

Agriculture in Brief

Capital Regional District



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria & View Royal.

Population (2011) ¹	#	359,991
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	234,048
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³	ha	16,382
Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴	#	14,827
Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴	#	156,398

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	15,058	15,508	13,563	13,606
Number of Farms	#	1,082	974	991	1,093
Average Farm Size ⁴	ha	13.9	15.9	13.7	12.4
Farmland Use					
Crops ⁶	ha	4,297	5,247	3,858	4,752
Summerfallow	ha	277	276	23	37
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,303	1,385	1,061	1,647
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	3,350	3,594	3,773	2,560
All Other Land ⁷	ha	5,831	5,006	4,847	4,610
Total		15,058	15,508	13,563	13,606
Crop Area					
Hay Crop ⁸	ha	3,099	3,581	2,545	3,380
Field Crops ⁸	ha	387	421	433	335
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	283	257	312	424
Vegetables	ha	289	355	298	413
Nursery Products	ha	208	224	117	151
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	16	11	2	x
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	87,712	90,244	65,503	48,639
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	17,619	10,787	14,785	47,516
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	33,491	32,381	na	38,928
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	5,753	x	x	918
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	116	125	68	74
Area Irrigated	ha	2,741	1,756	1,552	1,410
Total Farm Capital		\$678,606,694	\$643,869,960	\$958,435,626	\$1,573,835,484
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$53,357,432	\$50,317,248	\$54,261,663	\$50,874,004
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		\$13,196,358	\$13,106,148	\$14,961,254	\$14,667,048

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Animals on Farms	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	442	704,485	406	638,523	382	449,487	456	232,779
Turkeys	42	x	54	1,526	24	504	40	605
Total Other Poultry	148	1,979	104	2,152	64	839	88	1,910
Cattle & Calves	265	5,071	170	4,751	137	3,384	147	2,626
Dairy Cows	36	x	17	839	7	498	11	417
Beef Cows	170	x	114	1,156	92	908	88	451
Pigs	81	x	56	388	37	283	36	525
Sheep & Lambs	237	8,860	190	9,247	179	7,793	189	8,489
Horses & Ponies	245	1,393	217	1,379	219	1,504	227	1,387
Goats	79	599	72	474	51	394	58	419
Wild Boar	na	na	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mink	0	0	1	x	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na
Bison	0	0	3	x	1	x	0	0
Deer	6	393	4	106	2	x	2	x
Llamas & Alpacas	19	190	31	334	35	306	35	271
Rabbits	57	778	11	555	14	525	13	201
Colonies of Bees for Honey	64	4,502	66	2,931	60	5,245	69	2,438

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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