

Agriculture in Brief

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish & Whistler.

Population (2016) ¹	#	42,665
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	1,631,162
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	25,408
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	4,494

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	19,585	20,613	7,674	0.3%
Number of Farms	#	129	140	138	0.8%
Average Farm Size	ha	151.8	147.2	55.6	na
Number of Farm Operators	#	190	210	205	0.8%
Total Farm Capital		\$173,726,555	\$276,444,739	\$240,603,015	0.6%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$7,891,384	\$8,718,071	\$10,308,917	0.3%
Total Number of Employees	#	na	214	126	0.3%

Farmland Use		ha	19,585	20,613	7,674	0.3%
Crops ⁶	ha	3,165	3,466	2,386	0.4%	
Summerfallow	ha	x	19	10	0.2%	
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	1,834	1,635	760	0.4%	
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	11,195	11,603	2,624	0.2%	
All Other Land ⁷	ha	x	3,889	1,894	0.5%	

Crop Area		ha	2,470	2,947	1,642	0.5%
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	2,470	2,947	1,642	0.5%	
Field Crops ⁸	ha	475	422	464	0.2%	
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	19	35	38	0.1%	
Vegetables	ha	41	46	49	0.8%	
Nursery Products	ha	3	7	x	na	
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0	0	0	0.0%	
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	x	x	x	na	
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	x	x	x	na	
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	na	0	x	na	
Mushrooms	m ²	0	0	0	0.0%	
Christmas Trees	ha	x	0	x	na	

Area Irrigated	ha	1,750	1,951	1,473	1.3%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale ⁹		#	na	16	19	3.5%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	na	15	15	3.3%	
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	na	2	4	3.6%	

Farms With Written Succession Plans ⁹		#	na	na	5	0.4%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	na	na	5	0.5%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	na	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
Animals on Farms								
Hens & Chickens	34	1,037	46	1,483	45	2,275	0.9%	0.0%
Turkeys	4	40	5	45	3	65	0.6%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	3	x	12	62	6	x	0.5%	na
Cattle & Calves	52	5,390	50	4,149	46	2,425	0.9%	0.4%
Dairy Cows	1	x	3	9	2	x	0.3%	na
Beef Cows	44	x	39	1,699	32	x	0.9%	na
Pigs	5	34	7	x	7	59	0.8%	0.1%
Sheep & Lambs	8	259	6	155	13	215	0.8%	0.4%
Horses & Ponies	50	358	53	408	42	174	0.9%	0.5%
Goats	3	23	4	20	4	25	0.4%	0.2%
Mink	0	0	0	0	1	x	9.1%	na
Bison	1	x	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Deer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	8	84	4	59	4	19	0.8%	0.7%
Rabbits	2	x	1	x	2	x	0.5%	na
Colonies of Bees for Honey	4	x	8	274	19	642	1.8%	1.2%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	55	1.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	54	1.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	6	1.0%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	43	0.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	22	1.8%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	10	4.0%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	3	1.2%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	67	0.8%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	43	0.7%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	1	0.2%
GPS Technology	5	0.5%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	2	0.6%
Greenhouse Automation	1	0.3%
Robotic Milking	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	0	0.0%
Automated Animal Feeding	1	0.2%
Other Technology	2	1.4%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	4	0.6%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	3	0.5%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	1	2.0%
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, 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