

# Agriculture in Brief

Powell River Regional District

2016



## Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Powell River & Sechelt.

Population (2016) <sup>1</sup>	#	20,070
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	507,533
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) <sup>3</sup>	ha	8,856
Population Increase (2011-2016) <sup>4</sup>	#	164

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	1,622	1,792	1,563	0.1%
Number of Farms	#	85	94	80	0.5%
Average Farm Size	ha	19.1	19.1	19.5	na
Total Farm Operators	#	120	140	115	0.4%
Total Farm Capital		\$52,649,357	\$86,505,887	\$54,359,129	0.1%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$1,921,378	\$1,348,646	\$1,962,532	0.1%
Total Number of Employees	#	na	48	57	0.1%

Farmland Use	ha	1,622	1,792	1,563	0.1%
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	189	215	156	0.0%
Summerfallow	ha	0	0	3	0.1%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	166	89	95	0.0%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	293	284	461	0.0%
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	975	1,204	848	0.2%

## Crop Area

Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	113	108	69	0.0%
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	x	4	4	0.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	30	55	45	0.2%
Vegetables	ha	20	25	19	0.3%
Nursery Products	ha	3	6	4	0.1%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	x	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Production	m <sup>2</sup>	2,992	377	349	0.0%
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m <sup>2</sup>	1,277	2,128	x	na
Other Greenhouse Production	m <sup>2</sup>	na	x	x	na
Mushrooms	m <sup>2</sup>	x	x	210	0.1%
Christmas Trees	ha	11	x	x	na

Area Irrigated	ha	46	49	109	0.1%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale <sup>9</sup>	#	na	2	4	0.7%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	na	1	3	0.7%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	na	1	1	0.9%

Farms With Written Succession Plans <sup>9</sup>	#	na	na	0	0.0%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	na	0	0.0%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	na	na	0	0.0%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2006		2011		2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
<b>Animals on Farms</b>								
Hens & Chickens	43	3,841	44	4,507	46	3,583	0.9%	0.0%
Turkeys	6	76	11	x	6	x	1.1%	na
Total Other Poultry	11	x	15	183	14	150	1.2%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	27	271	28	227	24	230	0.5%	0.0%
Dairy Cows	4	7	7	x	2	x	0.3%	na
Beef Cows	18	98	14	x	15	x	0.4%	na
Pigs	9	58	13	97	9	112	1.0%	0.1%
Sheep & Lambs	18	443	18	334	15	335	0.9%	0.6%
Horses & Ponies	13	53	16	59	7	21	0.1%	0.1%
Goats	11	76	12	62	8	56	0.8%	0.4%
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	4	x	1	x	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rabbits	na	na	3	x	4	20	1.0%	0.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	11	76	11	50	7	47	0.7%	0.1%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
<b>Farms Selling Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	56	1.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	11	1.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	51	1.0%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	25	2.0%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	1	0.4%

<b>Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms</b>	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	35	0.4%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	14	0.2%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	1	0.2%
GPS Technology	0	0.0%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Automation	3	0.9%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	0	0.0%
Automated Animal Feeding	3	0.5%
Other Technology	0	0.0%

<b>Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale<sup>9</sup></b>	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	18	2.9%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	2	4.1%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biogas (Biogas or Methane)	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	4	6.8%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	1	1.9%

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