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British Columbia's agri-food industry is diverse and vibrant, providing safe, high quality food to people in B.C., and around the world. Total farm cash receipts in the agriculture sector reached \$2.4 billion and total farm gate values in the aquaculture sector reached \$228 million in 2005. The value of shipments from B.C. food and beverage processors, wholesale sales of B.C. farm and food products, and domestic retail and restaurant sales of B.C. food products amount to more than \$33 billion in receipts for this industry. A further \$2.4 billion worth of food products are exported. The agri-food industry also provides other benefits including agri-tourism, recreation and scenic amenities.

British Columbia's varied geography and climatic conditions allow for a broad range of agricultural activities. Grain crops are mainly grown in the prairie landscape of the Peace River region. Cow/calf operations are also found in the Peace River region and down through the foot hills of the southern interior. The Okanagan Valley's hot dry climate is particularly well suited for the production of tree fruits and grapes, which form an important part of B.C.'s expanding wine industry. The fertile Fraser Valley is a major production area for vegetables, fresh milk, eggs, chicken, turkeys, pork and berries. On the coast, innovation and entrepreneurship have provided a steady supply of B.C. farmed salmon for domestic consumption and for international export. Other ocean products such as clams, oysters, and kelp are also farmed in B.C. coastal waters. The province is also known for its many small agricultural enterprises producing a multitude of specialty foods and non-food products, many of which can be seen at weekly outdoor markets and the many agricultural fairs.

Over a quarter million people work in the agri-food industry. There are at least 36,600 people engaged in primary agriculture and aquaculture activities. About 31,500 people work in the food processing industry and another 13,500 in wholesaling. Food retail and food service businesses are significant employers in the province, employing over 196,000 people annually.

In 2005, British Columbia led the nation in the production of finfish (aquaculture), blueberries, cranberries, grapes, sweet cherries, and raspberries, and ranked second to Ontario in the production of floriculture, nursery products, green house tomatoes, sweet peppers, cucumbers, mushrooms, and apples. B.C. also ranked second to Nova Scotia in the production of aquaculture shellfish products. Among the provinces, 19 of British Columbia's top commodities ranked in the top three in their contribution to national agriculture receipts.

This booklet provides a compilation of statistical information about agriculture, aquaculture and the agri-food industry in British Columbia.

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Resources

Land, Capital, People and Farms			
	1991 Census	1996 Census	2001 Census
The Land (hectares)			
Provincial Land Area	89,307,184	89,307,184	89,307,184
Land in Agricultural Land Reserve	4,708,628	4,714,016	4,727,332
Total Farm Land	2,392,341	2,529,060	2,587,118
Land in Crops	556,796	565,738	617,545
Land in Pasture	241,004	240,236	233,044
Summerfallow	57,476	39,017	36,765
Unimproved Land	1,030,568	1,172,591	1,207,553
The Capital (\$'000)			
Total Value of Farm Capital	8,614,244	13,822,213	15,831,578
Land and Buildings	7,037,507	11,863,945	13,066,698
Machinery and Equipment	891,629	1,227,932	1,608,420
Livestock and Poultry	685,108	730,336	1,156,460
Average Capital Value per Farm (\$)	448,075	633,030	780,265
The People (number)			
Farm Population	61,035	68,770	61,370
Number of Farms	19,225	21,835	20,290
Number of Agriculture Farms by Sales:			
less than \$10,000	10,024	11,530	10,087
\$10,000-\$49,999	4,783	5,372	5,362
\$50,000-\$99,999	1,416	1,533	1,464
\$100,000-\$249,999	1,494	1,589	1,509
\$250,000 and over	1,508	1,811	1,868
Total	19,225	21,835	20,290

Source: Statistics Canada. Census 1991, 1996, 2001; Agriculture Land Commission

B.C. Farm Land Tenure in 2000		
	hectares	
Owned	1,525,403	58.9%
Leased from Government	715,207	27.6%
Rented or leased from others	316,225	12.2%
Crop shared from others	30,284	1.1%
Total	2,587,118	

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 2001.



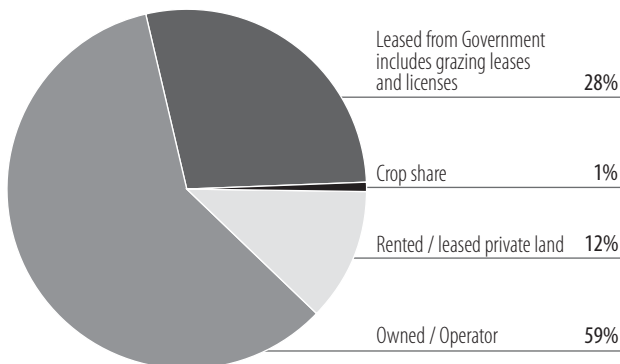
Aquaculture				
Sites by Sales:	1991	1996	2001	2005
Finfish Growouts				
less than \$10,000	47	37	28	13
\$10,000-\$49,999	16	10	5	3
\$50,000-\$99,999	8	9	6	5
\$100,000-\$249,999	7	6	8	5
\$250,000 and over	89	55	58	52
Total Sites¹	167	117	105	78
Finfish Hatcheries				
less than \$10,000	16	9	7	7
\$10,000-\$49,999	6	8	9	7
\$50,000-\$99,999	2	3	2	0
\$100,000-\$249,999	1	1	3	1
\$250,000 and over	7	7	8	6
Total Sites¹	32	28	29	21
Shellfish & Marine Plants²				
less than \$10,000	156	97	78	97
\$10,000-\$49,999	120	142	159	139
\$50,000-\$99,999	12	34	51	46
\$100,000-\$249,999	2	13	34	39
\$250,000 and over	0	10	9	13
Total Sites¹	290	296	331	334

Source: Ministry of Environment, Annual Aquaculture Statistical Report survey data.

1 Total site counts by category can not be added together for an accurate overall site count as sites can be licensed for, and therefore counted in, more than one category.

2 Includes growout and hatchery operations.

B.C. Farm Land Tenure in 2000



Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 2001

Growing Degree Days and Precipitation

	Vancouver Int'l Airport		Victoria Int'l Airport		Prince George		Kamloops		Fort St John	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Growing Degree Days¹	3261	3153	3110	2992	2393	2340	3531	3433	2112	2243

Precipitation (millimetres)

January	161.4	249.6	112.9	184.4	47.6	57.2	32.4	24.1	32.3	28.7
February	83.4	45.8	52.0	38.1	30.0	8.6	13.4	17.0	1.8	15.9
March	101.2	132.8	56.0	98.2	29.0	22.6	11.2	16.6	34.1	32.1
April	15.0	90.2	4.2	46.6	13.6	20.6	11.5	0.2	23.3	16.4
May	60.8	68.6	30.4	38.2	53.6	32.8	52.1	19.7	19.3	13.8
June	22.8	49.6	23.4	29.2	64.6	61.0	23.4	86.2	56.6	96.6
July	16.6	43.6	13.5	16.4	41.4	92.2	39.6	4.6	99.4	123.3
August	75.0	28.6	98.5	24.7	65.8	52.8	55.5	13.9	78.7	52.7
September	169.4	53.6	71.3	13.6	107.0	45.4	38.9	31.5	121.6	59.5
October	117.2	155.4	107.3	83.0	73.2	88.6	30.8	48.1	29.6	22.2
November	199.6	136.6	116.9	108.8	83.4	25.2	39.1	32.2	17.2	5.3
December	188.2	160.8	164.2	110.4	51.6	34.4	31.0	n/a	37.2	12.3
Total	1,210.6	1,215.2	850.6	791.6	660.8	541.4	378.9	294.1	551.1	478.8

¹ Growing degree days are the annual sum of normal degree-days and an indicator of total heat available for plants in the growing season.

Sources: Weather office, Environment Canada. BC Ministry of Agriculture & Lands

Average Energy Expense for B.C. Farms in 2003

Farm Type	Operating Revenue (dollars)	Fuel	Utilities ¹	Total Energy (dollars)	Percent of Operating Revenue
Oilseed and Grain Farming	103,076	\$5,826	\$1,630	7,456	7%
Potato	432,170	\$12,654	\$7,917	20,571	5%
Other Vegetable and melon farming ²	190,599	\$5,716	\$5,090	10,806	6%
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	149,546	\$3,381	\$2,314	5,695	4%
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture	834,366	\$7,509	\$63,588	71,097	9%
Other Crop Farming	90,455	\$5,020	\$2,402	7,422	8%
Beef Cattle Ranching ³	111,940	\$6,161	\$2,172	8,333	7%
Dairy cattle and Milk	625,175	\$11,906	\$11,497	23,403	4%
Hog and Pig	660,292	\$6,580	\$17,739	24,319	4%
Poultry and Eggs	711,197	\$4,132	\$22,051	26,183	4%
All Farms	248,176	\$5,485	\$8,758	14,243	6%

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 002-0044

1 All utilities including Natural Gas Heating, Electricity and Telephone

2 Excluding potatoes

3 Includes feedlots

B.C. Aquaculture Area under Crown Land Tenure¹

	(hectares)							
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Shellfish ²	2,325	2,300	2,357	2,727	2,727	2,800	2,990	3,134
Salmon	1,000	1,000	1,191	1,191	1,191	2,400	3,591	3,945
Total	3,325	3,300	3,548	3,918	3,918	5,200	6,581	7,079

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Aquaculture Development Branch

1 The term "area" refers to Crown land area only and represents the total lake, foreshore and marine area leased for aquaculture as opposed to the intensively used area. Excludes private land holdings where aquaculture operations occur.

2 Area includes beach and deep water culture.

Water Use Authorized for Agriculture in 2006

Farm Type	('000,000 Cubic Metres/ Year)
Flood Harvesting	5.57
Frost Protection	28.94
Game Farm	0.02
Greenhouses	0.43
Irrigation	2,930.55
Nurseries	1.08
Stockwatering	7.27
Total Agricultural Use	2,973.86
Percent of total B.C. water used	0.17%
Total B.C.¹	1,744,127

Source: BC Ministry of Agriculture & Lands, based on BC Ministry of Environment, Water Licenses Report, May 2006

1 Does not include water use for power generation

Age of Farm Operators¹ in 2001

	Under 35 years	35 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
British Columbia	2,525	16,200	11,605	30,330
	8%	53%	38%	
Canada	40,495	184,950	120,760	346,200
	12%	53%	35%	

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

¹ Operators of two or more separate farms are counted only once

B.C. Farms Using Computers

	1991	1996	2001
Gross Receipts Class			
Under \$10,000	940	2,073	3,238
\$10,000 to \$49,999	589	1,165	2,121
\$50,000 to \$99,999	239	397	654
\$100,000 to \$499,999	715	999	1,380
\$500,000 and over	262	510	753
Total	2,745	5,144	8,146

Farm Type

Dairy	350	406	497
Cattle	539	830	1,647
Pigs	67	84	85
Poultry	98	214	312
Eggs	65	157	220
Grains/Oilseeds	72	110	109
Forages	112	280	608
Tree Fruit	270	582	708
Berry and Grape	121	233	458
Field Vegetables incl. Potatoes	93	222	267
Greenhouse Veg. and Mushroom Farms	46	80	188
Floriculture and Nursery	286	484	796
Other	626	1,462	2,251
Total	2,745	5,144	8,146

Region

Cariboo	166	350	664
Kootenay	132	295	515
Lower Mainland/Southwest	1,046	1,751	2,513
Nechako	102	171	377
North Coast	15	28	44
Peace River	182	341	590
Thompson/Okanagan	727	1,411	2,242
Vancouver Island/Coast	375	797	1,201
Total	2,745	5,144	8,146

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture 1991, 1996 and 2001

Production and Prices

Field Crop Production in B.C.	Area Harvested ('000 hectares)		Yield (kg/ha)		Production ('000 tonnes)	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Spring Wheat	21	18	2,500	3,200	53
Oats	16	18	2,900	3,100	46	57
Barley	26	24	3,400	3,000	90	72
Rye	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canola	25	30	1,700	2,100	44	64
Mixed Grains	2	2	2,400	3,300	4	7
Tame Hay	399	372	2,800	4,200	1,120	1,556
Fodder Corn	12	2	42,000	68,100	508	136
Dry Peas	2	2	2,100	2,900	3	6

Source: Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XPB (Report no. 8)

Livestock on B.C. Farms	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2005
	('000 head)		
Bulls, one year and older	18.5	19.0	18.0
Milk Cows	77.0	78.0	77.5
Milk Heifers	34.0	35.0	32.5
Beef Cows	293.0	327.0	319.5
Beef Heifers – breeding	56.0	51.0	48.5
Beef Heifers – slaughter	28.0	32.0	35.0
Steers, One Year and Over	67.5	73.0	63.0
Calves	311.0	335.0	321.0
Total Cattle and Calves	885.0	950.0	915.0
Boars, Six Months and Over	0.8	0.8	0.7
Pigs under 20kg	56.4	53.5	53.8
Pigs 20 – 60 kg	43.6	48.5	48.3
Over 60 kg	44.6	46.2	46.5
Total Pigs	165.0	170.0	170.0
Rams	2.3	2.2	2.4
Ewes	33.5	36.2	35.2
Replacement Lambs	7.2	9.5	8.7
Market Lambs	30.0	32.1	35.7
Total Sheep and Lambs	73	80	82.0
	At Dec 31/03	At Dec 31/04	At Dec 31/05
Bison	11.8	13.1	14.4
Fallow Deer	4	4.5	3.8

Source: Statistics Canada. Cat.Nos. 23-012-XIE; 23-010-XIE and 23-011-XIE. B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

Selected Horticultural Crop Production in B.C.

2004

2005^p**Tree Fruits**

('000 lb)

Apples	270,199	259,610
Pears	13,153	11,689
Peaches	11,299	7,000
Apricots	2,318	1,067
Cherries, Sweet	16,463	8,842
Cherries, Sour	2,110	1,167
Plums and Prunes	2,357	1,361
Nectarines	1,285	1,062

Berries and Grapes

('000 lb)

Strawberries	6,453	4,999
Raspberries	24,410	26,800
Blueberries	67,685	55,195
Cranberries	86,205	87,106
Grapes	34,617	39,850

Vegetables

('000 lb)

Asparagus	390	401
Beans	14,967	19,040
Broccoli	6,532	7,531
Carrots	16,194	17,560
Cauliflower	2,868	1,992
Corn	24,084	19,372
Cucumbers, field	2,610	3,195
Lettuce, head	2,170	2,575
Mushrooms	58,059	63,195
Onions, Dry bulb	5,569	8,215
Peas, Shelled	11,424	8,802
Potatoes	112,941	115,570
Tomatoes, field	4,655	4,655

Cut Flowers

('000)

Roses, except Sweethearts, stems	11,743	9,785
Tulip, stems	20,671	17,506
Geraniums, pots	6,634	6,914

Nursery Products

('000)

Ornamental Bedding Plants	96,218	95,710
Vegetable Plants	37,280	31,524
Tropical Foliage Plants	3,429	1,226

Symbol: p preliminary data

Sources: BCMAL Annual Horticultural Statistics 2004, 2005; Statistics Canada. Greenhouse, Sod and Nursery Industries Cat. 22-202 XIB.

Livestock Produced for Consumption in B.C.

	2004	2005
Total Slaughter¹		(Head)
Cattle	58,600	87,500
Calves	2,900	2,900
Hogs	71,500	57,400
Sheep and Lambs	39,200	39,300

Sources: Statistics Canada. Cat.Nos. 23-010-XIE, 23-011-XIE, and 23-012-XIE.

¹ Includes Federal/Provincial inspected slaughter, other commercial slaughter and on farm slaughter

Dairy Production in B.C.

	2004	2005
		('000 litres)
Fluid Milk Production	358,446	358,781
Total Production (includes industrial milk)	647,825	643,384

Source: Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Annual Dairy Market Review

Poultry And Egg Production in B.C.

	2004	2005
Poultry Meat Production		('000 kg)
Chicken	123,059	156,608
Turkey	12,809	19,583
Total Production	135,868	176,191
Egg Production	40,747	54,840
		('000 doz)

Source: Statistics Canada. 2006. Cat. No. 23-015

Honey Production in B.C.

	2004	2005
Number of Beekeepers	2,111	2,101
Number of Colonies	43,126	44,645
Average Yield per Colony (lb)	104	75
Total Production ('000 lb)	4,464	3,337

Source: BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

Aquaculture Production in B.C.

	2003	2004
		(tonnes)
Salmon	72,678	61,774
Trout	136	128
Total finfish	72,814	61,902
Clams	1,589	1,528
Oysters	7,837	7,562
Mussels	73	78
Scallops	80	77
Total shellfish	9,579	9,245
Total	82,393	71,147

Source: Statistics Canada. Agriculture Division, Livestock Section Cat. No. 23-222-XWE

Average Prices Received by B.C. Producers		
	2004	2005 ^p
Tree Fruits		(\$/lb)
Apples	0.11	0.18
Pears	0.21	0.20
Peaches	0.35	0.31
Apricots	0.43	0.43
Cherries-Sweet	0.86	1.77
Berries and Grapes		(\$/lb)
Strawberries	1.12	1.39
Raspberries	1.04	0.79
Blueberries	1.08	1.23
Cranberries	0.41	0.35
Grapes	0.80	0.75
Vegetables		(\$/lb)
Asparagus	2.08	2.14
Beans	0.35	0.37
Broccoli	0.47	0.47
Carrots, bunched	0.69	0.91
Cauliflower	0.47	0.48
Corn	0.18	0.23
Lettuce, head	0.38	0.43
Mushrooms	1.33	1.26
Onions, dry bulb	0.19	0.25
Peas, shelled	0.22	0.22
Potatoes, Mid/Late	0.20	0.26
Tomatoes, field	0.53	0.74
Livestock		(\$/cwt)
Feeder Steers (501-600 lb)	92.19	115.66
Feeder Steers (601-700 lb)	87.66	111.55
Feeder Steers (701-800 lb)	84.28	103.26
Feeder Steers (801-900 lb)	79.19	98.41
Feeder Heifers (601-700 lb)	78.64	99.50
D1,2 Cows	20.24	26.09
Bulls	20.52	28.07
Hogs (Index 100)	72.57	67.83
Lambs (A&B lambs 95-115lbs)	106.44	148.11
Dairy		(¢/litre)
Average Milk Price	0.61	0.64
Poultry		(¢/kg)
Broiler Chicken	124.60	130.00
Broiler Turkeys	161.50	146.00
Young Heavy Tom Turkeys	159.30	152.30
Young Heavy Hen Turkeys	156.40	142.00
Eggs		(¢/doz)
Average price	127.00	114.00

^p preliminary data.

Sources: BC MAL, Annual Horticultural Statistics 2004 & 2005; Canfax 2005 Annual Report; Statistics Canada, Cat.No. 23-010-XIE; Cat. No. 23-011-XIE; Cat. No. 23-015-XWE; B.C. Milk Marketing Board Annual Report 2004/05; Agriculture & Agri-food Canada Poultry Marketplace.

Prices Received by B.C. Grains and Oilseed Producers

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	(\$/tonne)				
Wheat	113.45	134.53	161.94	107.98	89.66
Oats	126.81	195.77	179.08	113.66	110.61
Barley	65.03	83.74	64.33	65.36	31.30
Canola	281.57	346.46	343.00	345.74	253.49
Rye	99.25	161.30	149.12	125.89	96.64

Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, CANSIM Tables 001-0001 and 002-0043; BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

Agri-food Price Indices

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	(annual percent change)				
Farm Input Price Index	5%	-2%	5%	-4%	6%
Farm Product Price Index	0%	4%	3%	-0%	3%
CPI:					
All Items	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Food	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%
Food in Stores	4%	2%	2%	1%	0%
Food in Restaurants	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM Tables 002-0022, 328-0024 & 326-0014

B.C. Farm Product Price Index (1997=100)

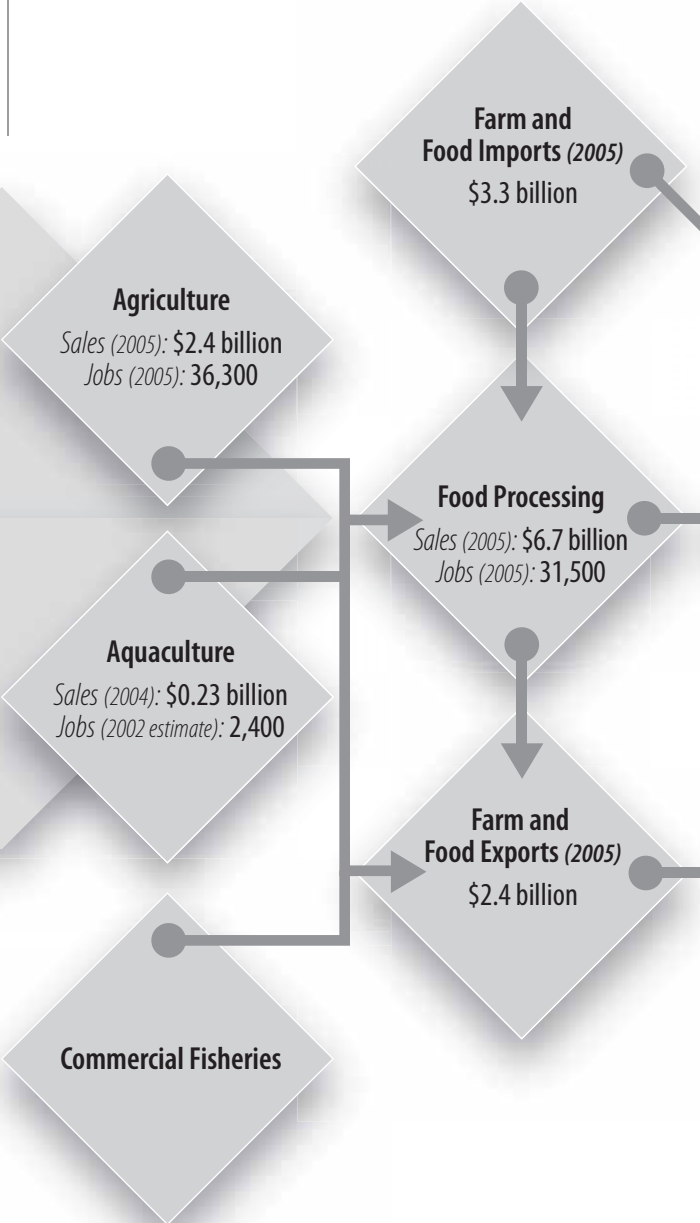
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Grains	104.1	125.6	128.8	103.0	112.7
Oilseeds	78.1	96.0	95.0	97.5	70.2
Specialty Crops	80.3	108.6	86.4	86.4	63.6
Fruit	81.3	93.3	101.8	105.0	105.5
Vegetables (excl. potatoes)	97.7	114.2	117.8	111.8	142.9
Potatoes	140.2	179.7	149.5	167.8	187.5
Total Crops	92.0	107.3	111.6	109.9	125.8
Cattle And Calves	142.4	123.7	120.2	102.7	85.9
Hogs	100.5	77.8	76.6	97.0	99.6
Poultry	91.4	87.4	91.4	93.4	96.7
Eggs	102.5	104.2	110.0	115.0	104.2
Dairy	106.0	110.1	114.0	108.4	111.6
Total Livestock and Animal	110.5	105.1	107.0	102.8	100.4
Total Index	102.1	106.5	109.5	106.5	112.7

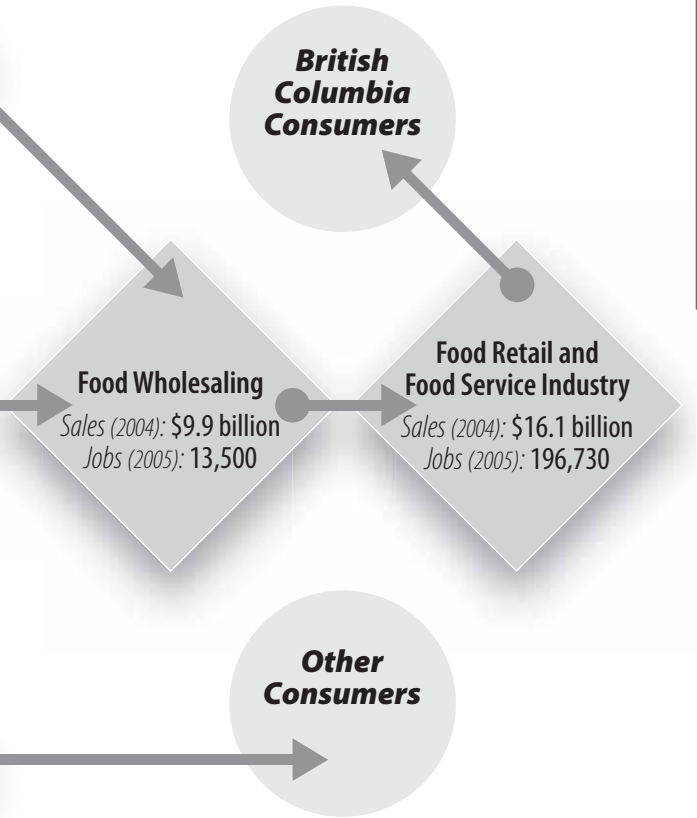
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 002-0022

B.C. Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food at a Glance

Total Consumer Sales: \$18.5 billion

Total Jobs: 280,430





Farm Finance

Farm Cash Receipts in B.C. Agriculture and Aquaculture	(a)	(b)	(c)	(b)/(c)
	2004 _r	2005 _p	5 yr avg 2000-2004	% change
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	% change
Grains and Oilseeds	52,044	31,582	44,387	-28.8
Potatoes and Vegetables	416,107	400,919	348,885	14.9
Greenhouse Vegetables	251,117	224,353	191,669	17.1
Tree Fruits	81,184	66,042	72,452	-8.8
Berries and Grapes	158,146	154,212	116,337	32.6
Floriculture and Nursery	465,246	403,790	423,942	-4.8
Ginseng	20,223	20,920	21,807	-4.1
Forages	14,918	13,072	19,356	-32.5
Forest Products	15,398	13,597	16,253	-16.3
Other Crops	9,718	22,603	8,705	159.7
Total Crops	1,215,510	1,113,678	1,059,538	5.1
Cattle and Calves	218,928	284,690	288,149	-1.2
Hogs	47,140	39,362	44,816	-12.2
Sheep, Lambs and Wool	6,063	8,282	6,986	18.6
Dairy Products	391,731	400,632	370,984	8.0
Poultry and Eggs	276,247	366,421	318,920	14.9
Honey	10,124	9,077	7,834	15.9
Other Livestock	43,115	50,146	46,242	8.4
Total Livestock	1,011,981	1,176,991	1,098,842	7.1
NISA Payments	22,362	12,226	13,628	-10.3
Crop Insurance	10,333	8,137	7,568	7.5
Income Disaster Programs	32,556	49,968	17,575	184.3
Dairy Subsidy	0	0	1,486	-100.0
Other Payments	122,301	49,897	34,998	42.6
Total Payments	187,552	120,228	75,256	59.8
Total Agriculture Receipts	2,415,043	2,410,897	2,233,636	7.9
	2003	2004 ¹	1999-2003	% change
Salmon	255,801	212,038	276,920	-23.4
Trout	597	714	539	32.4
Total Finfish	256,398	212,752	277,460	-23.3
Clams	7,903	7,052	6,801	3.7
Oysters	8,438	7,134	7,248	-1.6
Mussels	240	278	48	479.2
Scallops	552	572	390	46.5
Total Shellfish	17,133	15,036	14,487	3.8
Total Aquaculture Receipts	273,531	227,788	291,946	-22.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit, May 2006; and Statistics Canada, Aquaculture Statistics - Annual, Cat. No. 23-222 XWE, October 2005.

Symbols r revised; p preliminary figures

¹ Most current data available.

Farm Operating Expenses and Depreciation Charges in B.C. Agriculture

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(b)/(c)
	2004r	2005p	5 yr avg 2000-2004	
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	% change
Property Taxes	19,501	20,359	18,291	11.3
Rent	46,732	49,183	42,986	14.4
Cash Wages, Room and Board	484,007	496,107	443,552	11.8
Interest	117,527	122,666	128,017	-4.2
Repairs to Buildings and Fences	51,948	52,467	49,090	6.9
Electricity	43,327	43,327	43,654	-0.7
Telephone	17,694	17,942	16,585	8.2
Fuel	135,221	158,668	122,222	29.8
Machinery Repairs	101,606	102,927	95,928	7.3
Business Insurance	37,200	39,134	32,188	21.6
Custom Work	83,212	83,128	70,637	17.7
Stabilization Premiums	0	0	0	0.0
Crop and Hail Insurance	2,667	3,476	2,733	27.2
Fertilizer and Lime	81,404	85,474	68,844	24.2
Pesticides	30,363	30,484	29,456	3.5
Commercial Seed	81,043	81,367	73,540	10.6
Irrigation	3,126	3,135	3,129	0.2
Twine, Wire and Containers	77,439	78,988	70,294	12.4
Commercial Feed	323,837	350,715	320,809	9.3
Livestock and Poultry Purchases	53,525	69,647	53,665	29.8
Veterinary fees	35,394	37,482	34,681	8.1
Other Expenses	124,792	127,981	120,620	6.1
Total Gross Operating Expenses	1,951,565	2,054,657	1,840,923	11.6
Building Depreciation	100,275	106,041	90,326	17.4
Machinery Depreciation	160,541	159,413	155,885	2.3
Total Depreciation	260,816	265,454	246,211	7.8
Total Operating Expenses and Depreciation	2,212,381	2,320,111	2,087,134	11.2

Symbols: r revised; p preliminary figures

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Cat. No. 21-012 XWE



Net Farm Income in B.C.

(\$'000)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(b) / (c)
	2004 _r	2005 _p	5yr Avg 2000-2004	% Change
Crop Receipts	1,141,970	1,113,678	983,827	22.4
Livestock Receipts	1,082,064	1,176,991	1,102,072	-8.3
Program Receipts	59,406	187,552	45,908	308.5
Total Farm Cash Receipts	2,415,043	2,410,897	2,233,979	7.9
Total Operating Expenses	1,951,565	2,054,657	1,845,963	11.3
Net Cash Income	463,478	356,240	388,017	-8.2
Total Income-in-Kind	7,198	6,918	6,993	-1.1
Total Depreciation	260,816	265,454	246,288	7.8
Realized Net Income	209,860	97,704	148,721	-34.3
Value of Inventory Change	-24,386	-42,927	11,030	-489.2
Total Net Income	185,474	54,777	159,751	-65.7

Symbols: r revised; p preliminary figures

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit, May 2006.

Average Income of B.C. Farm Operators¹, 2004

Farm Type	Off-Farm Income	Net Farm Operating Income	Total Income
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Dairy Cattle and Milk Production	29,451	58,008	87,458
Beef Cattle Ranching and Farming, including Feedlots	35,485	1,060	36,545
Hog and Pig Farming	34,430	64,159	98,589
Poultry and Egg Production	71,443	48,978	120,421
Other Animal Production	59,395	-7,341	52,054
Total Animal Production	43,754	15,852	59,606
Oilseed & Grain Farming	42,960	12,901	55,862
Potato Farming	37,823	34,923	72,746
Other Vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	21,357	16,839	38,196
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	39,771	11,489	51,261
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	40,631	40,100	80,731
Other Crop Farming	39,184	8,109	47,293
Total Crop Production	38,805	16,554	55,359
Total Animal and Crop Production	41,393	16,179	57,572

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Taxation Data Program, October 2005.

¹ Includes incorporated and unincorporated farms. Average income refers to income before depreciation.



Income Taxes Paid by B.C. Farm Operators¹, 2004

Revenue Class	Average Net Federal Tax (\$)	Average Net Provincial Tax (\$)	Average Total Payable (\$)	Number of Farm Operators
\$10,000 - \$24,999	5,352	2,415	8,060	4,440
\$25,000 - \$49,999	4,568	2,021	6,952	2,790
\$50,000 - \$99,999	4,120	1,869	6,483	2,500
\$100,000 - \$249,999	6,186	2,884	9,845	2,390
\$250,000 - \$499,999	6,674	3,077	10,628	1,460
\$500,000 and over	11,076	5,221	16,776	2,240
All Classes \$10,000 and over	6,078	2,789	9,358	15,820

Source: Statistics Canada, Whole Farm Database, Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization and Taxation Data Program.

¹ Includes taxes paid by individual operators (taxfilers) on incorporated farms, with gross farm revenues of \$25,000+ and on unincorporated farms, with gross farm revenues of \$10,000+. Taxes paid by corporations are not available.

Note: Rows and columns may not add due to rounding.

Income Taxes Paid by B.C. Farm Operators¹, 2004

Farm Type	Average Net Federal Tax (\$)	Average Net Provincial Tax (\$)	Average Total Payable (\$)	Number of Farm Operators
Dairy Cattle and Milk Production	4,049	1,722	6,470	1,320
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming, including feedlots	4,169	1,875	6,405	4,160
Hog and Pig Farming	3,147	1,311	5,033	140
Poultry & Egg Production	14,738	7,133	22,398	1,080
Other Animal Production	9,750	4,685	14,983	1,570
Oilseed & Grain Farming	6,565	2,916	10,041	720
Vegetable and Melon Farming	3,775	1,602	5,922	660
Potato Farming	6,262	2,677	9,126	150
Other Vegetable (Except Potato) and Melon Farming	3,065	1,295	5,007	510
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	5,501	2,477	8,477	3,400
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	5,929	2,688	9,111	1,250
Other Crop Farming	5,565	2,539	8,593	1,530
All Agriculture	6,078	2,789	9,358	15,820
All Aquaculture	1,836	716	3,061	69

Source: Statistics Canada, Whole Farm Database, Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization and Taxation Data Program; and Canada Revenue Agency

¹ Includes taxes paid by individual operators (taxfilers) on incorporated farms, with gross farm revenues of \$25,000+ and on unincorporated farms, with gross farm revenues of \$10,000+. Taxes paid by corporations are not available.

Note: Rows and columns may not add due to rounding.

Income Taxes Paid by B.C. Aquaculture¹ and Salmon Farming² Corporations, by Revenue Class

Gross Revenue (\$)	Average Net Federal Tax Payable(\$)	Average Net Provincial Tax Payable (\$)	Average Total Taxes Payable (\$)	No. of Corporations
Corporations involved in Aquaculture (including Salmon farming)				
Up to 100,000	X	X	X	33
100,000 – 249,999	1,852	636	2,488	15
250,000 – 499,999	7,983	3,465	11,448	10
500,000 +	X	X	X	16
All Brackets	3,604	816	4,420	74
Corporations involved in Salmon Farming				
Up to 100,000	X	X	X	6
100,000 – 499,999	5,444	2,473	7,917	12
500,000 and over	X	X	X	8
All Brackets	7,046	1,221	8,267	26

Source: Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), Cortax Schedule 200. Special tabulation.

1 Includes all corporate tax returns filed under NAICS 112510 except for inactive companies.

2 These are companies filing corporate tax returns under Aquaculture NAICS 112510 that did not specify activities such as investment, holding company, shellfish, oyster or mussel farming in the description field.

Note: (a) The Cortax schedule is used by Incorporated businesses to calculate Federal and Provincial Taxes payable; (b) The Aquaculture and Salmon Farming industry variables were set by Statistics Canada using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS); (c) Gross Revenue is the sum of total income and total farm income amounts; (d) Average taxes were calculated by adding up the sum of taxes payable in each bracket and dividing by the number of companies that filed returns; (e) 'X' in a cell means that data has been suppressed to meet confidentiality rules; (f) bracket sizes were adjusted so that fewer cells would be suppressed.

B.C. Agriculture Assets and Liabilities¹

	2003	2004
Number of farms ²	8,035	7,605
Average per Farm (\$)		
Total Assets	1,419,411	1,610,874
current assets	75,294	89,083
long-term assets	1,344,117	1,521,791
Total Liabilities	279,227	299,166
current liabilities	29,250	37,862
long-term liabilities	249,977	261,303
Net Worth	1,140,184	1,311,709
Total Revenue	277,401	290,524
farm sales	274,915	278,375
program payments	2,486	12,150
Total Expenses	244,559	247,831
Net Cash Farm Income	32,842	42,693

Source: Statistics Canada. Cat. no. 21F0008-XIB, Farm Financial Survey, 2006

1 Caution should be used when comparing estimates for 2003 with those of other years as the bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) crisis resulted in lower farm sales for certain farm types.

2 All farms with revenues \$10,000 or higher

B.C. Agriculture Farm Debt Outstanding

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(b) / (c)
	2004r	2005p	5yr Avg 2000-2004	
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	% Change
Chartered Banks	1,514,472	1,429,645	1,471,788	-2.9
Federal gov't agencies	717,679	786,398	511,100	53.9
Provincial gov't agencies	2,520	1,823	4,997	-63.5
Credit unions	1,530	1,638	1,304	25.6
Insurance, trust co. & other	64,009	80,102	51,947	54.2
Supply companies and private indiv.	357,222	388,199	296,269	31.0
Adv. Payment programs	14,720	11,882	13,537	-12.2
Total Debt Outstanding	2,672,152	2,699,687	2,350,943	14.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Economic Statistics Cat.21-014 XWE

r revised; p preliminary figures.

B.C. Aquaculture Industry Total Farm Level Investment Estimates 2002

Total Estimated Investment Range

	(\$millions)		
Shellfish ¹	\$35	–	\$70
Finfish ²	\$300	–	\$400
Total	\$335	–	\$470

Source: British Columbia Seafood Sector and Tidal Water Recreational Fishing: A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Assessment; page 119

<http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/fisheries/reports/SWOT2004.htm>

1 Total replacement cost of capital investments

2 Total investment on an original cost basis

The Food Sector**Food and Beverage Processing and Manufacturing in B.C.**

	2003	2004	2005
Shipments	(\$ millions)		
Animal Food Products	461	414	432
Grains and Oilseed Milling	165	181	192
Sugar and Confectionary	257	243	283
Fruit and Vegetables	419	477	528
Dairy Products	841	857	908
Meat and Meat Products	1,410	1,576	1,672
Seafood Products	694	621	639
Bakeries and tortillas	318	311	361
Other Food Industries	353	374	446
Total Food	4,918	5,054	5,462
Total Beverage	1,091	1,130	1,221
Total Food and Beverage	6,009	6,183	6,683

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Tables 281-0024, 281-0027 & 304-0015

**Number of BC Agri-Food Establishments¹
by Industry**

2005

Primary Production:

Crop Production	3,596
Animal Production	4,440
Support for Agriculture	701
Subtotal	8,737

Manufacturing:

Food	1,182
Beverage	266
Tobacco	1
Leather and Allied	83
Pesticide, Herbicide and Farm Products	41
Subtotal	1,573

Wholesale Distributors:

Farm Products	289
Food	1,645
Beverages	174
Tobacco	14
Agricultural Supplies	211
Subtotal	2,333

Retail:

Food	4,321
Beverage	180
Florists	540
Restaurants and Food Service	12,533
Drinking Places	845
Subtotal	18,419

Total**43,705**

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register

¹ establishments with multiple retail locations are counted as one; includes sole proprietorships.

Annual Capital Investment

	2004 ^a	2005 ^p	
	(\$ millions)		% change
Total B.C. Food Chain Industries	1,018.5	1,044.1	2.5
Total B.C. Agri-Food Industries	424.6	402.3	-5.3
B.C. Primary Agriculture	240.6	240.8	0.1
B.C. Food and Beverage Manufacturing	184.0	161.5	-12.2

^a actual data; ^p preliminary data

Source: Statistics Canada, Investment & Capital Stock Division. Cat. No. 61-205

Employment in the B.C. Agri-food Chain

	2003	2004	2005
	(Persons)		
Agriculture and Related Services	28,800	32,800	36,300
Aquaculture, 2002 estimate	2,400	2,400	2,400
Food and Beverage Processing	31,100	31,000	31,500
Food Wholesale and Distribution	11,600	11,300	13,500
Grocery Stores	55,424	60,272	64,669
Specialty Food Stores	n/a	n/a	8,085
Health Food Stores ¹	2,645	2,313	n/a
Beverage and Other Food Stores	8,811	9,743	4,848
Florists	1,203	1,143	1,114
Restaurants and Food Service	106,246	105,634	105,036
Beverage Establishments	11,496	12,152	12,978
Total	259,725	268,757	280,430

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0024, BCMAL

¹ For 2003 and 2004 this figure also includes employment in vitamin/nutrition sections of pharmacies. The figures are based on a BCMAL 2004 survey of health food stores in 33 urban centers in British Columbia.

Wholesale Sales of B.C. Farm and Food Products

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(\$ '000)				
Farm Products	684,010	679,640	764,758	773,927	796,105
Food	5,886,608	6,684,087	6,787,142	7,215,393	8,359,095
Alcohol and Beverages ¹	715,396	672,599	776,580	929,059	773,409
Total	7,286,014	8,036,326	8,328,480	8,918,379	9,928,609

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 081-0005; B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

¹ 2004 data is an estimate



Exports

Exports of Agri-food and Aquaculture Products to all Countries

	B.C.		Canada	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	(\$'000)		(\$'000)	
Cattle and Calves	0	6,682	0	627,958
Hogs	3,831	2,043	702,831	744,239
Other Live Animals	2,876	4,540	98,106	100,992
Beef	1,882	1,727	1,939,207	1,870,491
Pork	54,277	62,631	2,557,738	2,725,347
Poultry	8,492	25,425	205,343	225,739
Other Meat	10,011	13,089	129,205	128,231
Dairy Products	9,703	9,002	261,985	239,861
Eggs	3,760	2,427	51,884	48,825
Animal Fats	88,425	52,399	183,949	168,317
Other Animal Products	8,100	8,543	183,390	198,227
Plants, Bulbs, Flowers	96,550	92,518	453,303	386,534
Vegetables	300,218	299,460	2,989,689	3,028,804
Fruit and Nuts	252,173	259,126	594,202	639,524
Coffee, Tea, Spices	16,286	11,763	269,884	271,254
Grains and Oilseeds	135,755	127,008	8,252,048	7,186,453
Other Plant Products	24,670	14,881	295,201	299,692
Livestock Feeds, Forages	63,452	54,992	611,561	578,055
Cereal Preparations	131,187	131,154	2,002,565	2,062,279
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	49,912	69,645	476,161	426,869
Alcoholic Beverages	55,230	61,073	853,535	726,709
Other Agrifood Commodities	136,640	126,285	3,317,807	3,424,444
Aquaculture products	252,356	313,901	535,110	586,017
Processed Fish Products	652,239	609,308	3,295,013	3,084,667
Total Exports	2,358,024	2,359,623	30,259,719	29,779,528

Source: BC STATS, TRIP Data Files

B.C.'s Top Five Agri-Food Export Markets (\$'000)

Rank	Country	British Columbia		Canada
		2004	2005	2005
		(\$'000)		(\$'000)
1	U.S.	1,264,042	1,332,088	16,711,911
2	Japan	149,108	156,480	2,643,751
3	China	97,508	116,115	902,822
4	Taiwan	84,660	76,215	217,443
5	Hong Kong	36,002	43,194	343,425

Source: BC STATS, Trip data

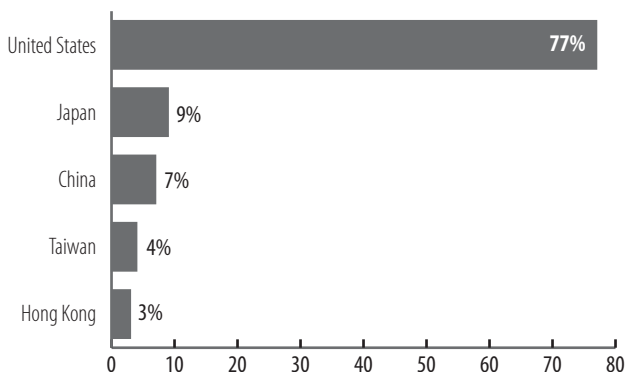
Other Statistics

Canadian Per Capita Consumption of Selected Foods¹			
	Average 2001-2003	2004	2005
Red Meats			
Beef (kg)	13.76	13.63	14.17
Pork (kg)	11.85	11.57	9.96
Mutton and Lamb (kg)	0.43	0.46	0.46
Poultry and Eggs			
Chicken (kg)	10.73	10.72	10.82
Turkey (kg)	2.19	2.18	2.27
Eggs (dozen)	12.99	12.72	12.91
Fish (kg)	6.97	n/a	n/a
Dairy Products			
Milk - Standard (litres)	10.1	9.66	9.32
Milk - 2% (litres)	30.2	29.62	28.67
Cheddar Cheese (kg)	2.31	2.28	2.39
Yogurt (litres)	3.97	4.66	5
Cottage Cheese (kg)	0.58	0.61	0.63
Ice Cream (litres)	6.77	6.21	6.4
Fruit			
Apples - Fresh (kg)	7.19	6.89	n/a
Apple Juice (litres)	6.34	6.34	n/a
Blueberries – Fresh (kg)	0.3	0.33	n/a
Cranberries – Fresh (kg)	0.44	0.6	n/a
Vegetables			
Tomatoes (kg)	5.41	4.96	n/a
Mushrooms (kg)	1.07	1.02	n/a
Peppers (kg)	2.02	2.08	n/a
Potatoes, White (kg)	36.85	35.43	n/a
Beverages			
Beer (litres)	83.18	79.81	80.34
Wine (litres)	12.55	13.31	13.86
Soft Drinks (litres)	99.58	96.56	95.24

Source: Statistics Canada. Cat. No. 23-F0001XCB.

¹ Adjusted for retail, household, cooking and plate loss.

B.C.'s Top Five Agri-Food Export Markets in 2005



B.C. Food, Alcohol & Tobacco Purchases, 2003-2004

	2003	2004
Purchases by Residents:	(\$ Millions)	
Food from Stores	7,931	8,526
Bulk and Other Food	160	186
Alcoholic Beverages from Stores	539	704
Tobacco	781	720
Food from Restaurants	2,340	2,586
Alcoholic Beverages from Licensed Premises	232	238
Subtotal	11,981	12,961
Purchases from Restaurants by Visitors ¹	2,926	3,108
Total Domestic Food, Alcohol & Tobacco Purchases	14,908	16,069

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Tables 203-0002, 335-0005, 203-0013

¹ Estimate based on operating revenue of restaurants

Contribution of Agriculture to Provincial GDP

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
(millions of Chained 1997 dollars)					
Primary Agriculture	893	878	959	960	971
Animal Aquaculture	191	202	186	189	274
Agri Support	97	89	93	94	102
Food Manufacturing	1,423	1,331	1,351	1,342	1,463
Beverage Manufacturing	435	438	466	481	495
Total Agriculture	3,142	3,042	3,182	1,901	1,986
Total BC GDP	115,139	118,847	121,817	126,857	131,440
Percent of B.C. GDP					
Primary Agriculture	0.78	0.74	0.79	0.76	0.74
Animal Aquaculture	0.17	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.21
Agri Support	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.08
Food Manufacturing	1.24	1.12	1.11	1.06	1.11
Beverage Manufacturing ¹	0.38	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38
Total Agriculture	2.73%	2.56%	2.61%	1.50%	1.51%

Source: BC Stats and B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

¹ Based on the sum of soft drink and brewery manufacturing GDP, where available, and the most recent estimates for the remaining beverage industries as beverage manufacturing data excludes wineries and distilleries since 2002, and soft drinks since 2005.



Environmental Protection: Average Investment per Farm by Province, 2004

	(a)	(b)	(a)/(b) Environmental Protection Investment as a % of Total Investments
	Environmental Protection: Average Investment per Farm (\$)	Capital Investment: Average Investment per Farm (\$)	
Canada	160	51,244	0.31
British Columbia	443	68,006	0.65
Alberta	156	57,433	0.27
Saskatchewan	64	34,828	0.18
Manitoba	85	51,566	0.16
Ontario	200	56,770	0.35
Quebec	186	52,853	0.35
Atlantic	249	51,848	0.48

Source: Statistics Canada. Cat. no. 21F0008-XIB, Farm Financial Survey, 2005

B.C.'S Top 20 High Growth Farm Commodities

	Per cent Growth 1996-2005	Avg Annual Growth (%) 1996-2005
Tomatoes, greenhouse	418.7	22.1
Peppers, greenhouse	306.7	19.8
Sweet Cherries	246.1	16.6
Calves	242.0	17.1
Grapes	214.6	16.9
Beans	181.8	13.0
Blueberries	166.6	14.1
Potatoes	157.3	13.5
Squash	143.5	12.8
Honey	136.7	12.1
Cucumbers, greenhouse	110.3	11.1
Nursery	94.7	8.9
Garlic	77.9	14.6
Brussels Sprouts	62.1	8.1
Shellfish, aquaculture	59.2	7.1
Leeks	58.3	-8.3
Wool	54.1	51.5
Sod	53.0	9.6
Turnips	47.9	-4.9
Beets	46.6	6.1
Hens and Chickens	42.8	4.7
Sheep	42.1	9.0
Floriculture	34.9	4.0
Dairy Products	31.0	3.1
Mushrooms	29.2	4.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit, May 2006; Statistics Canada. Aquaculture Statistics, Cat. No. 23-222 XWE, October 2005; and B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

B.C.'s Top 25 Farm Commodities and National Ranking

Commodities	2005 B.C. Receipts (\$'000)	2005 Canada Receipts (\$'000)	B.C. Share of National (%)	B.C. in National Ranking
1 Dairy Products	400,632	4,841,679	8.3	3
2 Hens and Chickens	273,125	1,614,925	16.9	3
3 Floriculture	241,122	1,276,219	18.9	2
4 Finfish, aquaculture ¹	212,752	454,627	46.8	1
5 Cattle	194,169	5,680,615	3.4	6
6 Nursery Products	155,692	527,956	29.5	2
7 Tomatoes, greenhouse	127,016	380,164	33.4	2
8 Calves	90,521	731,752	12.4	3
9 Sweet Peppers, greenhouse	72,511	166,003	43.7	2
10 Mushrooms	70,428	298,933	23.6	2
11 Blueberries	68,116	136,558	49.9	1
12 Potatoes	61,034	792,488	7.7	7
13 Eggs	56,924	547,088	10.4	4
14 Hogs	39,362	3,933,470	1.0	6
15 Apples	35,446	127,272	27.9	2
16 Turkeys	33,712	271,352	12.4	3
17 Cranberries	32,593	58,268	55.9	1
18 Grapes	26,300	51,305	51.3	1
19 Cucumbers, greenhouse	22,716	136,851	16.6	2
20 Ginseng	20,920	82,503	25.4	2
21 Sweet Cherries	19,910	23,694	84.0	1
22 Raspberries	18,463	27,453	67.3	1
23 Canola	17,837	1,854,727	1.0	4
24 Shellfish, aquaculture ¹	15,036	63,509	23.7	2
25 Hay and Clover	11,638	139,988	8.3	6

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit; and Statistics Canada, Aquaculture Statistics, 2004, 23-222 XWE.

¹ Receipts and ranking are based on the 2005 value of marketings from Statistics Canada, May 2006 revision, except for aquaculture products, which are based on 2004 (most recent) value data.

Forest products grown on farm (included in the past) have been excluded as they are not strictly agricultural products.

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