

Agriculture in Brief

Regional District of Skeena-Queen Charlotte

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Masset, Port Clements, Port Edward, Prince Rupert & Queen Charlotte.

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	#	18,133
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	1,977,541
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	43,195
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	-651

Census of Agriculture Data		2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	521	x	na
Number of Farms	#	20	17	0.1%
Average Farm Size	ha	26.1	na	na
Total Farm Operators	#	30	20	0.1%
Total Farm Capital		\$10,310,729	\$15,559,803	0.0%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$300,956	\$574,565	0.0%
Total Number of Employees	#	7	0	0.0%
Farmland Use	ha	521	x	na
Crops ⁶	ha	53	72	0.0%
Summerfallow	ha	x	x	na
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	28	x	na
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	212	x	na
All Other Land ⁷	ha	171	155	0.0%
Crop Area				
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	x	x	na
Field Crops ⁸	ha	7	x	na
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	3	3	0.0%
Vegetables	ha	5	x	na
Nursery Products	ha	x	x	na
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	x	x	na
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	x	1,111	0.0%
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	x	x	na
Mushrooms	m ²	0	0	0.0%
Christmas Trees	ha	0	0	0.0%
Area Irrigated	ha	9	2	0.0%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹	#	2	1	0.2%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	1	1	0.2%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	1	0	0.0%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹	#	na	0	0.0%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	0	0.0%
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	10	661	9	986	0.2%	0.0%
Turkeys	3	51	3	41	0.6%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	5	90	4	63	0.3%	0.0%
Cattle & Calves	6	95	3	x	0.1%	na
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	2	x	1	x	0.1%	na
<i>Beef Cows</i>	2	x	2	x	0.1%	na
Pigs	2	x	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sheep & Lambs	2	x	1	x	0.1%	na
Horses & Ponies	3	11	1	x	0.0%	na
Goats	3	9	1	x	0.1%	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	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rabbits	2	x	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	10	0.2%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	10	0.2%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	1	0.2%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	4	0.1%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	8	0.6%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	1	0.4%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	0	0.0%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms

Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	5	0.1%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	2	0.0%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	0	0.0%
GPS Technology	0	0.0%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	0	0.0%
Greenhouse Automation	1	0.3%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	0	0.0%
Automated Animal Feeding	0	0.0%
Other Technology	0	0.0%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹

Farms Reporting Solar Panels	2	0.3%
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