

# Agriculture in Brief

## Regional District of Okanagan - Similkameen



### Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton & Summerland.

Population (2011) <sup>1</sup>	#	80,742
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	1,041,426
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) <sup>3</sup>	ha	84,065
Population Increase (2006-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	1,267
Population Increase (1971-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	37,897

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	68,121	76,866	85,241	84,058
Number of Farms	#	1,754	1,611	1,621	1,506
Average Farm Size <sup>4</sup>	ha	38.8	47.7	52.6	56.0
<b>Farmland Use</b>					
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	11,878	12,414	12,541	11,899
Summerfallow	ha	151	96	54	41
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	5,944	2,242	2,607	4,169
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	40,411	46,696	58,889	61,065
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	9,737	15,419	11,149	6,884
<b>Total</b>		<b>68,121</b>	<b>76,866</b>	<b>85,241</b>	<b>84,058</b>
<b>Crop Area</b>					
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	5,530	6,004	5,930	5,793
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	36	215	35	124
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	5,167	5,844	5,305	5,511
Vegetables	ha	250	208	234	259
Nursery Products	ha	58	72	74	63
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	x	x	0
Greenhouse Flower Production	m <sup>2</sup>	21,334	x	42,780	16,615
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m <sup>2</sup>	26,075	28,675	24,067	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m <sup>2</sup>	57,703	x	na	x
Mushrooms	m <sup>2</sup>	0	0	x	0
Christmas Trees	ha	93	89	38	21
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>2,812</b>
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>		<b>\$829,837,088</b>	<b>\$987,426,213</b>	<b>\$1,909,005,032</b>	<b>\$2,824,940,486</b>
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>		<b>\$88,624,544</b>	<b>\$103,763,052</b>	<b>\$125,501,492</b>	<b>\$132,735,536</b>
<b>Total Wages and Salaries Paid</b>		<b>\$20,521,856</b>	<b>\$25,051,487</b>	<b>\$33,200,289</b>	<b>\$38,169,017</b>

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<b>Animals on Farms</b>	<b>1996</b>		<b>2001</b>		<b>2006</b>		<b>2011</b>	
	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>
Hens & Chickens	188	8,286	202	10,541	190	12,741	137	7,316
Turkeys	23	x	29	x	30	x	12	x
Total Other Poultry	95	1,783	65	1,130	36	x	24	x
Cattle & Calves	291	24,815	236	31,528	206	24,825	144	16,117
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	27	388	14	29	8	16	5	53
<i>Beef Cows</i>	183	8,958	147	9,860	129	8,487	97	6,516
Pigs	48	299	42	329	32	202	9	102
Sheep & Lambs	54	1,217	52	1,391	47	1,397	32	1,228
Horses & Ponies	334	2,008	296	2,107	301	1,899	243	1,568
Goats	43	349	33	492	41	402	19	181
Wild Boar	na	na	3	x	1	x	0	0
Mink	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	na	na	na	na
Bison	0	0	2	x	3	24	4	x
Deer	0	0	1	x	0	0	0	0
Llamas & Alpacas	15	343	29	493	38	254	32	178
Rabbits	39	863	11	443	13	79	12	80
Colonies of Bees for Honey	42	2,090	32	1,563	45	1,430	32	1,028

## 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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