

Agriculture in Brief

Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Hazelton, Kitimat, New Hazelton, Nisga'a, Stewart & Terrace.

Note: Prior to the 2011 Census of Agriculture, data for the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) was amalgamated with the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine due to confidentiality restrictions resulting from the small number of farms in the SQCRD. Therefore the census data prior to 2011 is not provided here.

Population (2016) ¹	#	37,367
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	10,446,461
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	65,992
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	6

Census of Agriculture Data		2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	7,918	x	na
Number of Farms	#	106	99	0.6%
Average Farm Size	ha	74.7	na	na
Total Farm Operators	#	155	155	0.6%
Total Farm Capital		\$65,759,283	\$71,154,251	0.2%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$2,065,279	\$4,536,213	0.1%
Total Number of Employees	#	50	49	0.1%
Farmland Use	ha	7,918	x	na
Crops ⁶	ha	1,511	1,603	0.3%
Summerfallow	ha	x	x	na
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,034	x	na
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	2,355	x	na
All Other Land ⁷	ha	2,354	2,542	0.7%
Crop Area				
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	339	x	na
Field Crops ⁸	ha	43	90	0.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	4	20	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	5	22	0.3%
Nursery Products	ha	9	1	0.0%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	x	x	na
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	431	1,036	0.0%
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	x	x	na
Mushrooms	m ²	0	0	0.0%
Christmas Trees	ha	x	x	na
Area Irrigated	ha	23	17	0.0%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹	#	2	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	2	1	0.2%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	0	1	0.9%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹	#	na	3	0.3%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	3	0.3%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	na	0	0.0%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2011		2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Animals on Farms						
Hens & Chickens	43	2,090	48	x	1.0%	na
Turkeys	11	939	8	141	1.5%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	9	96	10	112	0.9%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	40	989	33	x	0.6%	na
Dairy Cows	4	x	4	x	0.6%	na
Beef Cows	32	x	28	x	0.8%	na
Pigs	4	x	7	37	0.8%	0.0%
Sheep & Lambs	10	x	17	366	1.0%	0.6%
Horses & Ponies	45	397	38	x	0.8%	na
Goats	8	164	12	x	1.2%	na
Mink	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	5	56	5	9	1.0%	0.4%
Rabbits	4	x	8	75	2.0%	1.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	3	50	6	59	0.6%	0.1%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	46	0.8%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	46	0.8%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	7	1.2%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	40	0.8%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	12	1.0%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	2	0.8%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	4	1.6%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	47	0.5%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	29	0.5%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	0	0.0%
GPS Technology	6	0.5%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	1	0.3%
Greenhouse Automation	0	0.0%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	2	0.3%
Automated Animal Feeding	2	0.3%
Other Technology	1	0.7%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	9	1.5%
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	1	1.7%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	0	0.0%

Source: Statistics Canada and Adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 2011 and 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