

Agriculture in Brief

Regional District of Nanaimo



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Nanaimo, Lantzville, Parksville & Qualicum Beach.

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| Population (2011) ¹ | # | 146,574 |
| Jurisdictional Land Area ² | ha | 203,801 |
| Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³ | ha | 18,730 |
| Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴ | # | 7,943 |
| Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴ | # | 99,039 |

| Census of Agriculture Data | | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 |
|--|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Farmland Area⁵ | ha | 10,007 | 12,081 | 8,282 | 7,938 |
| Number of Farms | # | 493 | 490 | 461 | 478 |
| Average Farm Size⁴ | ha | 20.3 | 24.7 | 18.0 | 16.6 |
| Farmland Use | | | | | |
| Crops ⁶ | ha | 3,235 | 4,050 | 3,333 | 2,827 |
| Summerfallow | ha | 440 | 110 | x | 7 |
| Tame or Seeded Pasture | ha | 945 | 1,389 | x | 597 |
| Natural Land for Pasture | ha | 1,731 | 2,690 | 1,564 | 2,173 |
| All Other Land ⁷ | ha | 3,656 | 3,842 | 2,599 | 2,334 |
| Total | | 10,007 | 12,081 | 8,282 | 7,938 |
| Crop Area | | | | | |
| Hay Crops ⁸ | ha | 2,229 | 3,054 | 2,398 | 2,280 |
| Field Crops ⁸ | ha | 442 | 629 | 264 | 264 |
| Fruits, Berries & Nuts | ha | 62 | 69 | 83 | 171 |
| Vegetables | ha | 55 | 38 | 49 | 76 |
| Nursery Products | ha | 55 | 56 | 49 | 44 |
| Sod Grown for Sale | ha | 25 | 24 | 17 | 23 |
| Greenhouse Flower Production | m ² | 23,977 | x | 23,828 | 31,283 |
| Greenhouse Vegetable Production | m ² | x | x | x | x |
| Other Greenhouse Production | m ² | x | x | na | 10,732 |
| Mushrooms | m ² | x | x | 0 | 0 |
| Christmas Trees | ha | 173 | 78 | 48 | 52 |
| Area Irrigated | ha | 891 | 703 | 902 | 753 |
| Total Farm Capital | | \$241,929,105 | \$249,031,421 | \$369,169,959 | \$493,533,840 |
| Total Gross Farm Receipts | | \$17,508,293 | \$16,612,719 | \$21,186,317 | \$26,913,383 |
| Total Wages and Salaries Paid | | \$3,591,970 | \$3,717,703 | \$4,932,014 | \$5,350,556 |

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| Animals on Farms | 1996 | | 2001 | | 2006 | | 2011 | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|
| | Farms | Number | Farms | Number | Farms | Number | Farms | Number |
| Hens & Chickens | 182 | 158,643 | 193 | 145,129 | 169 | 93,753 | 173 | 165,795 |
| Turkeys | 18 | x | 27 | 574 | 24 | 494 | 31 | 565 |
| Total Other Poultry | 55 | 3,737 | 65 | 1,080 | 46 | 2,102 | 46 | 825 |
| Cattle & Calves | 208 | 4,915 | 179 | 5,787 | 138 | 3,326 | 104 | 2,725 |
| Dairy Cows | 27 | 810 | 13 | 736 | 8 | 456 | 4 | 470 |
| Beef Cows | 152 | 1,347 | 119 | 1,618 | 97 | 947 | 67 | 599 |
| Pigs | 62 | 3,457 | 44 | 921 | 30 | 267 | 26 | 303 |
| Sheep & Lambs | 71 | 1,775 | 91 | 2,140 | 69 | 1,645 | 75 | 1,421 |
| Horses & Ponies | 133 | 625 | 127 | 676 | 119 | 632 | 129 | 684 |
| Goats | 35 | 229 | 28 | 367 | 25 | 149 | 40 | 257 |
| Wild Boar | na | na | 1 | x | 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 | 1 | x | 1 | x |
| Deer | 3 | x | 2 | x | 1 | x | 0 | 0 |
| Llamas & Alpacas | 6 | 37 | 12 | 182 | 27 | 402 | 33 | 323 |
| Rabbits | 33 | 670 | 10 | 287 | 12 | 122 | 14 | 415 |
| Colonies of Bees for Honey | 18 | 898 | 29 | 1,269 | 23 | 601 | 18 | 1,038 |

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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