

Agriculture in Brief

Regional District of Central Okanagan



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Kelowna, Lake Country, Peachland & West Kelowna.

Population (2011) ¹	#	179,839
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	290,486
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³	ha	27,250
Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴	#	17,563
Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴	#	124,836

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	31,847	24,069	27,201	31,368
Number of Farms	#	1,157	1,102	1,017	1,020
Average Farm Size ⁴	ha	27.5	21.8	26.7	31.0
Farmland Use					
Crops ⁶	ha	6,871	7,733	6,840	6,379
Summerfallow	ha	494	129	10	34
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	785	2,106	778	783
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	17,099	7,876	10,920	16,002
All Other Land ⁷	ha	6,598	6,224	8,653	8,170
Total		31,847	24,069	27,201	31,368
Crop Area					
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	1,761	2,570	1,829	1,870
Field Crops ⁸	ha	485	258	360	154
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	3,997	4,065	3,579	3,409
Vegetables	ha	96	95	110	163
Nursery Products	ha	276	431	463	468
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	99	66	67	77
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	6,331	19,155	31,257	26,348
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	1,823	413	4,419	1,435
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	7,150	5,304	na	10,421
Mushrooms	m ²	2,671	x	x	x
Christmas Trees	ha	115	142	50	47
Area Irrigated	ha	x	7,200	6,059	5,159
Total Farm Capital		\$767,584,730	\$829,477,138	\$1,409,729,953	\$1,928,948,986
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$61,368,658	\$74,887,598	\$86,228,375	\$96,546,394
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		\$17,520,036	\$19,979,732	\$27,665,650	\$28,669,674

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Animals on Farms	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	161	47,077	180	58,582	158	82,946	157	76,087
Turkeys	19	x	29	x	16	x	15	194
Total Other Poultry	66	1,117	51	1,005	24	949	29	547
Cattle & Calves	144	6,133	135	7,624	87	4,416	96	4,215
Dairy Cows	10	44	5	154	0	0	0	0
Beef Cows	73	2,171	83	3,217	52	1,574	42	1,230
Pigs	28	194	22	230	17	204	10	79
Sheep & Lambs	36	875	42	983	28	813	29	1,007
Horses & Ponies	234	1,622	223	1,565	199	1,581	183	1,327
Goats	40	331	34	276	29	246	38	329
Wild Boar	na	na	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na
Bison	0	0	0	0	5	15	1	x
Deer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llamas & Alpacas	12	89	28	325	18	288	29	224
Rabbits	33	369	6	165	9	88	13	116
Colonies of Bees for Honey	20	x	26	1,849	26	1,440	31	975

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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