Agriculture in Brief

Cariboo Regional District 2016

Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Wells & Williams Lake.

Population (2016)[1]	#	61,988
Jurisdictional Land Area[2]	ha	8,060,975
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017)[3]	ha	936,367
Population Increase (2011-2016)[4]	#	-404

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area[5]	ha	486,079	397,793	376,957	14.6%
Number of Farms	#	1,160	1,123	919	5.2%
Average Farm Size	ha	419.0	354.2	410.2	na
Total Farm Operators	#	1,840	1,705	1,440	5.4%
Total Farm Capital		$1,112,424,814	$1,408,589,895	$1,518,537,112	4.0%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		$66,305,364	$55,306,909	$77,972,987	2.1%
Total Number of Employees	#	na	622	497	1.1%
Farmland Use	ha	486,079	397,793	376,957	14.6%
Crops[6]	ha	54,123	50,449	44,957	7.7%
Summerfallow	ha	239	191	180	3.4%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	32,721	29,446	22,346	10.9%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	319,908	264,343	266,311	18.6%
All Other Land[7]	ha	79,087	53,364	43,163	11.8%
Crop Area					
Hay Crops[8]	ha	50,618	46,899	41,445	11.9%
Field Crops[8]	ha	3,032	3,045	3,237	1.7%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	15	13	19	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	29	68	79	1.2%
Nursery Products	ha	21	x	7	0.2%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Production	m²	11,951	x	7,435	0.4%
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m²	4,986	x	x	na
Other Greenhouse Production	m²	na	x	x	na
Mushrooms	m²	0	x	x	na
Christmas Trees	ha	19	60	66	3.3%
Area Irrigated	ha	19,566	16,820	15,221	13.3%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale[9]	#	na	9	8	1.5%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	na	7	6	1.3%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	na	2	2	1.8%
Farms With Written Succession Plans[9]	#	na	na	43	3.7%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	na	40	3.7%
Non-family Members as Sucessors	#	na	na	3	3.6%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2006		2011		2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
Animals on Farms	**Farms**	**Number**	**Farms**	**Number**	**Farms**	**Number**	**Farms**	**Number**
Hens & Chickens	283	x	266	16,320	256	13,510	5.1%	0.1%
Turkeys	54	1,330	45	1,106	35	378	6.6%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	66	762	48	941	52	726	4.5%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	729	127,914	615	92,569	548	92,677	10.7%	14.1%
Dairy Cows	*19*	*184*	*17*	*1,090*	*24*	*507*	*3.5%*	*0.7%*
Beef Cows	*637*	*57,015*	*510*	*39,430*	*473*	*39,479*	*13.6%*	*18.5%*
Pigs	88	819	79	782	84	860	9.3%	1.0%
Sheep & Lambs	124	6,767	98	4,177	89	4,696	5.3%	7.9%
Horses & Ponies	726	6,236	665	4,986	447	3,376	9.4%	10.1%
Goats	59	577	49	925	34	474	3.5%	3.3%
Mink	2	0	2	x	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	9	405	6	100	3	76	5.5%	1.2%
Deer	0	0	1	x	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	60	652	53	568	32	143	6.1%	5.6%
Rabbits	42	576	32	352	25	353	6.4%	6.6%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	24	590	18	257	33	481	3.2%	0.9%

		Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers[9]	#	214	3.8%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	213	3.9%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	#	17	2.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	189	3.7%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	#	48	3.9%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	6	2.4%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	#	12	4.9%
Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms			
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	#	477	5.4%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	#	248	4.1%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	#	12	2.5%
GPS Technology	#	77	7.0%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	17	5.1%
Greenhouse Automation	#	4	1.3%
Robotic Milking	#	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	#	2	0.3%
Automated Animal Feeding	#	11	1.7%
Other Technology	#	2	1.4%
Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale[9]	#	80	11.1%
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	#	71	11.6%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	#	10	20.4%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	#	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	#	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	#	6	10.2%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	#	4	7.5%

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

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