	5.3%	4.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	65	1,209	7.6%	2.4%
<b>Sales Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup></b>		Farms Reporting			
Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	312		6.0%	
Sales of Value-added Products	#	41		6.9%	
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	149		4.4%	
Using Farmers' Markets	#	55		6.4%	
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	5		2.5%	
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	217		8.1%	
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	34		6.8%	
Using Other Methods	#	18		7.1%	
<b>Technologies Use on Farms</b>		Farms Reporting			
Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	0		0.0%	
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	21		3.3%	
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	32		8.0%	
Use of Robotic Milking	#	1		0.8%	
Variable Rate Input Application	#	53		3.6%	
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	148		4.7%	
Soil Sample Test	#	130		4.6%	
Drones	#	31		10.2%	
<b>Renewable Energy Systems Production</b>		Farms Reporting			
Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	27		9.9%	
Solar Panels	#	74		8.1%	
Wind Turbines	#	12		14.0%	
Bioenergy	#	48		6.5%	

**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.