



# **2006 Census of Agriculture** *and Historical Comparisons*



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Initial results from the 2006 Census of Agriculture released mid-May 2007 by Statistics Canada include the following highlights for British Columbia:

## **Farm Numbers**

- The total number of farms in B.C. decreased by 2.2 percent to 19,844 in 2006, from 20,290 in 2001.
- The number of non-family corporation farms increased 7.7 percent from 323 to 348 farms.
- Family controlled farms decreased by 2.2 percent, from 19,880 to 19,450 farms.
- Large commercial sized farms in British Columbia with sales of \$500,000 and over increased 14.3 percent from 989 to 1130.

## **Farmland**

- There were 2.835 million hectares (7.006 mil acres) of farmland in BC in 2006, an increase of 9.5 percent from 2001. In British Columbia the total land area of farms, area leased from governments, unimproved pasture and all other land are higher than in previous censuses due to better quality data on government lands operated under a licence, permit or lease.
- The area of owned farmland increased by 1.6 percent to 1.599 mil hectares (3.956 mil acres) in 2006 and rented/leased land increased by 8.5 percent to 312,424 hectares (772,016 acres).
- Following the increase in total farmland and the decrease in farm numbers, the average size of farms in British Columbia increased from 128 hectares in 2001 to 143 hectares in 2006.

## **Land Management Practices**

- The hectares of farmland irrigated in B.C. increased by 6.6 percent in 2005 over 2000, notably below the average national increase of 13.0 percent. B.C. had the highest percent of farm area under irrigation among the provinces, at 4 percent, and the smallest farm area commercially fertilized, at 11.7 percent.
- There were 15,081 less hectares, or 4.4 percent less farmland to which commercial fertilizers were applied in B.C. in 2005 over 2000.
- Improved soil practices continued in B.C. in 2006. The area of no-tillage increased from 14.2 percent of B.C.'s total land prepared for seeding to 19.1 percent, or to a total of 37,892 hectares in 2006. The area of conservation tillage, retaining most of the residue on the surface, also increased in 2006, from 21.0 percent to 26.2 percent of B.C.'s total land prepared for seeding. In total, almost half (45 percent) of B.C.'s total land prepared for seeding was in no tillage and conservation tillage, up from 35 percent in 2001.
- The area to which herbicides, insecticides and fungicides were applied grew by 3.1 percent, 7.6 percent and 2.5 percent respectively over the previous census year.

## **Farm Capital**

- Farm capital in B.C., expressed in 2005 constant dollars, reached \$24.9 billion, or an increase of 40.3 percent from the 2001 Census. The value of farm machinery and equipment increased 0.9 percent and the value of land and buildings increased 52.5 percent.

### **Farm Labour**

- Year round labour increased by 14 percent and the number of farms reporting such labour decreased by 6 percent, suggesting an increase in the amount of year round paid labour per farm.
- The amount of paid seasonal or temporary labour increased by 19 percent, suggesting slightly faster growth in the seasonal versus year round labour force

### **Farm Enterprises**

- Among types of farm enterprises, there were increases in the number of grains and oilseeds, fruit, livestock combination, and specialty crops and livestock farms. On the other hand, there were decreases in the number of supply managed, cattle, hogs, wheat, field crops (other than grains and oilseeds), vegetable, and other combination farms.
- For the very first time in Census history, there were farms in B.C. reporting maple and other syrup production. A total of 32 farms reported producing maple and other types of syrups on 2241 square meters of land.
- There were 586,238 hectares (1.448 mil ac) of farmland in crops in BC in 2006, a 5.1 percent decline from 2001 when B.C. saw 617,545 hectares (1,525,986 ac) of farmland in crops.
- The market value of agricultural products produced by British Columbia farms increased to \$2.7 billion in 2006 compared with \$2.3 billion in 2001. Operating expenses reached \$2.4 billion compared with \$2.1 billion in 2001. Thus the ratio of farm operating expenses to receipts decreased slightly from 2001.

### **Organic Farms**

- The question on organic production was expanded in 2006 to allow for reporting of “certified organic” versus “transitional” versus “non-certified” organic production.
- BC has the highest percentage of all provinces reporting any organic production (including certified, transitional, and uncertified organic production). 16.3 percent of the total farms in BC reported producing organic products, compared to national average of 7.9 percent.
- There were 452 farms reported producing certified organic products in 2006, a 42 percent increase from the total 319 farms that reported producing certified organic products in 2001.

### **Farm Business Management**

- There were 9,096 British Columbia farms using computers in 2006, an increase of 12 percent from 2001. The number of BC farm using computers represents almost 46 percent of the total number of farms. The proportion is up from slightly more than 40 percent from 2001. E-mail and Internet, word processing, and bookkeeping were the most popular uses.

# 2006 Census of Agriculture: British Columbia Summary Statistics

	Unit	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
<b>Total Census Farms</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>18,361</b>	<b>19,368</b>	<b>19,943</b>	<b>18,960</b>	<b>19,150</b>	<b>21,748</b>	<b>20,290</b>	<b>19,844</b>
Family farms (1)	number	18,260	19,211	19,779	18,815	18,787	21,175	19,880	19,450
Non-family corporations	number	101	157	164	145	363	573	323	348
<b>Total Land Area in B.C. (2)</b>	<b>hectares</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>	<b>89,307,184</b>
<b>Areas of Census Farms</b>	<b>hectares</b>	<b>2,356,578</b>	<b>2,449,525</b>	<b>2,178,596</b>	<b>2,411,060</b>	<b>2,392,341</b>	<b>2,529,060</b>	<b>2,587,118</b>	<b>2,835,458</b>
Farms reporting	number	18,400	19,432	20,012	16,063	19,225	21,835	20,290	19,844
Total area owned	hectares	1,544,956	1,501,543	1,537,035	1,457,108	1,500,189	1,562,141	1,525,403	1,549,793
Farms reporting	number	17,509	18,438	18,995	17,990	18,313	20,701	19,327	19,153
Total area rented	hectares	811,622	947,982	641,561	953,952	892,152	966,919	1,061,715	343,200
Farms reporting	number	4,016	4,299	4,368	4,732	4,573	5,098	4,981	4,081
<b>Use of Land on Census Farms</b>									
Land in crops	hectares	442,157	489,614	568,241	570,843	556,796	565,738	617,545	586,238
Farms reporting	number	14,052	14,842	15,880	14,602	14,335	15,490	15,023	14,484
Summerfallow	hectares	69,936	67,641	63,528	81,166	57,476	39,017	36,765	25,581
Farms reporting	number	2,229	1,906	1,917	1,806	1,641	1,135	1,158	574
Improved land for pasture or grazing (3)	hectares	161,010	175,696	266,884	206,428	241,004	240,236	233,044	271,374
Farms reporting	number	8,413	8,883	9,615	7,321	7,055	6,249	5,784	5,739
Unimproved land for pasture or grazing	hectares	..	..	..	1,033,384	1,030,568	1,172,591	1,207,553	1,499,563
Farms reporting	number	..	..	..	..	8,341	10,094	9,720	9,118
All other land (4)	hectares	1,683,475	1,716,575	1,280,061	519,235	506,497	511,478	492,211	478,283
Farms reporting	number	15,726	16,118	16,394	15,394	16,631	17,286	15,355	15,639
<b>Land Management Practices</b>									
Irrigation - area	hectares	89,430	..	100,475	117,811	94,864	115,374	111,181	118,538
Farms reporting	number	5,847	..	6,706	7,138	6,327	7,761	6,861	6,938
Commercial fertilizer - area	hectares	129,598	..	362,105	374,186	330,937	361,320	346,521	331,440
Farms reporting	number	6,010	..	10,035	10,044	8,725	9,312	8,219	7,172
Herbicide - area	hectares	55,212	..	121,154	141,166	126,472	142,767	149,256	153,900
Farms reporting	number	2,454	..	3,739	4,794	4,085	4,570	4,547	4,109
Insecticide or fungicide - area	hectares	30,659	..	31,025	30,794	38,102	51,375	52,182	54,936
Farms reporting	number	3,916	..	3,885	3,511	3,192	5,694	5,055	4,190
Manure - area	hectares	..	..	..	..	78,208	85,133	94,380	87,328
Farms reporting	number	..	..	..	..	6,460	7,703	7,251	7,457
No tillage	hectares	..	..	..	..	11,137	18,052	29,057	37,892
Farms reporting	number	..	..	..	..	624	344	788	1,066
Conservation tillage (5)	hectares	..	..	..	..	28,742	43,753	43,020	51,723
Farms reporting	number	..	..	..	..	754	739	802	1,366

	Unit	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
<b>Machinery and Equipment</b>									
Total tractors	number	21,953	25,229	28,761	31,768	33,527	36,361	40,498	42,916
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>13,386</i>	<i>14,519</i>	<i>15,560</i>	<i>15,745</i>	<i>16,024</i>	<i>17,455</i>	<i>17,119</i>	<i>17,170</i>
Grain combines	number	1,673	1,769	1,870	1,795	1,752	1,526	1,535	1,226
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>1,559</i>	<i>1,578</i>	<i>1,623</i>	<i>1,562</i>	<i>1,476</i>	<i>1,310</i>	<i>1,259</i>	<i>1,034</i>
Swathers	number	1,925	3,241	3,729	3,212	3,222	3,098	8,254	8,432
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>1,799</i>	<i>2,999</i>	<i>3,334</i>	<i>2,826</i>	<i>2,814</i>	<i>2,706</i>	<i>6,669</i>	<i>6,636</i>
Mower-conditioners**	number	..	..	..	5,565	6,305	6,419	..	..
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>5,122</i>	<i>5,601</i>	<i>5,681</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>
Balers	number	4,527	4,927	7,186	7,484	8,133	8,537	8,796	8,723
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>4,319</i>	<i>4,621</i>	<i>6,378</i>	<i>6,387</i>	<i>6,503</i>	<i>6,630</i>	<i>6,669</i>	<i>6,391</i>
Forage harvesters	number	1,879	2,062	2,211	1,863	2,045	1,661	1,743	1,318
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>1,666</i>	<i>1,729</i>	<i>1,898</i>	<i>1,632</i>	<i>1,704</i>	<i>1,393</i>	<i>1,407</i>	<i>1,088</i>
Farm trucks	number	17,243	17,106	23,087	25,346	26,773	28,789	28,980	28,396
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>12,504</i>	<i>10,867</i>	<i>14,931</i>	<i>15,138</i>	<i>15,514</i>	<i>16,747</i>	<i>16,301</i>	<i>16,006</i>
** mower-conditioners since 2001 have been combined with swathers.									
<b>Farms Using Personal Computers</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>8,146</b>	<b>9,096</b>
Bookkeeping, payroll or tax prep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,880	6,033
Livestock and/or crop record keeping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,680	3,290
Word processing (writing letters, etc.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,957	6,642
Internet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,700	6,996
Email	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,480	7,086
Other applications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	7
Desktop									2,229
Banking									4,699
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>1,606,924</b>	<b>3,589,842</b>	<b>8,526,380</b>	<b>6,487,882</b>	<b>8,614,244</b>	<b>13,822,213</b>	<b>15,831,578</b>	<b>24,904,713</b>
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>18,400</i>	<i>19,432</i>	<i>20,012</i>	<i>19,063</i>	<i>19,225</i>	<i>21,835</i>	<i>20,290</i>	<i>19,844</i>
Land and buildings	\$'000	1,293,261	3,051,563	7,261,012	5,263,842	7,037,507	11,863,945	13,066,698	22,354,892
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>18,400</i>	<i>19,432</i>	<i>20,012</i>	<i>19,063</i>	<i>19,225</i>	<i>21,835</i>	<i>20,290</i>	<i>19,844</i>
Machinery and equipment	\$'000	163,172	346,525	693,367	726,126	891,629	1,227,932	1,608,420	1,820,784
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>17,558</i>	<i>18,835</i>	<i>19,602</i>	<i>18,291</i>	<i>18,836</i>	<i>20,954</i>	<i>20,290</i>	<i>19,844</i>
Livestock and poultry	\$'000	150,429	191,754	572,001	497,914	685,108	730,336	1,156,460	729,036
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>13,610</i>	<i>13,946</i>	<i>13,961</i>	<i>13,467</i>	<i>13,661</i>	<i>15,405</i>	<i>14,339</i>	<i>13,539</i>
<b>Selected Farm Operating Expenses</b>									
Rent or lease of land and buildings	\$'000	3,759	..	17,228	22,302	25,063	34,977	34,415	46,720
Cash wages	\$'000	25,495	..	101,136	168,953	229,282	339,911	405,679	498,117
Electricity and Telecommunications	\$'000	..	..	12,470	22,465	24,374	38,083	56,338	61,284
Interest	\$'000	..	..	..	117,315	140,828	117,471	149,706	137,278
Machinery fuel, oil, lubricants *	\$'000	7,190	..	37,529	51,628	49,495	53,699	..	..
All fuel expenses**	\$'000	..	..	..	..	..	..	113,476	159,086
Machinery maintenance	\$'000	..	..	34,350	51,256	65,280	75,475	88,314	103,963
Fertilizer and lime	\$'000	4,703	..	29,132	36,488	39,394	55,518	62,146	85,490
Herbicides, insecticides, fungicides	\$'000	2,319	..	9,914	14,606	16,334	23,237	28,059	35,998
Seed and seedlings	\$'000	..	..	..	19,591	23,446	62,451	95,137	117,570
Feed and supplements	\$'000	45,644	..	177,726	213,958	217,771	290,123	309,710	332,670
Livestock and poultry purchases	\$'000	..	..	..	94,191	104,298	168,223	237,826	223,695
Veterinary services	\$'000	..	..	..	13,374	17,764	26,800	31,419	35,040
Fuel for heating***	\$'000	..	..	..	13,038	10,408	18,334	..	..

	Unit	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Custom work and contract work****	\$'000	3,203	..	12,700	15,929	22,875	66,946	122,789	145,807
Machine rental	\$'000	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,199	13,955

\*Included in "All fuel expenses" since 2001

\*\*All fuel expenses, rental and leasing of land and buildings, electricity, telephone and all other telecommunication services, and all other expenses were phrased differently in 1996. These changes limit the comparability of the data between 2001 and previous censuses.

\*\*\*Fuel for heating - is now included with "All fuel expenses".

\*\*\*\*Custom work and contract work and rental and leasing of farm machinery, equipment and vehicles were separate entries for expenses in 2001; in 1996 they were grouped together. This change limits the comparability of the data between 2001 and previous censuses.

<b>Total Farm Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>975,599</b>	<b>1,126,932</b>	<b>1,661,722</b>	<b>2,088,607</b>	<b>2,382,732</b>
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<b>Paid Agricultural Work</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>310,666</b>	<b>338,593</b>	<b>484,165</b>	<b>582,576</b>	<b>575,854</b>	<b>709,376</b>	<b>776,892</b>	<b>906,817</b>
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Farms reporting	number	7,355	6,484	7,904	9,162	8,709	8,575	7,854	7,659
Year round	number	..	..	253,559	275,695	294,220	414,259	481,194	570,463
Farms reporting	number	..	..	2,510	2,593	2,986	3,373	3,250	3,440
Seasonal or temporary	number	..	..	230,606	306,881	281,634	295,117	295,698	336,354
Farms reporting	number	..	..	6,391	8,170	7,151	6,494	5,869	5,519

#### Farms Classified by Gross Receipts Class

Under \$2,500	number	9,756	9,396	6,415	5,364	4,707	3,813	2,908	2,527
\$2,500 - \$4,999	number	2,170	2,377	3,060	2,807	2,693	4,443	4,097	3,954
\$5,000 - \$9,999	number	2,016	2,047	2,487	2,456	2,624	3,274	3,082	2,985
\$10,000 - \$24,999	number	2,282	2,297	2,802	2,832	2,965	3,413	3,426	3,194
\$25,000 - \$49,999	number	1,295	1,256	1,748	1,757	1,818	1,959	1,936	2,037
\$50,000 - \$99,999	number	594	1,116	1,346	1,231	1,416	1,533	1,464	1,592
\$100,000 - \$249,999	number	226	943	1,491	1,472	1,494	1,589	1,509	1,536
\$250,000 - \$499,999	number	45	..	502	801	978	1,006	879	889
\$500,000 and over	number	16	..	161	343	530	805	989	1,130
Under \$10,000*	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,087	9,466
\$500,000 to \$999,999*	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	618
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999*	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	328
\$2,000,000 and over*	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	184

\* New Gross Receipt Classes released with the 2006 Census of Agriculture.

<b>Farms with Gross Receipts of \$2,500 or More Classified by Farm Type (Historical Classification)(6)</b>									<b>17,317</b>
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Dairy	number	1,637	1,437	1,345	1,150	1,158	1,184	795	663
Cattle	number	2,238	3,136	4,558	4,266	4,224	4,413	4,690	4,086
Hogs	number	160	116	347	290	254	206	146	113
Poultry and eggs	number	644	564	850	752	584	925	973	911
Wheat	number	166	206	185	151	91	119	62	45
Grains and oilseeds	number	390	870	684	663	361	240	184	205
Field crops (other than grains & oilseeds)	number	388	220	623	356	886	1,621	1,808	1,733
Fruits	number	1,694	..	2,500	2,518	2,406	2,836	2,521	2,799
Vegetables	number	242	..	275	402	344	595	636	534
Miscellaneous specialty (12)	number	785	813	1,550	1,893	3,364	4,784	4,775	5,247
Livestock combinations	number	99	185	369	238	520	623	416	678
Other combinations	number	201	..	311	1,020	326	476	376	303

<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts (6)</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>209,598</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>799,654</b>	<b>1,058,987</b>	<b>1,321,200</b>	<b>1,839,217</b>	<b>2,307,697</b>	<b>2,651,963</b>
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<b>Sales of Forest Products</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>14,928</b>	<b>13,461</b>	<b>20,692</b>	<b>37,647</b>	<b>17,757</b>	<b>15,878</b>
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	<b>Unit</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Area in Field Crops</b>	<b>hectares</b>	<b>416,769</b>	<b>465,205</b>	<b>541,867</b>	<b>542,548</b>	<b>526,832</b>	<b>536,175</b>	<b>389,987</b>	<b>351,554</b>
Wheat	hectares	44,237	26,304	42,938	39,940	44,240	40,146	31,084	23,076
Oats	hectares	52,801	57,564	49,894	46,666	29,625	34,083	32,507	32,802
Barley	hectares	79,197	81,675	93,659	73,985	43,212	45,116	34,934	24,589
Mixed grains	hectares	2,834	2,147	1,786	1,735	3,363	2,232	2,821	4,437
Corn for grain	hectares	218	647	82	184	214	642	1,084	362
Rye	hectares	574	2,735	3,734	3,634	2,380	2,849	1,626	1,704
Flaxseed	hectares	133	203	51	167	318	189	23	36
Canola	hectares	7,928	11,317	25,379	42,733	40,532	25,821	23,548	26,018
Corn for silage	hectares	5,242	8,379	11,729	11,310	9,489	9,636	10,945	12,880
Tame hay & other fodder	hectares	217,064	267,893	304,692	302,748	326,632	347,972	205,475	189,576
Forage seed for seed	hectares	..	..	..	15,583	22,211	18,987	37,770	28,985
Potatoes	hectares	3,676	4,374	3,510	3,182	3,369	3,642	3,507	3,439
Dry field peas	hectares	985	291	221	x	669	3,606	3,249	2,594
Ginseng	hectares	..	..	..	..	107	661	1,023	409
Other field crops	hectares	1,880	1,676	4,192	681	471	593	391	647
<b>Area in Vegetables</b>	<b>hectares</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>7,464</b>	<b>7,867</b>	<b>7,568</b>	<b>8,275</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>7,277</b>	<b>6,957</b>
Sweet corn	hectares	1,890	..	1,570	1,571	1,692	1,472	1,354	1,384
Tomatoes	hectares	150	..	163	145	127	167	119	125
Cucumbers	hectares	173	..	132	134	164	147	132	122
Green peas	hectares	1,614	..	1,608	1,162	1,846	757	854	760
Green or wax beans	hectares	784	..	645	551	802	547	799	985
Cabbage	hectares	335	..	349	329	298	235	290	226
Chinese cabbage	hectares	..	..	..	..	37	85	102	114
Cauliflower	hectares	336	..	564	634	444	351	214	85
Broccoli	hectares	242	..	765	737	627	701	612	462
Brussels sprouts	hectares	..	..	..	453	286	290	294	276
Carrots	hectares	189	..	273	264	260	317	381	290
Rutabagas	hectares	192	..	129	104	78	68	65	64
Beets	hectares	45	..	69	39	62	79	82	92
Radishes	hectares	..	..	..	34	59	73	58	63
Dry onions	hectares	263	..	237	163	171	211	115	107
Green onion and shallots	hectares	..	..	..	23	59	57	58	46
Celery	hectares	68	..	..	89	83	52	23	10
Lettuce	hectares	227	..	297	300	361	363	341	260
Spinach	hectares	12	..	..	48	50	73	75	66
Peppers	hectares	..	..	..	34	70	153	153	131
Squash, zucchini, pumpkins	hectares	..	..	..	207	225	366	530	578
Asparagus, producing	hectares	329	..	246	216	157	106	97	91
Rhubarb	hectares	..	..	..	31	31	43	49	..
Other Vegetables	hectares	402	..	813	208	273	366	462	585
<b>Area in Berries and Grapes</b>	<b>hectares</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>7,145</b>	<b>7,687</b>	<b>10,436</b>	<b>12,038</b>
Strawberries	hectares	..	..	..	..	918	761	753	439
Raspberries	hectares	..	..	..	..	2,430	2,339	2,226	2,031
Grapes	hectares	..	..	..	..	1,877	2,280	2,956	4,775
Blueberries	hectares	..	..	..	..	1,139	1,330	1,640	1,638
Cranberries	hectares	..	..	..	..	781	977	2,861	3,155

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<b>Area in Tree Fruits</b>	<b>hectares</b>	..	..	<b>11,513</b>	<b>10,956</b>	<b>10,735</b>	<b>9,924</b>	<b>8,367</b>	<b>7,057</b>
Apples	hectares	..	..	7,914	7,779	8,030	7,467	5,982	4,470
Pears	hectares	..	..	875	694	580	524	362	310
Prunes and plums	hectares	..	..	424	311	277	217	168	180
Sweet cherry	hectares	..	..	919	754	669	689	944	1,297
Sour cherry	hectares	..	..	151	182	172	152	122	75
Peach	hectares	..	..	963	964	727	633	606	587
Apricot	hectares	..	..	267	272	280	245	183	138
<b>Area in Greenhouse Products</b>	<b>sq. m.</b>	<b>476,425</b>	..	<b>1,007,737</b>	<b>1,306,079</b>	<b>1,787,225</b>	<b>2,834,332</b>	<b>4,552,771</b>	<b>5,293,197</b>
Flowers	sq. m.	..	..	..	660,284	888,488	1,323,038	1,797,536	1,774,480
Greenhouse vegetables	sq. m.	..	..	..	436,474	628,137	763,167	1,891,485	2,523,522
Other greenhouse products	sq. m.	..	..	..	209,321	270,600	748,127	863,750	995,194
<b>Area in Mushroom Houses</b>	<b>sq. m.</b>	<b>67,002</b>	..	<b>x</b>	<b>199,211</b>	<b>210,421</b>	<b>243,909</b>	<b>228,579</b>	<b>226,658</b>
<b>Area in Nursery Products and Sod</b>	<b>hectares</b>	..	..	<b>1,244</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>5,044</b>	<b>5,349</b>
Nursery products	hectares	817	..	1,244	1,565	2,373	3,213	4,207	4,505
Sod	hectares	..	..	..	639	929	936	837	844
<b>Area in Christmas Trees</b>	<b>hectares</b>	..	..	..	..	..	<b>9,453</b>	<b>6,018</b>	<b>3,565</b>
<b>Total Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>573,171</b>	<b>690,443</b>	<b>789,841</b>	<b>689,957</b>	<b>752,414</b>	<b>814,103</b>	<b>814,949</b>	<b>800,855</b>
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>10,364</i>	<i>11,652</i>	<i>11,246</i>	<i>9,333</i>	<i>8,698</i>	<i>9,185</i>	<i>7,726</i>	<i>6,996</i>
Bulls	number	11,928	14,972	18,377	14,199	15,901	18,805	17,215	17,027
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>3,678</i>	<i>4,740</i>	<i>5,239</i>	<i>4,343</i>	<i>4,548</i>	<i>4,952</i>	<i>4,253</i>	<i>3,873</i>
Dairy cows	number	80,485	81,506	89,279	75,005	74,919	82,008	71,401	72,756
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>5,285</i>	<i>4,818</i>	<i>3,695</i>	<i>2,601</i>	<i>2,038</i>	<i>1,644</i>	<i>1,044</i>	<i>812</i>
Beef cows	number	184,304	223,384	233,911	214,670	242,742	273,217	279,927	276,897
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>5,553</i>	<i>7,366</i>	<i>6,613</i>	<i>5,868</i>	<i>5,852</i>	<i>6,182</i>	<i>5,365</i>	<i>5,004</i>
Heifers	number	79,925	97,579	127,058	106,703	114,813	114,455	112,032	106,684
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>6,971</i>	<i>7,870</i>	<i>7,804</i>	<i>6,142</i>	<i>5,562</i>	<i>5,687</i>	<i>5,023</i>	<i>4,303</i>
Steers	number	48,161	83,063	79,111	52,598	50,693	60,182	46,851	52,636
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>4,227</i>	<i>6,213</i>	<i>5,165</i>	<i>3,589</i>	<i>2,958</i>	<i>3,577</i>	<i>2,575</i>	<i>2,841</i>
Calves	number	168,368	189,939	242,105	226,782	253,346	265,436	287,523	274,855
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>8,507</i>	<i>9,013</i>	<i>9,165</i>	<i>7,368</i>	<i>6,953</i>	<i>7,298</i>	<i>6,425</i>	<i>5,733</i>
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>78,621</b>	<b>55,549</b>	<b>254,895</b>	<b>216,732</b>	<b>223,776</b>	<b>174,169</b>	<b>165,816</b>	<b>135,826</b>
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>2,729</i>	<i>2,057</i>	<i>2,348</i>	<i>1,399</i>	<i>1,349</i>	<i>1,411</i>	<i>1,120</i>	<i>817</i>
Boars	number	..	..	1,778	1,324	1,493	1,376	884	663
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	..	..	642	380	427	415	290	212
Sows and bred gilts	number	8,426	6,699	28,546	21,672	22,674	19,640	18,308	18,629
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>667</i>	<i>986</i>	<i>559</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>556</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>307</i>
All other pigs (7)	number	70,195	48,450	224,571	193,736	199,609	153,153	146,624	116,534
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	..	..	2,159	1,271	1,266	1,211	1,078	811
<b>Total Sheep and Lambs</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>53,112</b>	<b>42,729</b>	<b>66,988</b>	<b>57,243</b>	<b>74,136</b>	<b>71,603</b>	<b>83,307</b>	<b>61,033</b>
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>1,108</i>	<i>1,155</i>	<i>1,590</i>	<i>1,536</i>	<i>1,870</i>	<i>1,913</i>	<i>1,865</i>	<i>1,652</i>
Rams	number	..	..	..	1,479	1,954	2,081	2,725	2,123
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	..	..	..	900	1,091	1,178	1,265	1,095
Ewes and wethers (8)	number	27,980	19,030	34,370	25,868	34,122	32,631	36,590	28,216
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	..	..	1,466	1,411	1,720	1,764	1,732	1,514
Lambs	number	25,132	18,908	32,618	29,896	38,060	36,891	43,992	30,694
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	..	..	1,424	1,382	1,644	1,633	1,516	1,345



	<b>Unit</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Poultry Inventory</b>									
Total Hens and chickens	number	7,861,488	9,772,121	9,975,871	9,229,529	11,284,526	13,759,261	18,820,347	18,341,907
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>6,362</i>	<i>7,831</i>	<i>7,894</i>	<i>5,581</i>	<i>4,914</i>	<i>4,840</i>	<i>5,198</i>	<i>4,460</i>
Pullets & pullet chicks under 19 weeks (8)	number	1,361,033	1,334,132	1,386,942	1,278,531	1,087,662	1,077,199	1,436,793	1,109,850
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>2,914</i>	<i>1,822</i>	<i>1,761</i>	<i>1,250</i>	<i>1,367</i>	<i>962</i>
Laying Hens, 19 weeks and over (9)	number	3,091,345	2,576,238	2,871,736	2,774,760	2,688,628	3,025,858	3,411,384	3,111,480
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>6,862</i>	<i>4,794</i>	<i>4,108</i>	<i>4,213</i>	<i>4,475</i>	<i>3,854</i>
Broilers, roasters and cornish hens (10)	number	3,409,110	5,310,677	5,717,193	5,176,238	7,508,236	9,656,204	13,972,170	14,120,577
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>4,898</i>	<i>3,233</i>	<i>1,919</i>	<i>1,348</i>	<i>1,776</i>	<i>1,393</i>
Birds in hatchery supply flocks	number	..	..	..	242,432	359,284	497,391	786,105	743,613
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>59</i>
Turkeys	number	805,158	718,946	711,623	648,615	800,531	850,680	819,569	822,036
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>778</i>	<i>1,132</i>	<i>697</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>769</i>	<i>567</i>
Other poultry	number	28,307	18,166	61,965	123,231	242,212	485,162	847,617	538,524
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>2,109</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>3,339</i>	<i>1,412</i>	<i>1,355</i>	<i>1,883</i>	<i>1,497</i>	<i>952</i>
<b>Other Livestock</b>									
Horses and ponies	number	32,461	..	39,356	42,034	39,785	49,305	53,366	53,246
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>6,279</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>6,414</i>	<i>6,561</i>	<i>6,303</i>	<i>7,123</i>	<i>6,820</i>	<i>6,697</i>
Goats	number	2,068	..	..	7,713	9,172	13,121	18,759	13,091
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>435</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>927</i>	<i>891</i>	<i>1,135</i>	<i>1,040</i>	<i>904</i>
Rabbits	number	35,381	..	..	29,582	32,373	20,598	17,757	..
<i>Farms Reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>1,022</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>1,091</i>	<i>989</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>..</i>
Mink	number	245,669	..	..	247,098	189,705	248,602	266,065	261,948
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>
Fox	number	..	..	..	3,349	6,021	1,241	x	-
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>-</i>
All other livestock (11)	number	..	..	..	..	33,432	32,376	20,996	24,300
<i>Farms reporting</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>750</i>	<i>868</i>
<b>Colonies of bees</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>30,791</b>	<b>35,088</b>	<b>28,848</b>	<b>33,982</b>
<i>Farms reporting*</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>694</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>571</i>	

\* In 2006, a distinction between honeybee and other bee colonies was made and, since some farms may have both types, the two figures cannot be combined.

	Unit	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
<b>Organic Products*</b>									
Total Farms reporting Certified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	319	452
Total Farms reporting in Transition	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2767
Total Farms Reporting	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3232
Fruits, vegetables or greenhouse products									
Total Farms reporting Certified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	267	358
Total Farms reporting in Transition	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	999
Total Farms Reporting	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,382
Field crops (grains, oilseeds, etc.)									
Total Farms reporting Certified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	110
Total Farms reporting in Transition	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	753
Total Farms Reporting	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	880
Animals or animal products (meat, milk, eggs, etc.)									
Total Farms reporting Certified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	86
Total Farms reporting in Transition	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,720
Total Farms Reporting	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,817
Other (maple syrup, herbs, etc.)									
Total Farms reporting Certified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	63
Total Farms reporting in Transition	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	264
Total Farms Reporting	number	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	333

\* In the 2001 Census of Agriculture, producers were asked to identify only those commodities grown that were "certified organic by a certified agency"; however, in 2006, producers were asked to identify commodities grown that were certified, in transition, or uncertified.

(1) Family farms include sole proprietorships plus partnerships plus family corporation farms.

(2) Source: BC Statistics.

(3) Includes Summerfallow plus Tame or Seeded Pasture land.

(4) Includes Woodland, Wetlands, and Christmas tree areas.

(5) Includes tillage practices which retain most crop residue on the surface.

(6) includes inter-farm sales and therefore does not compare with annual farm cash receipts reported by Statistics Canada which are net of inter-farm sales.

Source for 2006 data: Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada.

(7) includes Nursing and Weiner Pigs and Grower and Finisher Pigs.

(8) for 1981 and earlier includes rams.

(9) Prior to 1996 the category was hens and Pullets, 20 weeks and over. This may affect comparability slightly.

(10) Prior to 1996 the category was All other Chickens (which excluded meat-type birds, i.e., broilers and roasters, etc.). This may affect comparability slightly.

(11) Includes wild boars, Bison (buffalo), Deer (excluding wild deer), Elk, and Llamas and Alpacas.

(12) Includes mushrooms, greenhouse products, nursery, christmas trees, game farm animals, etc.

.. means the data are not available, or no longer collected.

x means the data are not available due to confidentiality.

(NB: Totals may not add up due to non availability of detailed data, confidentiality, or rounding on conversion.)

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