

Agriculture in Brief

Regional District of North Okanagan



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Lumby, Spallumcheen & Vernon.

Population (2011) ¹	#	81,237
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	750,260
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) ³	ha	68,890
Population Increase (2006-2011) ⁴	#	3,936
Population Increase (1971-2011) ⁴	#	47,697

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	58,571	72,606	76,624	84,339
Number of Farms	#	1,187	1,175	1,227	1,167
Average Farm Size ⁴	ha	49.3	61.8	62.4	72.0
Farmland Use					
Crops ⁶	ha	18,286	20,380	20,890	21,003
Summerfallow	ha	499	448	268	278
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	5,568	6,981	4,945	4,976
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	22,634	33,175	39,511	43,575
All Other Land ⁷	ha	11,584	11,622	11,010	14,507
Total		58,571	72,606	76,624	84,339
Crop Area					
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	11,581	14,111	14,888	14,928
Field Crops ⁸	ha	554	5,375	4,899	5,172
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	523	458	426	482
Vegetables	ha	224	202	195	174
Nursery Products	ha	71	68	106	150
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	27	x	x	x
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	8,139	8,882	8,146	10,068
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	8,207	9,285	6,606	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	x	3,484	na	x
Mushrooms	m ²	x	0	0	0
Christmas Trees	ha	120	62	21	25
Area Irrigated	ha	8,720	8,542	9,678	8,960
Total Farm Capital		\$650,661,583	\$762,501,773	\$1,278,864,574	\$1,774,519,530
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$78,659,559	\$83,993,442	\$111,383,177	\$126,150,927
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		\$12,330,107	\$11,259,977	\$15,568,505	\$14,591,739

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Animals on Farms	1996		2001		2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	233	869,206	267	1,136,694	246	1,108,689	245	1,159,577
Turkeys	32	550	45	1,138	29	903	18	x
Total Other Poultry	94	1,488	67	1,235	40	x	37	928
Cattle & Calves	538	33,842	491	36,772	479	39,633	355	33,583
Dairy Cows	106	4,595	74	4,917	68	5,538	63	6,497
Beef Cows	330	8,934	333	11,047	313	10,766	196	7,660
Pigs	47	8,495	45	4,186	43	3,726	22	141
Sheep & Lambs	72	2,451	93	6,950	79	5,210	75	2,680
Horses & Ponies	401	2,713	429	2,968	444	3,426	378	2,874
Goats	70	527	57	1,134	56	1,107	47	1,414
Wild Boar	na	na	6	667	3	x	2	x
Mink	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	x
Fox	0	0	0	0	na	na	na	na
Bison	2	x	3	x	9	111	6	x
Deer	7	x	3	38	5	x	3	x
Llamas & Alpacas	19	493	37	719	40	449	37	298
Rabbits	46	1,109	12	767	18	398	16	528
Colonies of Bees for Honey	39	1,832	32	2,841	32	2,695	26	1,738

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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