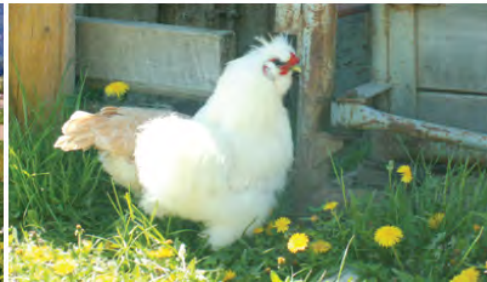


Agriculture in Brief

Regional District of Central Kootenay

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton & Slocan.

Population (2016) ¹	#	59,517
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	2,209,494
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	63,081
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	1,076

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	27,338	24,733	21,267	0.8%
Number of Farms	#	562	552	537	3.1%
Average Farm Size	ha	48.6	49.0	39.6	na
Number of Farm Operators	#	855	815	790	3.0%
Total Farm Capital		\$383,640,115	\$527,179,051	\$518,235,558	1.4%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$30,004,374	\$34,353,451	\$45,582,870	1.2%
Total Number of Employees	#	na	1,218	1,521	3.4%

Farmland Use	ha	27,338	24,733	21,267	0.8%
Crops ⁶	ha	11,434	11,041	10,251	1.8%
Summerfallow	ha	315	121	35	0.7%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,665	1,897	1,270	0.6%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	8,232	6,491	3,870	0.3%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	5,692	5,183	5,840	1.6%

Crop Area

Hay Crops ⁸	ha	7,634	7,098	6,624	1.9%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	2,329	2,494	2,363	1.2%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	346	311	338	1.3%
Vegetables	ha	134	115	138	2.1%
Nursery Products	ha	122	115	x	na
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	x	x	na
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	8,696	16,501	9,703	0.5%
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	4,614	6,691	9,310	0.3%
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	na	2,273	2,803	0.7%
Mushrooms	m ²	0	x	x	na
Christmas Trees	ha	19	41	18	0.9%

Area Irrigated	ha	2,187	1,611	1,681	1.5%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale ⁹	#	na	26	37	6.7%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	na	22	32	7.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	na	6	5	4.5%

Farms With Written Succession Plans ⁹	#	na	na	20	1.7%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	na	18	1.6%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	na	na	2	2.4%

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	156	11,545	158	10,854	171	15,016	3.4%	0.1%
Turkeys	25	418	16	207	20	223	3.8%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	36	908	34	588	41	671	3.6%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	194	10,871	153	7,401	148	8,305	2.9%	1.3%
Dairy Cows	20	1,582	19	1,498	22	x	3.2%	na
Beef Cows	148	3,240	111	1,803	99	x	2.8%	na
Pigs	30	189	14	148	36	325	4.0%	0.4%
Sheep & Lambs	36	826	34	729	48	1,122	2.8%	1.9%
Horses & Ponies	144	799	137	698	113	603	2.4%	1.8%
Goats	24	423	21	197	25	296	2.6%	2.0%
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	2	x	1	x	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	1	x	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	11	118	17	127	13	67	2.5%	2.6%
Rabbits	10	89	9	174	13	189	3.3%	3.5%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	21	912	26	358	57	1,033	5.5%	1.9%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	249	4.4%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	243	4.4%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	25	4.2%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, U-pick	211	4.2%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	88	7.1%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	10	4.0%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	14	5.8%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	277	3.1%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	174	2.9%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	9	1.9%
GPS Technology	23	2.1%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	15	4.5%
Greenhouse Automation	8	2.5%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	7	1.2%
Automated Animal Feeding	6	0.9%
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	24	3.9%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	1	2.0%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	1	10.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	4	6.8%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	5	9.4%

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