

Agriculture in Brief

Peace River Regional District



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Ingenika Point, Pouce Coupe, Taylor & Tumbler Ridge.

Note: Prior to 2006, the Census of Agriculture data for the Peace River Regional District was combined with the Northern Rockies Regional District (NRRD) due to confidentiality constraints as the NRRD has very few farms. Therefore the Census of Agriculture data for the Peace River Regional District prior to 2006 is not provided here.

Population (2011)¹	#	60,082
Jurisdictional Land Area²	ha	11,739,138
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012)³	ha	1,288,963
Population Increase (2006-2011)⁴	#	1,818
Population Increase (1971-2011)⁴	#	16,827

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011
Total Farmland Area⁵	ha	885,485	823,498
Number of Farms	#	1,699	1,532
Average Farm Size⁴	ha	521.2	537.5
<u>Farmland Use</u>			
Crops ⁶	ha	253,734	268,362
Summerfallow	ha	x	15,990
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	111,507	99,619
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	345,172	339,848
All Other Land ⁷	ha	x	99,678
Total		885,485	823,498
<u>Crop Area</u>			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	142,571	137,008
Field Crops ⁸	ha	110,800	131,218
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	x	x
Vegetables	ha	29	x
Nursery Products	ha	x	36
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	x
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	x	x
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	568	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	na	x
Mushrooms	m ²	0	0
Christmas Trees	ha	47	28
Area Irrigated	ha	x	x
Total Farm Capital		\$1,403,881,695	\$1,844,385,321
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$137,595,743	\$144,384,333
Total Wages and Salaries Paid		\$10,831,141	\$8,566,167

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Animals on Farms	2006		2011	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	185	39,973	185	43,620
Turkeys	23	2,958	29	2,668
Total Other Poultry	45	2,534	32	1,876
Cattle & Calves	823	146,234	655	100,537
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	36	383	39	392
<i>Beef Cows</i>	734	63,089	568	43,595
Pigs	57	24,381	41	7,387
Sheep & Lambs	89	5,950	82	7,673
Horses & Ponies	880	10,292	748	8,108
Goats	52	689	50	976
Wild Boar	3	95	0	0
Mink	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	na	na
Bison	56	x	33	x
Deer	4	217	1	x
Llamas & Alpacas	63	329	50	219
Rabbits	23	482	27	178
Colonies of Bees for Honey	22	2,716	25	1,605

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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