

Agriculture in Brief

LOWER MAINLAND - SOUTHWEST

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Includes Regional Districts: Fraser Valley, Greater Vancouver, Sunshine Coast & Squamish-Lillooet.

Population (2016) ¹	#	2,832,000
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	3,630,331
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	161,961
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	174,289

Census of Agriculture Data		2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	107,390	4.1%
Number of Farms	#	5,217	29.8%
Average Farm Size	ha	20.6	na
Total Farm Operators	#	7,770	29.4%
Total Farm Capital		\$17,377,705,465	46.3%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$2,435,182,604	65.3%
Total Number of Employees	#	22,898	51.4%
Farmland Use	ha	107,389	4.1%
Crops ⁶	ha	64,615	11.1%
Summerfallow	ha	554	10.4%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	4,633	2.3%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	20,683	1.4%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	16,904	4.6%
Crop Area			
Hay Crop ⁸	ha	23,887	6.9%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	19,475	10.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	13,708	54.0%
Vegetables	ha	4,458	68.8%
Nursery Products	ha	2,446	66.9%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	520	64.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	1,689,006	91.0%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	2,874,159	93.6%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	284,035	67.1%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	207,850	98.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	342	17.0%
Area Irrigated	ha	27,779	24.4%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹	#	145	26.4%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	119	26.5%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	31	28.2%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹	#	481	40.9%
Family Members as Successors	#	449	41.0%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	35	42.2%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Animals on Farms				
Hens & Chickens	1,456	18,323,543	28.9%	88.9%
Turkeys	119	794,546	22.5%	92.1%
Total Other Poultry	286	547,857	24.9%	97.2%
Cattle & Calves	1,089	127,508	21.2%	19.3%
Dairy Cows	354	55,086	51.5%	72.6%
Beef Cows	392	5,454	11.3%	2.6%
Pigs	140	70,482	15.5%	79.3%
Sheep & Lambs	375	8,328	22.2%	14.1%
Horses & Ponies	863	5,920	18.1%	17.7%
Goats	291	6,068	29.8%	41.8%
Mink	10	x	90.9%	na
Bison	5	18	9.1%	0.3%
Deer	5	69	41.7%	13.3%
Llamas & Alpacas	147	670	28.2%	26.4%
Rabbits	95	1,816	24.2%	34.0%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	310	36,227	29.7%	67.4%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	1,481	26.1%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	1,452	26.2%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	114	19.3%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	1,311	26.0%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	266	21.4%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	72	28.9%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	67	27.6%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms		
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	#	2,700 30.6%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	#	2,003 33.3%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	#	199 42.0%
GPS Technology	#	292 26.6%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	85 25.4%
Greenhouse Automation	#	171 53.8%
Robotic Milking	#	50 69.4%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	#	426 72.4%
Automated Animal Feeding	#	449 69.1%
Other Technology	#	48 32.9%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹		
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Farms Reporting Solar Panels	#	46 7.5%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	#	2 4.1%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	#	6 60.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	#	0 0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	#	16 27.1%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	#	7 13.2%

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