

Agriculture in Brief

Fraser Valley Regional District



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent & Mission.

Population (2011) ¹	#	277,593
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	1,333,528
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³	ha	71,675
Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴	#	20,562
Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴	#	189,017

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	54,454	48,670	56,603	63,838
Number of Farms	#	2,977	2,661	2,567	2,743
Average Farm Size ⁴	ha	18.3	18.3	22.1	23.0
Farmland Use					
Crops ⁶	ha	29,593	31,799	33,394	36,389
Summerfallow	ha	x	202	94	39
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	3,987	3,469	2,925	3,440
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	11,054	5,518	11,233	15,799
All Other Land ⁷	ha	x	7,682	8,957	8,170
Total		54,454	48,670	56,603	63,838
Crop Area					
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	16,482	16,386	15,755	17,324
Field Crops ⁸	ha	5,945	6,828	8,655	9,024
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	3,564	3,942	4,219	5,381
Vegetables	ha	2,477	2,501	2,311	2,199
Nursery Products	ha	913	1,458	1,773	1,703
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	229	376	407
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	x	389,536	x	x
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	x	x	x	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	x	x	na	x
Mushrooms	m ²	59,213	x	120,760	97,163
Christmas Trees	ha	217	266	252	203
Area Irrigated	ha	8,003	7,704	10,555	11,277
Total Farm Capital		\$2,467,335,818	\$3,005,136,751	\$5,582,816,220	\$7,490,504,472
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$535,152,835	\$735,859,984	\$921,425,274	\$1,119,984,565
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		\$86,149,517	\$103,931,975	\$142,654,672	\$172,646,067

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Animals on Farms	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	669	7,332,675	698	10,805,519	584	11,396,784	698	11,912,986
Turkeys	55	422,299	65	437,264	42	434,543	65	521,889
Total Other Poultry	226	259,528	177	552,167	111	371,172	114	428,848
Cattle & Calves	1,386	94,087	1,026	91,103	868	92,722	745	93,369
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	567	41,617	461	40,785	376	44,300	324	44,029
<i>Beef Cows</i>	545	6,694	360	3,793	305	4,297	241	3,038
Pigs	178	123,229	126	138,419	84	96,565	59	75,029
Sheep & Lambs	223	7,637	188	8,665	174	4,002	168	4,734
Horses & Ponies	565	2,596	491	2,785	456	2,634	420	2,493
Goats	159	2,248	141	6,366	121	3,822	121	3,399
Wild Boar	na	na	1	x	0	0	0	0
Mink	10	156,320	8	163,900	0	104,700	0	35,648
Fox	0	0	1	x	na	na	na	na
Bison	1	x	1	x	2	x	2	x
Deer	10	1,025	3	148	4	x	4	x
Llamas & Alpacas	23	x	56	384	64	324	81	373
Rabbits	99	4,186	29	7,011	42	1,560	27	x
Colonies of Bees for Honey	43	1,936	34	3,694	51	5,459	70	5,047

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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