

Agriculture in Brief

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Port Alberni & Tofino, Ucluelet.

Population (2016) ¹	#	30,981
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	658,915
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	7,776
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	-80

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	3,171	2,470	x	na
Number of Farms	#	89	93	93	0.5%
Average Farm Size	ha	35.6	26.6	na	na
Total Farm Operators	#	130	150	145	0.5%
Total Farm Capital		\$65,288,472	\$92,439,065	\$102,794,018	0.3%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$5,491,456	\$4,500,709	\$5,015,542	0.1%
Total Number of Employees	#	na	93	100	0.2%
Farmland Use	ha	3,171	2,470	x	na
Crops ⁶	ha	920	947	1,017	0.2%
Summerfallow	ha	0	x	x	na
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	141	132	x	na
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	745	284	176	0.0%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	1,364	x	1,132	0.3%
Crop Area					
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	875	832	940	0.3%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	0	0	15	0.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	18	19	21	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	15	13	18	0.3%
Nursery Products	ha	x	x	3	0.1%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	x	204	182	0.0%
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	x	x	x	na
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	na	x	x	na
Mushrooms	m ²	x	0	0	0.0%
Christmas Trees	ha	57	x	26	1.3%
Area Irrigated	ha	554	480	522	0.5%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹	#	na	0	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	na	0	1	0.2%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	na	0	1	0.9%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹	#	na	na	3	0.3%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	na	3	0.3%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	na	na	0	0.0%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2006		2011		2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Animals on Farms								
Hens & Chickens	32	2,310	32	1,918	47	2,100	0.9%	0.0%
Turkeys	5	x	6	x	9	x	1.7%	na
Total Other Poultry	11	152	7	x	17	229	1.5%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	36	1,416	34	1,011	26	879	0.5%	0.1%
Dairy Cows	4	401	3	x	1	x	0.1%	na
Beef Cows	28	343	23	x	16	x	0.5%	na
Pigs	3	x	5	x	5	x	0.6%	na
Sheep & Lambs	12	x	13	x	8	232	0.5%	0.4%
Horses & Ponies	23	109	23	109	20	71	0.4%	0.2%
Goats	5	x	5	x	7	40	0.7%	0.3%
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	2	x	2	x	2	x	16.7%	na
Llamas & Alpacas	7	76	8	95	6	11	1.2%	0.4%
Rabbits	3	12	3	27	7	62	1.8%	1.2%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	4	166	3	x	10	x	1.0%	na

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	45	0.8%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	45	0.8%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	6	1.0%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	41	0.8%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	12	1.0%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	1	0.4%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	0	0.0%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	39	0.4%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	23	0.4%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	2	0.4%
GPS Technology	0	0.0%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Automation	2	0.6%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	1	0.2%
Automated Animal Feeding	1	0.2%
Other Technology	0	0.0%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	5	0.7%
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	4	0.7%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	1	1.9%

Source: Statistics Canada and Adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 2006, 2011, 2016, unless otherwise specified.
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End Notes

- 1 Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population.
- 2 Source: Statistics Canada, Geosuite: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/geo/index-eng.cfm>
- 3 Source: Adapted from Agricultural Land Commission. Agricultural Land Reserve as of January 1, 2008 (for 2006) & April 1, 2012 (for 2011) & April 2017 (for 2016).
- 4 Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population.
- 5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.
- 6 Crops include hay crops, field crops, field vegetables, 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.
- 9 The "number of farms reporting" may not equal the sum of the parts because farms reporting more than one category (or activity) are only counted once.

Notes

Totals may not add up due to rounding
x - indicates farms reporting but information suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
na - indicates data is not available or applicable