

Agriculture in Brief

THOMPSON - OKANAGAN

2016



Jurisdictional Makeup

Includes Regional Districts: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan & Columbia-Shuswap.

Population (2016) ¹	#	546,287
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	9,419,776
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) ³	ha	808,838
Population Increase (2011-2016) ⁴	#	25,484

Census of Agriculture Data		2016	Share of B.C. 2016
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	775,726	29.9%
Number of Farms	#	4,759	27.2%
Average Farm Size	ha	163.0	na
Total Farm Operators	#	7,145	27.0%
Total Farm Capital		\$9,440,787,576	25.2%
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$632,676,099	17.0%
Total Number of Employees	#	14,254	32.0%
Farmland Use	ha	775,725	29.9%
Crops ⁶	ha	75,161	12.9%
Summerfallow	ha	376	7.0%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	27,928	13.6%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	573,028	40.0%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	99,232	27.2%
Crop Area			
Hay Crop ⁸	ha	53,207	15.3%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	10,098	5.2%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	10,060	39.7%
Vegetables	ha	889	13.7%
Nursery Products	ha	x	na
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x	na
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	36,608	2.0%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	75,115	2.4%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	52,022	12.3%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	45	0.0%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	198	9.8%
Area Irrigated	ha	51,187	44.9%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹	#	222	40.4%
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	190	42.3%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	34	30.9%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹	#	353	30.0%
Family Members as Successors	#	326	29.7%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	28	33.7%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Animals on Farms				
Hens & Chickens	1,091	1,578,283	21.7%	7.7%
Turkeys	118	39,466	22.3%	4.6%
Total Other Poultry	208	2,844	18.1%	0.5%
Cattle & Calves	1,278	192,851	24.9%	29.2%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	114	10,928	16.6%	14.4%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	873	67,943	25.1%	31.9%
Pigs	185	1,760	20.5%	2.0%
Sheep & Lambs	363	13,257	21.4%	22.4%
Horses & Ponies	1,306	9,141	27.4%	27.4%
Goats	198	2,688	20.3%	18.5%
Mink	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bison	12	647	21.8%	9.9%
Deer	2	x	16.7%	na
Llamas & Alpacas	112	602	21.5%	23.7%
Rabbits	64	1,090	16.3%	20.4%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	254	6,661	24.3%	12.4%

	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
	Farms	
Farms Selling Direct to Consumers⁹	1,485	26.2%
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	1,439	26.0%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	138	23.3%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	1,317	26.1%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	329	26.4%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	54	21.7%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	62	25.5%

Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
	Farms	
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	2,440	27.6%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	1,678	27.9%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	82	17.3%
GPS Technology	224	20.4%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	117	34.9%
Greenhouse Automation	39	12.3%
Robotic Milking	14	19.4%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	74	12.6%
Automated Animal Feeding	89	13.7%
Other Technology	62	42.5%

Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on Farm on for Sale⁹	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
	Farms	
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	145	23.6%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	17	34.7%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	1	10.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	11	18.6%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	13	24.5%

Source: Statistics Canada and Adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 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