

Agriculture in Brief

CARIBOO

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Includes Regional Districts: Cariboo & Fraser-Fort George

Population (2016) ¹	#	156,494
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	13,128,585
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	1,327,423
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	2,223

Census of Agriculture Data		2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area⁵	ha	469,652	18.1%
Number of Farms	#	1,411	8.0%
Average Farm Size	ha	332.9	na
Total Farm Operators	#	2,200	8.3%
Total Farm Capital		\$2,019,491,961	5.4%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$106,292,032	2.9%
Total Number of Employees	#	767	1.7%
Farmland Use	ha	469,652	18.1%
Crops ⁶	ha	66,890	11.5%
Summerfallow	ha	241	4.5%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	33,376	16.2%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	305,540	21.3%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	63,605	17.4%
Crop Area			
Hay Crop ⁸	ha	61,032	17.5%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	5,433	2.8%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	32	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	107	1.7%
Nursery Products	ha	x	
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	14,886	0.8%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	6,098	0.2%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	2,496	0.6%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	x	
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	287	14.2%
Area Irrigated	ha	16,070	14.1%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹	#	17	3.1%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	14	3.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	3	2.7%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹	#	64	5.4%
Family Members as Successors	#	61	5.6%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	3	3.6%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Animals on Farms				
Hens & Chickens	402	20,377	8.0%	0.1%
Turkeys	58	629	10.9%	0.1%
Total Other Poultry	90	1,102	7.8%	0.2%
Cattle & Calves	779	115,657	15.2%	17.5%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	37	834	5.4%	1.1%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	672	48,818	19.3%	22.9%
Pigs	131	1,195	14.5%	1.3%
Sheep & Lambs	129	6,547	7.6%	11.0%
Horses & Ponies	670	4,720	14.1%	14.1%
Goats	77	966	7.9%	6.7%
Mink	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	8	282	14.5%	4.3%
Deer	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	52	235	10.0%	9.3%
Rabbits	44	625	11.2%	11.7%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	64	719	6.1%	1.3%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	344	6.1%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	337	6.1%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	32	5.4%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	300	5.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	75	6.0%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	11	4.4%
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	700	7.9%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	390	6.5%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	14	3.0%
GPS Technology	104	9.5%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	28	8.4%
Greenhouse Automation	10	3.1%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	3	0.5%
Automated Animal Feeding	12	1.8%
Other Technology	3	2.1%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	97	15.8%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	13	26.5%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	1	50.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	10	16.9%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	9	17.0%

Source: Statistics Canada and Adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 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