

# Agriculture in Brief

## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako



### Jurisdictional Makeup

Note: The Census of Agriculture data for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako includes the data for the Stikine Region due to the small number of farms in the Stikine Region - the two combined comprise the Nechako Census Agriculture Region.

	#	Member Municipalities: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Franisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa & Vanderhoof	Member Municipalities: Good Hope Lake & Lower Post	Nechako Census Agriculture Region
		Bulkley-Nechako	Stikine Region	
Population (2011) <sup>1</sup>	#	39,208	629	39,837
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	7,336,094	11,866,310	19,202,404
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) <sup>3</sup>	ha	373,260	0	373,260
Population Increase (2006-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	965	-3	962
Population Increase (1971-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	14,168	na	na

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	238,858	258,323	272,488	251,422
Number of Farms	#	970	945	886	840
Average Farm Size <sup>4</sup>	ha	246.2	273.4	307.5	299.3

### Farmland Use

Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	53,043	58,913	57,452	59,029
Summerfallow	ha	1,956	1,076	477	419
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	33,866	35,208	33,496	29,549
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	99,872	117,207	131,961	124,313
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	50,121	45,918	49,102	38,113
<b>Total</b>					

### Crop Area

Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	42,720	49,073	47,905	49,584
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	10,153	9,700	9,103	9,180
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	13	3	7	9
Vegetables	ha	30	68	11	21
Nursery Products	ha	38	10	2	3
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	x	0	0
Greenhouse Flower Production	m <sup>2</sup>	6,227	x	x	7,692
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m <sup>2</sup>	1,541	x	x	1,780
Other Greenhouse Production	m <sup>2</sup>	41,044	x	x	2,741
Mushrooms	m <sup>2</sup>	0	0	x	0
Christmas Trees	ha	46	39	36	21

<b>Area Irrigated</b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>3,108</b>	<b>3,391</b>
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>		<b>\$466,925,154</b>	<b>\$585,366,497</b>	<b>\$701,622,980</b>	<b>\$850,068,371</b>
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>		<b>\$44,247,186</b>	<b>\$51,681,279</b>	<b>\$54,630,348</b>	<b>\$54,186,702</b>
<b>Total Wages and Salaries Paid</b>		<b>\$6,935,850</b>	<b>\$7,113,236</b>	<b>\$6,261,246</b>	<b>\$5,315,768</b>

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Animals on Farms	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	192	7,518	234	12,949	181	9,383	169	9,046
Turkeys	35	551	38	631	37	936	23	476
Total Other Poultry	75	712	54	753	34	277	21	315
Cattle & Calves	615	66,865	570	73,391	569	77,377	473	61,525
Dairy Cows	78	2,807	45	1,757	29	1,050	33	1,168
Beef Cows	503	25,817	487	28,984	499	31,805	386	21,542
Pigs	86	732	45	239	60	347	49	459
Sheep & Lambs	67	2,854	77	3,377	63	3,328	69	2,690
Horses & Ponies	518	3,210	525	3,857	463	3,380	427	3,021
Goats	43	694	56	986	48	508	33	998
Wild Boar	na	na	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	1	x	1	x	0	0	na	na
Bison	4	124	2	x	3	129	1	x
Deer	na	na	1	x	0	0	0	0
Llamas & Alpacas	10	28	16	250	21	281	27	199
Rabbits	58	455	20	323	14	120	25	298
Colonies of Bees for Honey	23	292	16	242	14	97	21	370

## Credits

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, unless otherwise specified.  
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## End Notes

- 1 Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population.
- 2 Source: Statistics Canada, Geosuite, Land Area file: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/ref/dict/tables/table-tableau-7-eng.cfm>
- 3 Source: Agricultural Land Commission. Agricultural Land Reserve as of January 1, 2008 (for 2006) and April 1, 2012 (for 2011).
- 4 Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Adapted from Statistics Canada Censuses.
- 5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.
- 6 Crops includes: hay crops, field crops, total vegetables, total 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 are located, and idle land.
- 8 Does not include those crop areas suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

## Notes

x - indicates farms reporting but information suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act  
na - indicates data is not available for a specific reference period



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