

Agriculture in Brief

NECHAKO

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Includes Regional Districts: Bulkley-Nechako & Stikine.

Population (2016) ¹	#	38,636
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	19,202,453
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	373,544
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	-1,201

Census of Agriculture Data		2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	245,379	9.5%
Number of Farms	#	747	4.3%
Average Farm Size	ha	328.5	na
Total Farm Operators	#	1,165	4.4%
Total Farm Capital		\$1,048,056,984	2.8%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$63,186,797	1.7%
Total Number of Employees	#	470	1.1%
Farmland Use	ha	245,379	9.5%
Crops ⁶	ha	55,265	9.5%
Summerfallow	ha	155	2.9%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	28,962	14.1%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	121,050	8.4%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	39,947	10.9%
Crop Area			
Hay Crop ⁸	ha	45,981	13.2%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	8,943	4.6%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	11	0.0%
Vegetables	ha	20	0.3%
Nursery Products	ha	2	0.1%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	6,009	0.3%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	1,208	0.0%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	452	0.1%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	x	na
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	x	na
Area Irrigated	ha	3,131	2.7%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹	#	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	0	0.0%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹	#	32	2.7%
Family Members as Successors	#	30	2.7%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	2	2.4%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Animals on Farms				
Hens & Chickens	200	9,820	4.0%	0.0%
Turkeys	29	305	5.5%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	49	429	4.3%	0.1%
Cattle & Calves	442	56,113	8.6%	8.5%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	41	1,266	6.0%	1.7%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	376	23,428	10.8%	11.0%
Pigs	81	977	9.0%	1.1%
Sheep & Lambs	93	3,488	5.5%	5.9%
Horses & Ponies	352	2,346	7.4%	7.0%
Goats	42	1,142	4.3%	7.9%
Mink	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	2	x	3.6%	
Deer	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	24	66	4.6%	2.6%
Rabbits	38	313	9.7%	5.9%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	26	474	2.5%	0.9%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	164	2.9%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	160	2.9%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	18	3.0%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	147	2.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	26	2.1%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	5	2.0%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	13	5.3%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	369	4.2%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	246	4.1%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	14	3.0%
GPS Technology	102	9.3%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	13	3.9%
Greenhouse Automation	2	0.6%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	5	0.9%
Automated Animal Feeding	7	1.1%
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	34	5.5%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	2	4.1%
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	6	11.3%

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