Comox-Strathcona Regional District

Jurisdictional Makeup

NOTE: On February 15, 2008, the Comox-Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) was replaced by the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) and the Strathcona Regional District (SRD). In addition, due to the small number of farms in the nearby Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW), the Census of Agriculture data from the RDMW has been amalgamated with the SRD. The 1996-2006 Census of Agriculture data for the CSRD and the 2011 Census of Agriculture data for the CVRD & SRD/RDMW are included here.

		Member Municipalities: Comox, Courtenay & Cumberland	Member Municipalities: Campbell River, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis & Zeballos	Member Municipalities: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy & Port McNeill
		Comox Valley	Strathcona	Mount Waddington
Population (2011)[1]	#	**63,538**	**43,252**	**11,506**
Jurisdictional Land Area[2]	ha	**170,058**	**1,827,787**	**2,024,426**
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012)[3]	ha	**23,432**	**19,137**	**2,027**
Population Increase (2006-2011)[4]	#	**4,056**	**1,139**	**-145**

Census of Agriculture Data		CSRD 1996	CSRD 2001	CSRD 2006	CVRD 2011	SRD/RDMW 2011
Total Farmland Area[5]	ha	**13,403**	**13,700**	**12,889**	**11,287**	**3,003**
Number of Farms	#	**439**	**445**	**497**	**432**	**98**
Average Farm Size[4]	ha	**30.5**	**30.8**	**25.9**	**26.1**	**30.6**
Farmland Use						
Crops[6]	ha	4,540	4,226	5,148	4,279	527
Summerfallow	ha	161	37	5	3	x
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,209	1,605	575	1,212	110
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	3,146	3,061	2,042	1,889	589
All Other Land[7]	ha	4,347	4,771	5,117	3,903	1,604
Total		**13,403**	**13,700**	**12,889**	**11,287**	**3,003**
Crop Area					CVRD 2011	SRD/RDMW 2011
Hay Crops[8]	ha	3,599	3,147	3,856	3,137	250
Field Crops[8]	ha	523	611	380	697	0
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	97	140	134	185	85
Vegetables	ha	103	96	85	63	19
Nursery Products	ha	63	56	46	48	6
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	49	30	25	28	0
Greenhouse Flower Production	m^2	x	20,706	11,251	x	936
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m^2	x	12,488	x	16,552	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m^2	x	22,841	x	x	x
Mushrooms	m^2	x	x	x	223	0
Christmas Trees	ha	150	177	80	114	25
Area Irrigated	ha	**1,104**	**1,151**	**1,684**	**1,302**	**69**
Total Farm Capital		**$226,286,282**	**$259,124,870**	**$418,039,038**	**$504,319,428**	**$82,982,819**
Total Gross Farm Receipts		**$28,099,369**	**$26,618,769**	**$32,975,655**	**$31,212,798**	**$4,344,725**
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		**$6,413,431**	**$5,825,910**	**$7,350,486**	**$6,994,481**	**$847,051**

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	2001		2006		2011		2011	
Animals on Farms	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	177	30,798	212	19,998	171	19,025	52	3,137
Turkeys	26	863	35	802	27	2,068	5	x
Total Other Poultry	49	1,967	55	893	43	2,585	15	303
Cattle & Calves	157	8,248	152	8,181	122	6,645	15	232
Dairy Cows	*31*	*2,709*	*23*	*2,917*	*23*	*2,601*	*3*	*x*
Beef Cows	*92*	*1,160*	*100*	*972*	*81*	*812*	*8*	*x*
Pigs	53	976	42	1,237	31	774	9	70
Sheep & Lambs	60	2,094	70	2,073	58	1,483	14	171
Horses & Ponies	107	552	122	577	90	348	24	111
Goats	32	241	31	278	27	206	6	29
Wild Boar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mink	1	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	na	na	na	na
Bison	0	0	2	x	0	0	0	0
Deer	3	449	3	380	1	x	1	x
Llamas & Alpacas	12	71	16	94	12	x	3	31
Rabbits	9	186	17	154	5	x	3	32
Colonies of Bees for Honey	25	378	24	301	26	600	10	251

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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