

Agriculture in Brief

Sunshine Coast Regional District

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Gibsons & Sechelt.

Population (2016) ¹	#	29,970
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	377,373
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	3,983
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	1,351

Census of Agriculture Data		2006	2011	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	867	621	484	0.0%
Number of Farms	#	96	89	91	0.5%
Average Farm Size	ha	9.0	7.0	5.3	na
Total Farm Operators	#	145	130	125	0.5%
Total Farm Capital		\$64,879,892	\$77,901,963	\$87,551,205	0.2%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$2,583,742	\$2,551,191	\$1,792,316	0.0%
Total Number of Employees	#	na	70	43	0.1%

Farmland Use	ha	867	621	484	0.0%
Crops ⁶	ha	172	145	129	0.0%
Summerfallow	ha	0	0	x	na
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	158	68	x	na
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	203	75	68	0.0%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	334	333	227	0.1%

Crop Area					
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	72	79	74	0.0%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	2	2	3	0.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	34	14	19	0.1%
Vegetables	ha	12	16	19	0.3%
Nursery Products	ha	34	16	x	na
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	x	x	na
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	4,386	x	x	na
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ²	1,499	8,090	x	na
Other Greenhouse Production	m ²	na	x	x	na
Mushrooms	m ²	x	0	x	na
Christmas Trees	ha	x	x	10	0.5%

Area Irrigated	ha	33	26	25	0.0%
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Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale ⁹	#	na	3	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	na	3	2	0.4%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	na	0	0	0.0%

Farms With Written Succession Plans ⁹	#	na	na	3	0.3%
Family Members as Successors	#	na	na	3	0.3%
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
Animals on Farms								
Hens & Chickens	38	3,181	39	3,506	45	2,158	0.9%	0.0%
Turkeys	6	88	6	109	4	31	0.8%	0.0%
Total Other Poultry	13	x	9	149	16	x	1.4%	na
Cattle & Calves	10	156	5	40	8	73	0.2%	0.0%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	7	47	3	11	4	18	0.1%	0.0%
Pigs	6	45	4	x	5	23	0.6%	0.0%
Sheep & Lambs	11	114	8	83	14	183	0.8%	0.3%
Horses & Ponies	16	102	20	109	16	114	0.3%	0.3%
Goats	7	27	6	21	9	30	0.9%	0.2%
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	5	15	7	35	8	27	1.5%	1.1%
Rabbits	1	x	0	0	3	9	0.8%	0.2%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	3	x	4	115	10	82	1.0%	0.2%

	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	58	1.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	58	1.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	10	1.7%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	45	0.9%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	21	1.7%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	2	0.8%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	4	1.6%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	48	0.5%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	26	0.4%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	0	0.0%
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	2	0.3%
Automated Animal Feeding	2	0.3%
Other Technology	0	0.0%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	4	0.6%
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	4	0.7%
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	0	0.0%
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