



Unit of Measure

2021¹

Share of B.C.

Population Characteristics

Population ²	#	143,680	2.9%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	11,017	3.1%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	4,434,723	4.8%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	5,742,720,206	124508.1%

Farm Characteristics

Total Farmland Area ⁵	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 Sales/Farm Cash Receipts	\$	139,817,442	2.9%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	737	2.4%

Farmland Use

Crops ⁶	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 ⁷	ha	6,103	7.7%

Crop Area

Hay Crops ⁸	ha	7,541	4.6%
Field Crops ⁸	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 ²	2,939	0.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	6,000	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	9,057	1.3%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	126	10.0%

Area Irrigated

ha	47,430	19.4%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹

Farms Reporting

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

Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹

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>

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Animals on Farms

		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%

Sales Direct to Consumers⁹

		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%

Technologies Use on Farms

		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%

Renewable Energy Systems Production

		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.

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