

Agriculture in Brief

Capital Regional District

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Juan de Fuca, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Salt Spring Island, Sidney, Sooke, Southern Gulf Islands, Victoria & View Royal.

Population (2016) ¹	#	383,360
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	234,049
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	16,396
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	23,369

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	13,563	13,606	13,265	0.5%
Number of Farms	#	991	1,093	1,003	5.7%
Average Farm Size	ha	13.7	12.4	13.2	na
Total Farm Operators	#	1,430	1,660	1,495	5.7%
Total Farm Capital		\$958,435,626	\$1,573,835,484	\$1,398,032,746	3.7%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$54,261,663	\$50,874,004	\$64,588,697	1.7%
Total Number of Employees	#	na	2,044	1,355	3.0%

Farmland Use	ha	13,563	13,606	13,265	0.5%
Crops ⁶	ha	3,858	4,752	4,464	0.8%
Summerfallow	ha	23	37	76	1.4%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,061	1,647	1,420	0.7%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	3,773	2,560	3,760	0.3%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	4,847	4,610	3,545	1.0%

Crop Area

Hay Crop ⁸	ha	2,545	3,380	2,765	0.8%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	433	335	435	0.2%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	312	424	379	1.5%
Vegetables	ha	298	413	417	6.4%
Nursery Products	ha	117	151	x	na
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	2	x	x	na
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	65,503	48,639	61,591	3.3%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	14,785	47,516	25,040	0.8%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	na	38,928	18,911	4.5%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	x	918	320	0.2%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	68	74	81	4.0%

Area Irrigated	ha	1,552	1,410	1,488	1.3%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale ⁹	#	na	52	40	7.3%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	na	34	26	5.8%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	na	19	14	12.7%

Farms With Written Succession Plans ⁹	#	na	na	38	3.2%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	na	35	3.2%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	na	na	3	3.6%

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	382	449,487	456	232,779	465	152,879	9.2%	0.7%
Turkeys	24	504	40	605	25	x	4.7%	na
Total Other Poultry	64	839	88	1,910	121	1,876	10.5%	0.3%
Cattle & Calves	137	3,384	147	2,626	106	3,682	2.1%	0.6%
Dairy Cows	7	498	11	417	11	247	1.6%	0.3%
Beef Cows	92	908	88	451	67	1,033	1.9%	0.5%
Pigs	37	283	36	525	49	880	5.4%	1.0%
Sheep & Lambs	179	7,793	189	8,489	203	7,069	12.0%	11.9%
Horses & Ponies	219	1,504	227	1,387	166	935	3.5%	2.8%
Goats	51	394	58	419	71	599	7.3%	4.1%
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	1	x	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	2	x	2	x	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	35	306	35	271	33	196	6.3%	7.7%
Rabbits	14	525	13	201	18	140	4.6%	2.6%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	60	5,245	69	2,438	94	557	9.0%	1.0%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	616	10.9%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	605	10.9%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	84	14.2%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	561	11.1%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	132	10.6%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	43	17.3%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	21	8.6%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	523	5.9%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	309	5.1%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	7	1.5%
GPS Technology	23	2.1%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	14	4.2%
Greenhouse Automation	31	9.7%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	19	3.2%
Automated Animal Feeding	17	2.6%
Other Technology	10	6.8%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	46	6.4%
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	42	6.8%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	1	2.0%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	1	1.7%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	2	3.8%

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