

Agriculture in Brief

Regional District of Central Kootenay



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton & Slocan.

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|---|----|-----------|
| Population (2011) ¹ | # | 58,441 |
| Jurisdictional Land Area ² | ha | 2,209,494 |
| Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³ | ha | 63,123 |
| Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴ | # | 2,558 |
| Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴ | # | 13,461 |

| Census of Agriculture Data | | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Farmland Area ⁵ | ha | 23,015 | 27,306 | 27,338 | 24,733 |
| Number of Farms | # | 594 | 609 | 562 | 552 |
| Average Farm Size ⁴ | ha | 38.7 | 44.8 | 48.6 | 49.0 |
| Farmland Use | | | | | |
| Crops ⁶ | ha | 11,074 | 11,567 | 11,434 | 11,041 |
| Summerfallow | ha | 220 | 240 | 315 | 121 |
| Tame or Seeded Pasture | ha | 2,273 | 2,708 | 1,665 | 1,897 |
| Natural Land for Pasture | ha | 4,119 | 7,144 | 8,232 | 6,491 |
| All Other Land ⁷ | ha | 5,329 | 5,647 | 5,692 | 5,183 |
| Total | | 23,015 | 27,306 | 27,338 | 24,733 |
| Crop Area | | | | | |
| Hay Crops ⁸ | ha | 6,716 | 7,586 | 7,634 | 7,098 |
| Field Crops ⁸ | ha | 2,603 | 2,649 | 2,329 | 2,494 |
| Fruits, Berries & Nuts | ha | 426 | 329 | 346 | 311 |
| Vegetables | ha | 127 | 110 | 134 | 155 |
| Nursery Products | ha | 25 | 83 | 122 | 115 |
| Sod Grown for Sale | ha | 28 | x | x | x |
| Greenhouse Flower Production | m ² | 10,129 | 21,734 | 8,696 | 16,501 |
| Greenhouse Vegetable Production | m ² | 5,121 | 5,946 | 4,614 | 6,691 |
| Other Greenhouse Production | m ² | 1,175 | 747 | na | 2,273 |
| Mushrooms | m ² | x | x | 0 | x |
| Christmas Trees | ha | 263 | 33 | 19 | 41 |
| Area Irrigated | ha | 2,624 | 2,314 | 2,187 | 1,611 |
| Total Farm Capital | | \$229,791,508 | \$261,876,101 | \$383,640,115 | \$527,179,051 |
| Total Gross Farm Receipts | | \$25,694,725 | \$26,218,599 | \$30,004,374 | \$34,353,451 |
| Total Wages and Salaries Paid | | \$5,276,750 | \$4,769,969 | \$6,313,236 | \$5,974,879 |

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| Animals on Farms | 1996 | | 2001 | | 2006 | | 2011 | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Farms | Number | Farms | Number | Farms | Number | Farms | Number |
| Hens & Chickens | 151 | 33,537 | 215 | 22,580 | 156 | 11,545 | 158 | 10,854 |
| Turkeys | 30 | 384 | 28 | 359 | 25 | 418 | 16 | 207 |
| Total Other Poultry | 80 | 783 | 58 | 1,021 | 36 | 908 | 34 | 588 |
| Cattle & Calves | 228 | 11,660 | 225 | 11,520 | 194 | 10,871 | 153 | 7,401 |
| Dairy Cows | 46 | 1,725 | 29 | 1,735 | 20 | 1,582 | 19 | 1,498 |
| Beef Cows | 164 | 3,336 | 154 | 2,782 | 148 | 3,240 | 111 | 1,803 |
| Pigs | 48 | 331 | 42 | 349 | 30 | 189 | 14 | 148 |
| Sheep & Lambs | 35 | 789 | 39 | 685 | 36 | 826 | 34 | 729 |
| Horses & Ponies | 146 | 855 | 148 | 854 | 144 | 799 | 137 | 698 |
| Goats | 25 | 175 | 23 | 424 | 24 | 423 | 21 | 197 |
| Wild Boar | na | na | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mink | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fox | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | na | na | na | na |
| Bison | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 2 | x | 1 | x |
| Deer | 4 | x | 1 | x | 1 | x | 0 | 0 |
| Llamas & Alpacas | 3 | 43 | 12 | 76 | 11 | 118 | 17 | 127 |
| Rabbits | 34 | 360 | 6 | 207 | 10 | 89 | 9 | 174 |
| Colonies of Bees for Honey | 28 | 641 | 33 | 1,507 | 21 | 912 | 26 | 358 |

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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