Agriculture in Brief

PEACE RIVER 2016

Jurisdictional Makeup
Includes Regional Districts: Peace River & Northern Rockies.

Population (2016)[1]	#	68,335
Jurisdictional Land Area[2]	ha	20,249,862
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017)[3]	ha	1,333,209
Population Increase (2011-2016)[4]	#	2,675

Census of Agriculture Data		2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area[5]	ha	804,052	31.0%
Number of Farms	#	1,335	7.6%
Average Farm Size	ha	602.3	na
Total Farm Operators	#	2,025	7.7%
Total Farm Capital		$2,586,631,435	6.9%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		$195,514,410	5.2%
Total Number of Employees	#	582	1.3%
Farmland Use	ha	804,052	31.0%
Crops[6]	ha	275,312	47.4%
Summerfallow	ha	3,737	70.0%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	99,301	48.2%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	326,392	22.8%
All Other Land[7]	ha	99,310	27.2%
Crop Area			
Hay Crop[8]	ha	131,212	37.6%
Field Crops[8]	ha	143,473	73.3%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	40	0.2%
Vegetables	ha	x	na
Nursery Products	ha	x	na
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	na
Greenhouse Flower Area	m²	5,586	0.3%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m²	836	0.0%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m²	1,601	0.4%
Mushroom Growing Area	m²	0	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	12	0.6%
Area Irrigated	ha	29	0.0%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale[9]	#	18	3.3%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	15	3.3%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	4	3.6%
Farms With Written Succession Plans[9]	#	75	6.4%
Family Members as Successors	#	73	6.7%
Non-family Members as Sucessors	#	2	2.4%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
Animals on Farms	**Farms**	**Number**	**Farms**	**Number**
Hens & Chickens	196	x	3.9%	na
Turkeys	35	3,642	6.6%	0.4%
Total Other Poultry	54	3,183	4.7%	0.6%
Cattle & Calves	596	112,523	11.6%	17.1%
Dairy Cows	*26*	*262*	*3.8%*	*0.3%*
Beef Cows	*529*	*50,928*	*15.2%*	*23.9%*
Pigs	65	10,319	7.2%	11.6%
Sheep & Lambs	100	x	5.9%	na
Horses & Ponies	642	6,146	13.5%	18.4%
Goats	64	955	6.6%	6.6%
Mink	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	24	x	43.6%	na
Deer	1	x	8.3%	na
Llamas & Alpacas	56	207	10.7%	8.2%
Rabbits	35	317	8.9%	5.9%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	43	2,765	4.1%	5.1%

		Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers[9]	#	**113**	**2.0%**
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	110	2.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	#	12	2.0%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	98	1.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	#	17	1.4%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	5	2.0%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	#	5	2.1%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms			
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	#	604	6.8%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	#	471	7.8%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	#	133	28.1%
GPS Technology	#	230	21.0%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	26	7.8%
Greenhouse Automation	#	5	1.6%
Robotic Milking	#	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	#	4	0.7%
Automated Animal Feeding	#	11	1.7%
Other Technology	#	4	2.7%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale[9]	#	**97**	**13.5%**
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	#	92	15.0%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	#	9	18.4%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	#	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	#	1	50.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	#	2	3.4%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	#	1	1.9%

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

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