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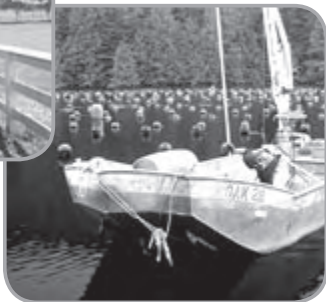


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Fast Stats 2007 provides users with reference statistics about the agriculture, aquaculture and food industries in the province of British Columbia. With the release of the 2006 Census of Agriculture on May 16, 2007, new information on B.C.'s agricultural sector in terms of resources, land management practices, computer use, and organic production has been included in this publication. For complete coverage of all Census information, at the provincial and sub-provincial geographies, along with other statistics and information pertaining to the agriculture, aquaculture and food industries in British Columbia, please visit our website: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/al/>.

B.C.'s Agriculture, Aquaculture, Food Processing, Food Wholesaling, Food Retail and Food Service Industries generated more than \$36 billion in total gross revenues, including \$5.0 billion in inter-provincial and international exports, and accounted for more than 290,000 jobs in 2006. An estimated \$22 billion of these sales reached the end consumer, an increase in sales of nearly 6% over the previous year.

Climatic conditions in the province make it possible for British Columbia farmers to grow a wide variety of commodities. Total farm cash receipts from B.C.'s crops, including grains, oilseeds, field and greenhouse vegetables, tree fruits, berries, grapes, floriculture, nursery, forage and other crops amounted to \$1.086 billion in 2006. Total livestock farm cash receipts, including cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs, dairy, honey and other animal products amounted to \$1.150 billion and total aquaculture farm gate sales, from farmed salmon, trout, clams, mussels, oysters, and scallops reached close to \$426 million. In total, an estimated 36,800 people were engaged in these primary agriculture and aquaculture activities.

Along the value chain, the estimated total value of shipments from B.C. food and beverage processors in 2006 was \$6.6 billion, employing nearly 27,000 people. Wholesale sales of B.C. farm and food products were estimated to be \$9.7 billion, employing just over 13,000 people, and domestic retail and restaurant sales were estimated at \$17.1 billion, with more than 213,500 people employed.

The top ten commodities in terms of farm sales in 2006 B.C. were dairy, farmed salmon, chicken, floriculture, cattle, nursery, greenhouse tomatoes, mushrooms, calves, and blueberries. The province led the nation in sales of finfish aquaculture, blueberries, cranberries, sweet cherries, apricots, and raspberries, and ranked second to Ontario in the production of floriculture, nursery products, green house tomatoes, sweet peppers, greenhouse cucumbers, mushrooms, grapes, apples and most soft tree fruit.

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RESOURCES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURE

Resources In British Columbia Agriculture

	1991 Census	1996 Census	2001 Census	2006 Census
The Land (hectares)				
Provincial Land Area	89,307,184	89,307,184	89,307,184	89,307,184
Land in Agricultural Land Reserve ¹	4,708,628	4,714,016	4,727,332	4,624,890 ⁽²⁾
Total Farm Land	2,392,341	2,529,060	2,587,118	2,835,458 ⁽³⁾
Land in Crops	556,796	565,738	617,545	586,238
Land in Pasture	241,004	240,236	233,044	245,793
Summerfallow	57,476	39,017	36,765	25,581
Unimproved Land	1,030,568	1,172,591	1,207,553	1,499,563
The Capital (\$'000)				
Total Value of B.C.'s Agricultural Farm Capital	8,614,244	13,822,213	15,831,578	24,904,713
Land and Buildings	7,037,507	11,863,945	13,066,698	22,354,892
Machinery and Equipment	891,629	1,227,932	1,608,420	1,820,784
Livestock and Poultry	685,108	730,336	1,156,460	729,036
Average Capital Value per Farm (\$)	448,075	633,030	780,265	1,255,025
The People and Farms (number)				
Farm Population	61,035	68,770	61,370	N/A ⁽⁴⁾
Number of Farms	19,225	21,835	20,290	19,844
Number of Farms with Sales:				
less than \$10,000	10,024	11,530	10,087	9,466
\$10,000-\$49,999	4,783	5,372	5,362	5,231
\$50,000-\$99,999	1,416	1,533	1,464	1,592
\$100,000-\$249,999	1,494	1,589	1,509	1,536
\$250,000 and over	1,508	1,811	1,868	2,019
Number of Farms by Farm Type (Historical Classification) ⁵				
Dairy	1,158	1,184	795	663
Cattle	4,224	4,413	4,690	4,086
Hogs	254	206	146	113
Poultry and eggs	584	925	973	911
Wheat	91	119	62	45
Grains and oilseeds	361	240	184	205
Other field crops	886	1,621	1,808	1,733
Fruits	2,406	2,836	2,521	2,799
Vegetables	344	595	636	534
Miscellaneous specialty ⁶	3,364	4,784	4,775	5,247
Livestock combinations	520	623	416	678
Other combinations	326	476	376	303

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 unless otherwise specified.

¹ Agricultural Land Commission data. 1991, 1996, 2001.

² Agricultural Land Commission preliminary GIS generated ALR area as of January 31, 2007.

³ In B.C., the total hectares of farm land are higher than in previous years, due to better quality data on lands operated under a licence, permit or lease.

⁴ Statistics Canada's Agricultural - Population linkage data will not be released until Fall 2008.

⁵ Includes farms with Gross Receipts of \$2,500.00 or more.

⁶ Miscellaneous specialty includes mushrooms, greenhouse products, nursery, Christmas trees, and game farm animals, etc.

Aquaculture Sites by Sales and Year

	1991	1996	2001	2005	2006
Finfish Growouts					
less than \$10,000	47	37	28	13	16
\$10,000 - \$49,999	16	10	5	3	4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	8	9	6	5	3
\$100,000-\$249,999	7	6	8	5	5
\$250,000 and over	89	55	58	52	43
Total Sites¹	167	117	105	78	71
Finfish Hatcheries					
less than \$10,000	16	9	7	7	7
\$10,000 - \$49,999	6	8	9	7	6
\$50,000 - \$99,999	2	3	2	0	3
\$100,000-\$249,999	1	1	3	1	1
\$250,000 and over	7	7	8	6	6
Total Sites¹	32	28	29	21	23
Shellfish & Marine Plants²					
less than \$10,000	156	97	78	97	86
\$10,000 - \$49,999	120	142	159	139	129
\$50,000 - \$99,999	12	34	51	46	46
\$100,000-\$249,999	2	13	34	39	41
\$250,000 and over	0	10	9	13	14
Total Sites¹	290	296	331	334	316

Source: Ministry of Environment. Annual aquaculture statistical report survey data.

¹ Site counts by category can not be added together for an accurate, overall total site number 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 2006

	(hectares)	% of total
Owned	1,599,141	55.36%
Leased from Government	919,828	31.84%
Rented or leased from others	312,424	10.82%
Crop shared from others	24,517	0.85%
Other area used	32,737	1.13%
Total	2,888,647⁽¹⁾	

Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture 2006.

¹ Note: Excludes the amount of land that was rented out to other operators.

B.C. Aquaculture Area under Crown Land Tenure¹

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	(hectares)								
Shellfish ²	2,325	2,300	2,357	2,727	2,727	2,800	2,990	3,134	3,040
Salmon	1,000	1,000	1,191	1,191	1,191	2,400	3,591	3,945	3,677
Total	3,325	3,300	3,548	3,918	3,918	5,200	6,581	7,079	6,717

Source: Ocean and Marine Fisheries Branch, B.C. Ministry of Environment

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.

Growing Degree Days and Precipitation

	Vancouver Int'l Airpor 2005 2006		Victoria Int'l Airport 2005 2006	
Growing Degree Days ¹	3,153	2,760	2,992	2,977
Precipitation (millimetres) ²				
January	249.6	283.6	184.4	222.2
February	45.8	57.0	38.1	67.3
March	132.8	92.4	98.2	47.6
April	90.2	70.0	46.6	42.8
May	68.6	42.8	38.2	35.4
June	49.6	54.4	29.2	40.6
July	43.6	25.2	16.4	6.9
August	28.6	4.8	24.7	2.4
September	53.6	39.4	13.6	29.7
October	155.4	57.8	83.0	45.6
November	136.6	350.8	108.8	351.9
December	160.8	146.0	110.4	157.1
Total	1,215.2	1,224.2	791.6	1,049.5

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

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.

² For Kamloops, values for September and October are based on incomplete data.

B.C. Agricultural Land Management Practices in 2006

Land Usage Type	Farms Reporting	Hectares
Total number of farms	19,844	2,835,458
Weed control on summerfallow land, chemical only	56	3,719
Weed control on summerfallow land, tillage only	437	15,854
Weed control on summerfallow land, tillage and chemical combination	103	6,008
Use of herbicides	4,109	153,900
Use of insecticides	2,242	29,922
Use of fungicides	1,948	25,014
Use of commercial fertilizer	7,172	331,440
Use of lime	1,306	9,668
Soil conservation - crop rotation	4,311	
Soil conservation - rotational grazing	6,785	
Soil conservation - Winter cover crops	1,358	
Soil conservation - Plowing down green crops	1,869	
Soil conservation - Buffer zones around water bodies	3,255	
Soil conservation - Windbreaks or shelterbelts	4,794	
Total land prepared for seeding	6,342	198,472
Tillage incorporating most crop residue into soil	4,316	108,857
Tillage retaining most crop residue on the surface	1,366	51,723
No-till or zero-till seeding	1,066	37,892
Total use of irrigation	6,938	118,538
Irrigated field crops	918	17,962
Irrigated hay and pasture	3,074	77,187
Irrigated vegetables	942	4,297
Irrigated fruit	2,663	16,045
Other irrigated areas	662	3,046

Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture 2006

Prince George		Kamloops		Fort St John	
2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
2,340	2,377	3,433	3,515	2,243	2,531
57.2	38.2	24.1	28.0	28.7	23.8
8.6	23.2	17.0	4.4	15.9	23.6
22.6	23.6	16.6	15.2	32.1	15.3
20.6	49.0	0.2	5.2	16.4	1.2
32.8	38.6	19.7	30.6	13.8	56.4
61.0	23.6	86.2	25.4	96.6	12.4
92.2	63.2	4.6	17.8	123.3	42.4
52.8	20.2	13.9	8.9	52.7	10.8
45.4	43.8	31.5	45.7	59.5	15.4
88.6	55.9	48.1	10.1	22.2	35.8
25.2	74.2	32.2	45.4	5.3	48.1
34.4	63.6	n/a	31.8	12.3	16.2
541.4	517.1	294.1	268.5	478.8	301.4



Age of Farm Operators¹ in 2006

	Under 35 years	35 to 54 years	55 years and over	Total
British Columbia	1,770	14,555	13,540	29,870
Canada	29,925	164,160	132,975	327,055

Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture 2006.

¹ Figures may not add to totals due to rounding.

Number of B.C. Farms Using Computers by Census Year

	1991	1996	2001	2006
By Gross Receipts Class				
Under \$10,000	940	2,073	3,238	3,609
\$10,000 to \$49,999	589	1,165	2,121	2,333
50,000 to 99,999	239	397	654	843
100,000 to 499,999	715	999	1,380	1,443
500,000 and over	262	510	753	868
Total	2,745	5,144	8,146	9,096

By Farm Type				
Dairy	350	406	497	451
Cattle	539	830	1,647	1,726
Pigs	67	84	85	60
Poultry	98	214	312	281
Eggs	65	157	220	262
Grains/Oilseeds	72	110	109	107
Forages	112	280	608	651
Tree Fruit	270	582	708	783
Berry and Grape	121	233	458	699
Field Vegetables (inc. Potatoes)	93	222	267	370
Greenhouse Veg. & Mushroom Farms	46	80	188	145
Floriculture & Nursery	286	484	796	886
Other	626	1,462	2,251	2,675
Total	2,745	5,144	8,146	9,096

By Region				
Cariboo	166	350	664	791
Kootenay	132	295	515	619
Lower Mainland/Southwest	1,046	1,751	2,513	2,629
Nechako	102	171	377	401
North Coast	15	28	44	60
Peace River	182	341	590	660
Thompson/Okanagan	727	1,411	2,242	2,534
Vancouver Island/Coast	375	797	1,201	1,402
Total	2,745	5,144	8,146	9,096

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006

PRODUCTION AND PRICES

Field Crop Production in B.C. by Year

	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Area Harvested (^{'000} hectares)		Yield (kg/ha)		Production (^{'000} tonnes)	
Spring Wheat	18	14	3,200	1,900	58	27
Oats	18	14	3,100	1,900	57	28
Barley	24	14	3,000	2,200	72	31
Rye	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canola	30	24	2,100	1,100	64	27
Mixed Grains	2	1	3,300	2,800	7	3
Tame Hay	372	344	4,200	3,600	1,556	1,238
Fodder Corn	2	12	68,100	48,400	136	585
Dry Peas	2	2	2,900	1,200	6	2

Source: Statistics Canada Catalogue 22-002

Livestock on B.C. Farms (^{'000} head)

	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2006
Bulls, One year and older	19.0	18.0	17.0
Milk Cows	78.0	77.5	74.5
Milk Heifers	35.0	32.5	35.0
Beef Cows	327.0	319.5	288.0
Beef Heifers – breeding	51.0	48.5	43.5
Beef Heifers – slaughter	32.0	35.0	26.0
Steers, One Year and Over	73.0	63.0	55.0
Calves	335.0	321.0	291.0
Total Cattle and Calves	950.0	915.0	830.0
Sows and Bred Gilts	21.0	20.7	20.5
Boars, Six Months and Over	0.8	0.7	0.7
Pigs under 20kg	53.5	53.8	55.8
Pigs 20 – 60 kg	48.5	48.3	45.5
Over 60 kg	46.2	46.5	45.5
Total Pigs	170.0	170.0	168.0
Rams	2.2	2.4	2.4
Ewes	36.2	35.2	33.4
Replacement Lambs	9.5	8.7	8.1
Market Lambs	32.1	35.7	31.1
Total Sheep and Lambs	80	82.0	75.0
	At Dec 31/04	At Dec 31/05	At Dec 31/06
Bison ¹	13.1	14.4	8.6
Fallow Deer ¹	4.5	3.8	3.8

Source: Statistics Canada. Catalogues 23-012; 23-010 and 23-011, unless otherwise specified.

¹ B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Animal Health Branch.

Selected B.C. Horticultural Crop Production

	2005	2006
Tree Fruits (tonnes)		
Apples	117,367	90,719
Pears	4,785	4,286
Peaches	4,481	4,377
Apricots	1,413	640
Cherries, Sweet	5,588	7,348
Cherries, Sour	680	x
Plums and Prunes	950	907
Nectarines	n/a	n/a
Berries and Grapes (tonnes)		
Strawberries	2,268	1,588
Raspberries	10,981	8,233
Blueberries	25,016	23,587
Cranberries	37,694	27,079
Grapes	14,742	15,932
Vegetables (tonnes)		
Asparagus	170	91
Beans (green or wax)	6,545	6,895
Broccoli	2,288	2,121
Carrots	6,192	x
Cauliflower	508	381
Corn	8,335	8,310
Cucumbers, field	669	805
Lettuce (leaf and head)	3,924	7,394
Mushrooms	25,869	25,986
Onions (dry bulb)	2,683	x
Peas, green	3,152	2,313
Potatoes	101,062	101,606
Tomatoes, field	1,161	998
Cut Flowers ('000)		
Roses, except Sweethearts (stems)	9,785	8,504
Tulip (stems)	17,506	16,100
Geraniums (pots)	6,914	6,400
Nursery Products ('000)		
Ornamental Bedding Plants	95,710	115,000
Vegetable Plants	31,524	27,560
Tropical Foliage Plants	1,226	4,320

Sources: Statistics Canada Catalogues 22-003, 22-008 and 22-202.

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Livestock Production for Consumption (head)

	2005	2006
Total Slaughter ¹		
Cattle	87,400	80,200
Calves	2,900	2,500
Hogs	240,300	232,000
Sheep and Lambs	89,400	88,500

Sources: Statistics Canada Catalogues 23-010, 23-011 and 23-012

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

Dairy (milk) Production ('000 litres)

	2005	2006
Fluid Milk Production (Class 1 Market)	358,780	361,362
Total Production	643,219	627,234

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

Poultry and Egg Production

	2005	2006
Poultry Meat Production ('000 kg)		
Chicken	156,608	151,702
Turkey	19,583	19,445
Total Production	176,191	171,147
Egg Production ('000 dozen)	54,840	63,972

Source: Statistics Canada Catalogue 23-015

Honey Production

	2005	2006
Number of Beekeepers	2,101	2,047
Number of Colonies	44,645	49,165
Average Yield per Colony (lb)	75	70
Total Production ('000 lb)	3,337	3,436

Source: BC Ministry of Agriculture & Lands

Aquaculture Production (tonnes)

	2005	2006 ^p
Salmon	70,410	77,975
Trout	112	73
Total finfish	70,522	78,048
Clams	1,831	1,600
Oysters	8,011	7,500
Mussels	166	250
Scallops	50	44
Total shellfish	10,058	9,394
Total	80,580	87,442

Source: Ocean and Marine Fisheries Branch, B.C. Ministry of Environment
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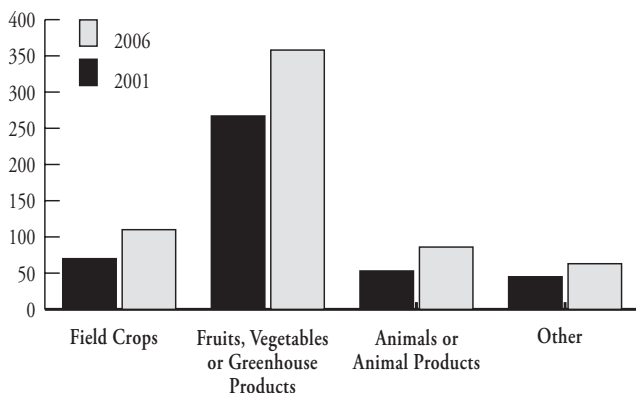
Number of Organic Farms by Farm Type, Certification Status and Census Year

	2001	2006
Organic Products¹		
Total Farms reporting Certified	319	452
Total Farms reporting in Transition	..	73
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	..	2767
Total Farms Reporting	..	3232
Fruits, vegetables or greenhouse products		
Total Farms reporting Certified	267	358
Total Farms reporting in Transition	..	48
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	..	999
Total Farms Reporting	..	1,382
Field crops (grains, oilseeds, etc.)		
Total Farms reporting Certified	70	110
Total Farms reporting in Transition	..	23
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	..	753
Total Farms Reporting	..	880
Animals or animal products (meat, milk, eggs, etc.)		
Total Farms reporting Certified	53	86
Total Farms reporting in Transition	..	12
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	..	1,720
Total Farms Reporting	..	1,817
Other (maple syrup, herbs, etc.)		
Total Farms reporting Certified	45	63
Total Farms reporting in Transition	..	8
Total Farms reporting Uncertified	..	264
Total Farms Reporting	..	333

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 2001, 2006.

¹ In the 2001 Census of Agriculture, producers were asked to report only those commodities grown that were "certified organic by a certified agency"; however, in 2006, producers were asked to check-off commodities grown that were certified, in transition, or uncertified.

Comparison of Number of Certified Organic Farms by Farm Type and Census Year



Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture 2001, 2006.

Average Prices Received by B.C. Producers	2004	2005	2006
Tree Fruits (\$/kg) ¹			
Apples	0.10	0.31	0.42
Pears	0.20	0.59	0.65
Peaches	0.35	0.85	0.86
Apricots	0.43	1.09	1.02
Cherries-Sweet	0.86	3.56	2.92
Berries and Grapes (\$/kg) ¹			
Strawberries	1.12	3.08	2.70
Raspberries	1.04	1.49	1.42
Blueberries	1.08	2.72	2.88
Cranberries	0.41	0.80	0.91
Grapes	0.80	1.78	1.85
Vegetables (\$/kg) ¹			
Asparagus	2.08	3.76	3.19
Beans	0.35	0.64	0.70
Broccoli	0.47	1.11	1.05
Carrots, Bunched	0.69	0.62	x
Cauliflower	0.47	1.13	1.30
Corn	0.18	0.56	0.62
Lettuce, Head	0.38	0.61	0.66
Mushrooms	1.33	3.05	2.97
Onions, (dry bulb)	0.19	0.45	x
Peas, green	0.22	0.68	0.63
Potatoes ²	0.47	0.50	n/a
Tomatoes (field)	0.53	1.04	1.00
Livestock (\$/cwt) ³			
Feeder Steers (501-600 lb)	92.19	115.66	122.48
Feeder Steers (601-700 lb)	87.66	111.55	115.47
Feeder Steers (701-800 lb)	84.28	103.26	108.43
Feeder Steers (801-900 lb)	79.19	98.41	102.64
Feeder Heifers (601-700 lb)	78.64	99.50	105.39
D 1, 2 Cows	20.24	26.09	31.17
Bulls	20.52	28.07	30.22
Hogs ⁴	72.57	67.66	59.43
Lambs (A&B lambs 95-115lbs) ⁵	106.44	148.51	160.78
Dairy (\$/liter)			
Average Milk Price ⁶	0.61	0.64	0.61
Poultry (\$/kg) ⁷:			
Broiler Chicken	124.60	1.30	1.29
Broiler Turkeys	161.50	1.46	1.47
Young Heavy Tom Turkeys	159.30	1.52	1.44
Young Heavy Hen Turkeys	156.40	1.42	1.43
Eggs (\$/doz) ⁸			
Average price	127.00	1.15	1.14

1 Adapted from Statistics Canada Catalogue 22-003, unless otherwise specified.

2 Statistics Canada Catalogue 22-008

3 Confax 2006 Annual Report, unless otherwise specified.

4 Statistics Canada Catalogue 23-010. Weighted average prices at Toronto.

x - Suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

5 Statistics Canada Catalogue 23-011. Weighted average price

6 B.C. Milk Marketing Board Annual Reports

7 Statistics Canada Catalogue 23-015. Market price for all grades.

8 Agriculture & Agri-food Canada Poultry Marketplace. Vancouver annual average prices.

Average Prices Received by B.C. Grains And Oilseed Producers (\$/tonne) ¹

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Wheat	113.45	134.53	161.94	108.22	89.38	82.28
Barley	67.05	83.08	59.83	70.75	26.02	26.79
Oats	131.53	196.04	185.10	113.14	110.45	117.28
Canola	276.08	346.27	343.00	345.74	253.49	284.96

Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada CANSIM Tables 001-0001 and 002-0043

¹ Average prices weighted by monthly deliveries

Average Prices of Aquaculture Products (\$/kg)

	2005p	2006p
Salmon	4.52	5.22
Trout	6.02	5.81
Clam	4.70	5.19
Oysters	1.05	1.08
Mussels	3.81	4.47
Scallops	7.38	7.93

Source: Oceans and Marine Fisheries Branch, B.C. Ministry of Environment

p - data are preliminary

Agri-Food Price Indices

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Farm Input Price Index	132.9	130.9	137.5	131.6	138.9	143.5
Farm Product Price Index	102.0	106.5	107.7	103.6	106.4	107.8
CPI:						
All Items	97.7	100.0	102.2	104.2	106.3	108.1
Food	97.4	100.0	101.9	103.2	104.5	106.5
Food in Stores	97.7	100.0	102.0	103.0	103.5	105.1
Food in Restaurants	96.8	100.0	101.8	103.6	106.6	109.3

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Tables 002-0022, 328-0024 and 326-0020

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Grains	125.6	126.4	111.8	82.6	81.9
Oilseeds	96.0	95.0	95.7	70.2	78.9
Specialty Crops	108.6	86.4	85.9	63.6	70.7
Fruit	93.3	101.5	103.7	104.1	106
Vegetables (excl. potatoes)	114.2	117.9	109.6	101.7	104.7
Potatoes	179.7	149.5	143.7	142.5	172.4
Total Crops	107.3	111.4	107.5	102.3	105.8
Cattle And Calves	123.6	106.7	88.9	124.3	121.9
Hogs	77.8	76.5	96.7	98.2	90.8
Poultry	87.4	91.4	93.4	96.7	94.8
Eggs	104.2	110.0	115.0	104.2	105
Dairy	110.1	114.0	108.4	111.6	113
Total Livestock and Animal	105.1	103.7	99.5	109.6	108.8
Total Index	106.5	107.7	103.6	106.4	107.8

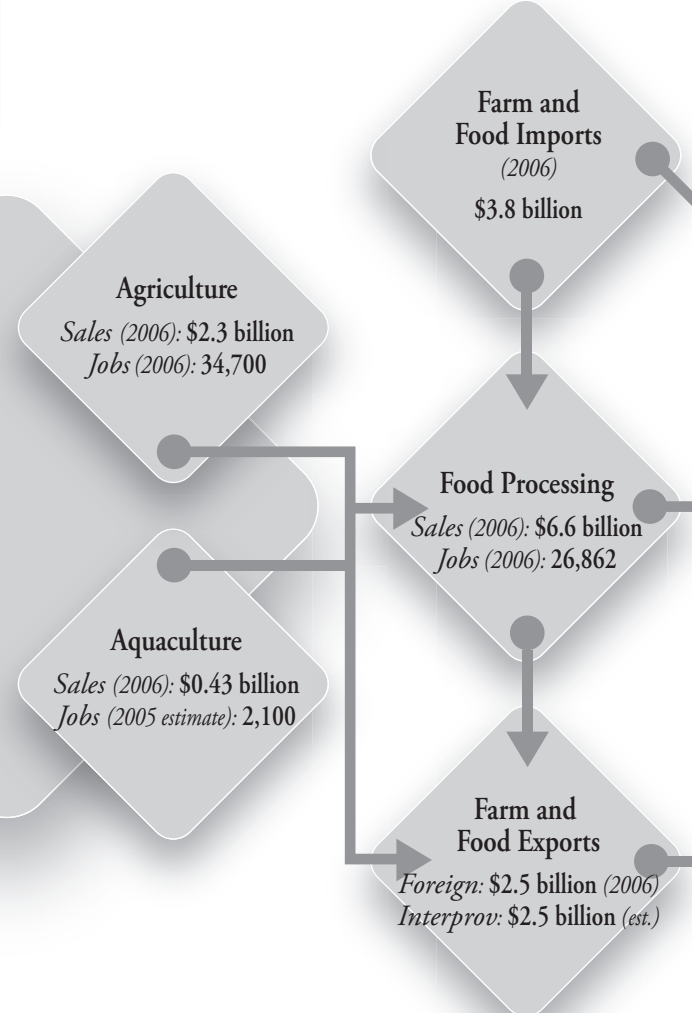
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 002-0022

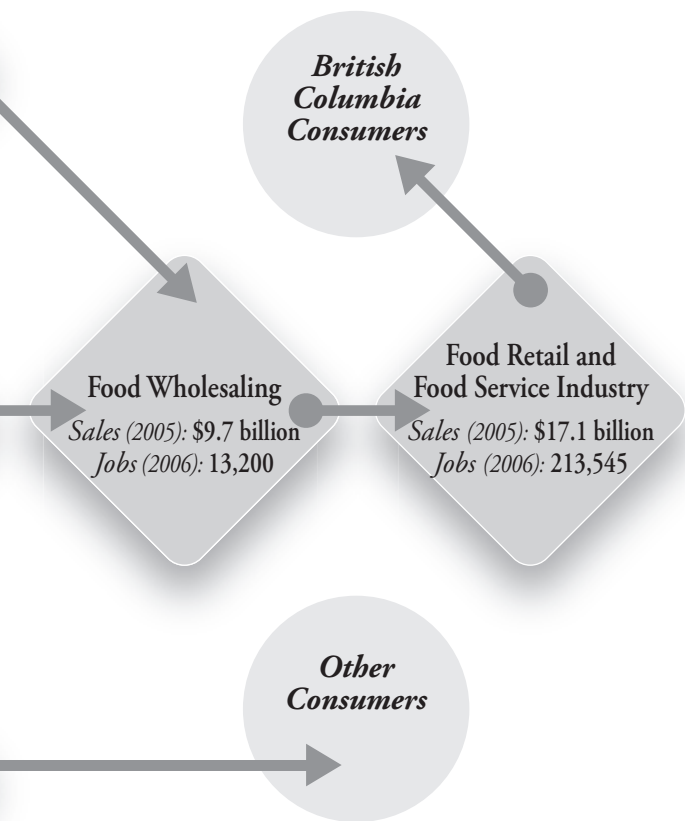


B.C. Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food at a Glance

Total Consumer Sales: \$22.1 billion*

Total Jobs: 290,407





** Includes the value of food retail and food services purchases \$17.1 billion and farm and food exports \$4.9 billion.*

FARM FINANCE

Farm Cash Receipts for B.C. Agriculture (\$'000)

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(b)/(c)
	2005r	2006p	5 yr avg 2001-2005	% change
Grains and Oilseeds	27,948	14,896	32,241	-53.8%
Potatoes and Vegetables	169,553	177,398	163,825	8.3%
Greenhouse Vegetables	231,225	236,457	210,527	12.3%
Tree Fruits	66,042	68,207	72,768	-6.3%
Berries and Grapes	154,212	144,274	128,000	12.7%
Floriculture and Nursery	399,021	402,218	428,762	-6.2%
Ginseng	8,373	7,802	16,570	-52.9%
Forages	15,033	13,646	17,834	-23.5%
Forest Products	13,597	16,534	15,420	7.2%
Other Crops	8,272	8,198	8,251	-0.6%
Total Crops	1,096,809	1,086,684	1,093,972	-0.7%
Cattle and Calves	280,320	279,709	278,695	0.4%
Hogs	39,419	34,391	42,702	-19.5%
Sheep, Lambs and Wool	8,259	9,799	6,953	40.9%
Dairy Products	400,632	395,346	383,715	3.0%
Poultry and Eggs	366,477	360,691	330,095	9.3%
Honey	9,896	3,156	8,443	-62.6%
Other Livestock	49,992	49,011	47,436	3.3%
Total Livestock	1,173,408	1,150,406	1,113,417	3.3%
NISA Payments	12,226	9,169	14,226	-35.5%
Crop Insurance	8,137	13,926	7,522	85.1%
Income Disaster Programs	49,968	76,956	25,312	204.0%
Dairy Subsidy	1,572	
Other Payments	49,897	5,095	43,904	-88.4%
Total Payments	120,228	105,146	91,593	14.8%
Total Agriculture Receipts	2,390,445	2,342,236	2,298,982	1.9%

Farm Gate Receipts for B.C. Aquaculture (\$'000)

	2005	2006	5 yr avg 2001-2005	% change
Salmon	318,337	407,393	271,230	50.2
Trout	674	424	602	-29.6
Total Finfish	319,011	407,817	271,832	50.0
Clams	8,600	8,300	7,927	0.0
Oysters	8,400	8,100	8,185	-1.0
Mussels	632	1,117	297	276.1
Scallops	369	349	434	-19.5
Total Shellfish	18,001	17,866	16,843	6.1
Total Aquaculture Receipts	337,012	425,683	288,675	47.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 21-011XWE, May 2007 and Ocean and Marine Fisheries Branch, B.C. Ministry of Environment

Symbols: r - revised, p - preliminary figures

B.C. Agricultural Farm Operating Expenses and Depreciation Charges (\$'000)

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(b)/(c)
	2005 _r	2006 _p	5 yr avg 2001-2005	% change
Property Taxes	19,969	20,928	18,815	11.2%
Rent	49,484	54,108	45,210	19.7%
Cash Wages, Room and Board	500,947	517,478	464,705	11.4%
Interest	118,567	148,996	123,171	21.0%
Repairs to Buildings & Fences	54,025	55,322	50,228	10.1%
Electricity	43,327	44,280	43,942	0.8%
Telephone	17,942	18,103	17,089	5.9%
Fuel	156,372	159,943	130,830	22.3%
Machinery Repairs	105,670	107,361	99,346	8.1%
Business Insurance	40,102	42,187	34,440	22.5%
Custom Work	89,036	92,153	74,727	23.3%
Stabilization Premiums	0	0	0	0.0%
Crop and Hail Insurance	3,476	3,908	2,954	32.3%
Fertilizer and Lime	83,439	85,942	73,490	16.9%
Pesticides	31,881	32,199	30,221	6.5%
Commercial Seed	79,351	80,145	76,292	5.1%
Irrigation	3,113	3,073	3,122	-1.6%
Twine, Wire and Containers	75,116	77,970	72,821	7.1%
Commercial Feed	335,171	323,775	332,532	-2.6%
Livestock & Poultry Purchases	70,162	59,310	59,868	-0.9%
Veterinary fees	37,164	38,205	35,830	6.6%
Other Expenses	127,011	127,496	123,481	3.3%
Total Gross Operating Expenses	2,041,325	2,092,882	1,913,114	9.4%
Building Depreciation	106,275	112,198	95,013	18.1%
Machinery Depreciation	159,050	161,165	158,534	1.7%
Total Depreciation	265,325	273,363	253,547	7.8%
Total Operating Expenses and Depreciation	2,306,650	2,366,245	2,166,661	9.2%

Source: Statistics Canada Catalogue 21-012

Symbols: r revised; p preliminary figures



Detailed Average Operating Revenues and Energy Expenses, by Farm Type and Percent of Operating Revenue in B.C., 2005

Farm Type	Operating Revenues (\$)	Fuel (\$)	Utilities ¹ (\$)	Total Energy (\$)	Percent of Operating Revenue
Oilseed and Grain	128,988	8,276	1,844	10,120	8%
Potato	615,600	19,806	14,845	34,651	6%
Other Vegetable and Melon ²	193,297	6,971	4,661	11,632	6%
Fruit and Tree Nut	154,321	4,472	2,677	7,149	5%
Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture	970,583	9,102	75,654	84,756	9%
Other Crops	74,887	5,886	2,952	8,838	12%
Beef Cattle ³	117,431	7,641	2,369	10,010	9%
Dairy	747,294	16,261	13,863	30,124	4%
Hog and pigs	1,065,378	10,156	29,722	39,878	4%
Poultry and Eggs	741,209	5,322	23,070	28,392	4%
Other Animal production	80,939	3,771	2,162	5,933	7%
All Farms:	264,547	6,996	9,671	16,667	6%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 002-0044, Agricultural Division, Taxation Data Program. Oct. 2006

1 All utilities including natural gas heating, electricity and telephone

2 Excluding potatoes

3 Includes feedlots

Net Agricultural Farm Income (\$'000) in B.C., 2005 and 2006, Five Year Average and Percent Change

	(a) 2005r	(b) 2006p	(c) 5yr Avg 2002-2006	(b)/(c) %Change
Crop Receipts	1,096,809	1,086,684	1,093,972	-0.7%
Livestock Receipts	1,173,408	1,150,406	1,113,417	3.3%
Program Receipts	120,228	105,146	91,593	14.8%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	2,390,445	2,342,236	2,298,982	1.9%
Total Operating Expenses	2,041,325	2,092,882	1,911,060	9.5%
Net Cash Income	349,120	249,354	387,922	-35.7%
Total Income-in-Kind	6,927	7,713	6,858	12.5%
Total Depreciation	265,325	273,363	253,550	7.8%
Realized Net Income	90,722	-16,296	141,231	-111.5%
Value of Inventory Change	-43,556	-45,367	2,455	-1,947.9%
Total Net Income	47,166	-61,663	143,686	-142.9%

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit, May 2007.

Symbols: r revised; p preliminary figures

Average Total Income (\$) of B.C. Agricultural Farm Operators¹ by Farm Type in 2005

By 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. June 2007.

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

B.C. Agricultural Farm Debt Outstanding (\$'000)

	(a)	(b)	(c)	1 - (b)/(c)
	2005r	2006p	5yr Avg 2001-2005	%Change
Chartered Banks	1,429,645	1,553,903	1,462,693	-6.2
Federal gov't agencies	786,398	973,967	599,360	-62.5
Provincial gov't agencies	1,823	1,591	3,772	57.8
Credit unions	1,638	1,805	1,408	-28.2
Insurance, trust co. & other	57,138	71,662	56,520	-26.8
Supply companies and private indiv.	305,689	357,122	301,835	-18.3
Adv. Payment programs	11,882	7,926	13,068	39.3
Total Debt Outstanding	2,594,213	2,967,976	2,438,655	-21.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Economic Statistics Catalogue 21-014

r revised; p preliminary figures.

Average Income Taxes Paid by B.C. Farm Operators¹ by Revenue Class in 2005

Gross Receipts Class	Average Net Federal Tax \$	Average Net Provincial Tax (\$)	Average Total Payable (\$)	Average Total Paid (\$)	Farm Operators (No.) ²
\$10,000-\$24,999	4,888	2,241	7,382	7,309	4,330
\$25,000-\$49,999	5,366	2,507	8,255	8,198	2,820
\$50,000-\$99,999	5,760	2,772	9,061	8,977	2,480
\$100,000-\$249,999	5,024	2,339	8,151	8,098	2,510
\$250,000-\$499,999	7,845	3,730	12,508	12,462	1,460
\$500,000 and over	14,087	6,761	21,433	21,370	2,360
All Classes \$10,000 and over	6,758	3,190	10,461	10,397	15,960

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.

² Farm operators are distinct from farms.

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

Income Taxes Paid by B.C. Farm Operators¹ by Farm Type in 2005

Farm Type	Average Net Federal Tax \$	Average Net Provincial Tax (\$)	Average Total Payable (\$)	Average Total Paid (\$)	Farm Operators (No.) ²
Dairy Cattle and Milk Production	5,156	2,363	8,237	8,211	1,230
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming, including feedlots	4,720	2,169	7,293	7,233	4,630
Hog and Pig Farming	5,004	2,250	8,033	7,997	130
Poultry & Egg Production	15,172	7,447	23,185	23,092	1,130
Other Animal Production	9,109	4,459	14,039	13,968	1,700
Oilseed & Grain Farming	8,878	3,766	13,269	13,165	620
Vegetable and Melon Farming	3,198	1,383	5,195	5,146	730
Potato Farming	6,670	3,003	9,998	9,939	90
Other Vegetable (Except Potato) and Melon Farming	2,725	1,163	4,539	4,491	640
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	6,474	3,076	10,155	10,082	3,090
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	7,885	3,768	12,180	12,125	1,220
Other Crop Farming	6,034	2,855	9,272	9,208	1,510
All Farm Types	6,758	3,190	10,461	10,397	15,960

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.

² Farm operators are distinct from farms.

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

Income Taxes Paid by Corporations involved in Aquaculture¹ (including Salmon Farming), by Revenue Class in 2005

Gross Revenue (\$)	Average Net Federal Tax Payable (\$)	Average Net Provincial Tax Payable (\$)	Average Total Taxes Payable (\$)	No. of Corporations
Up to 100,000	546	626	1,172	40
100,000 – 249,999	X	X	X	X
250,000 – 499,999	X	X	X	X
500,000 +	22,338	663	23,001	16
All Brackets	5,562	665	6,227	76

Income Taxes Paid by Corporations involved in Salmon Farming² by Revenue Class in 2004⁽³⁾

Gross Revenue (\$)	Average Net Federal Tax Payable (\$)	Average Net Provincial Tax Payable (\$)	Average Total Taxes Payable (\$)	No. of Corporations
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: Statistics Canada, Tax Data Division, Special Tabulation.

1 Includes all corporate tax returns filed under NAICS 112510 (i.e., Animal Aquaculture), 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.

3 2005 Salmon Farming Data will be available in late 2007.

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.

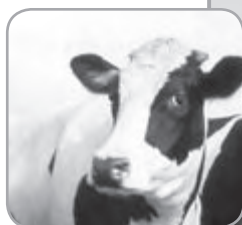
B.C. Aquaculture Industry Total Farm Level Investment Estimates in 2002

	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



B.C. Agricultural Farm Assets and Liabilities

	2003 ^r	2004	2005
Number of farms ¹	8,035	7,605	7,445
	Average per Farm		
Total Assets (\$)	1,419,411	1,610,874	1,909,622
current assets	75,294	89,083	98,577
long-term assets	1,344,117	1,521,791	1,811,045
Total Liabilities (\$)	279,227	299,166	328,432
current liabilities	29,250	37,862	37,853
long-term liabilities	249,977	261,303	290,579
Net Worth (\$)	1,140,184	1,311,709	1,581,190
Total Revenue (\$)	277,401	290,524	300,385
farm sales	274,915	278,375	289,263
program payments	2,486	12,150	11,122
Total Expenses (\$)	244,559	247,831	259,789
Net Cash Farm Income (\$)	32,842	42,693	40,596

Source: Statistics Canada Catalogue 21F0008

¹All farms with revenues \$10,000 or higher



THE FOOD SECTOR

Food and Beverage Processing Shipments

	2004	2005	2006
Shipments	(\$ millions)		
Animal Food Products	504	524	517
Grains and Oilseed milling	85	75	82
Sugar and confectionary	273	310	360
Fruit and Vegetables	418	459	481
Dairy Products	1,018	1,185	1,170
Meat and Meat Products	1,220	1,288	1,395
Seafood Products	628	474	531
Bakeries & tortillas	370	417	472
Other Food Industries	472	491	555
Total Food	4,989	5,224	5,562
Total Beverage	1,099	1,023	1,056
Total Food and Beverage	6,088	6,246	6,619

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

Employment in the B.C. Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Chain

	2005	2006
Agriculture ¹ and Related Services	36,600	32,600
Aquaculture (estimate for 2005 and 2006)	2,100	2,100
Food and Beverage Processing	31,500	24,400
Food Wholesale & Distribution	13,500	13,200
Grocery Stores	64,669	63,582
Specialty Food Stores	8,085	8,770
Beverage and Other Food Stores ^{2,3}	4,246	5,013
Florists	1,114	1,093
Restaurants & Food Service ²	117,733	124,361
Beverage Establishments ²	11,080	10,726
Total	290,627	287,945

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0024

1 Does not include aquaculture

2 These figures will not match previous Fast Stats figures due to a Stats Can revision of historical estimates for this series upon release of the 2006 Census of Population.

3 Excluding health food stores.

Annual Capital Investment¹ (\$ millions)

	2005a	2006p	%chg
B.C. Primary Agriculture	220.0	222.3	1.0
B.C. Food & Beverage Manufacturing	159.7	157.3	-1.5
Total B.C. Agriculture and Food Industries	379.7	379.6	0.0

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

Symbols: a actual data; p preliminary data

1 Based on 3 year rolling average.

B.C. Agri-Food Establishments¹ by Industry

	2005	2006
Primary Production:	Number	
Crop Production	3,596	3,850
Animal Production	4,440	4,642
Support for Agriculture	701	700
Subtotal	8,737	9,192
Manufacturing:		
Food	1,182	1,194
Beverage	266	283
Tobacco	1	1
Leather and Allied	83	75
Pesticide, Herbicide & Farm Products	41	37
Subtotal	1,573	1,590
Wholesale Distributors:		
Farm Products	289	291
Food	1,645	1,752
Beverages	174	213
Tobacco	14	15
Agricultural Supplies	211	204
Subtotal	2,333	2,475
Retail:		
Food	4,321	4,179
Beverage	180	213
Florists	540	493
Restaurants and Food Service	12,533	11,555
Drinking Places	845	769
Subtotal	18,419	17,209
Total	43,705	30,466

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Business Patterns. December 2006.

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

Wholesale Sales of B.C. Agriculture and Food Products (\$ '000)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Farm Products	684,010	679,640	764,758	773,927	792,386	738,944 ⁽¹⁾
Food	5,886,608	6,684,087	6,787,142	7,215,393	7,282,579	7,987,072
Alcohol and Beverages	715,396	672,599	776,580	929,059	773,409 ⁽²⁾	1,000,216
Total	7,286,014	8,036,326	8,328,480	8,918,379	8,848,374	9,726,232

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 081-0005

¹ 2005 Farm Products Data is an estimate i.e., average of previous five years, due to confidentiality of data in 2005

² 2004 data is an estimate i.e. average of previous four years, due to confidentiality of data in 2004.

EXPORTS

Exports of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Products to all Countries (CDN\$'000)

	B.C.		Canada	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Cattle and Calves	6,682	62,304	627,956	1,188,747
Hogs	2,043	2,076	744,239	674,363
Other Live Animals	8,028	9,143	157,225	145,695
Beef	1,676	4,060	1,870,325	1,346,569
Pork	62,729	66,469	2,727,102	2,421,758
Poultry	25,462	20,013	225,739	224,503
Other Meat	13,187	11,205	128,421	128,421
Dairy Products	9,002	9,386	239,861	259,282
Eggs	2,427	956	48,825	50,797
Animal Fats	52,399	57,934	169,482	170,234
Other Animal Products	8,543	5,923	198,537	209,801
Plants, Bulbs, Flowers	92,518	92,186	386,534	359,560
Vegetables	299,217	247,478	3,029,036	3,091,706
Fruit and Nuts	259,108	292,577	638,355	730,041
Coffee, Tea, Spices	11,763	15,865	271,254	256,143
Grains and Oilseeds	83,390	92,151	7,026,541	8,675,589
Other Plant Products	13,407	14,778	299,692	382,579
Livestock Feeds, Forages	54,992	59,530	577,952	591,916
Sugar, Confectionery and Cocoa Preparations	26,458	31,471	1,660,037	1,595,017
Cereal Preparations	131,154	140,420	2,062,316	2,094,385
Fruit and Vegetable Juice	12,105	7,985	65,195	58,305
Sauces and Soups	72,069	72,499	1,094,646	1,166,495
Water	29,951	37,357	106,297	71,158
Other Non-Alcoholic Beverages	27,589	31,335	255,378	231,512
Beer and Cider	54,301	35,491	323,397	340,406
Wine	5,305	2,490	20,368	19,206
Distilled Spirits	1,480	975	382,972	385,599
Other Agrifood Commodities	64,317	54,671	833,479	916,120
Aquaculture products	313,901	360,925	586,017	631,755
Processed Fish Products ¹	680,637	623,813	3,689,771	3,420,727
Total Exports	2,425,840	2,463,464	30,446,948	31,838,392

Source: BC STATS adapted from Statistics Canada

¹ Export data for processed products in the 2007 Fast Stats include those products categorized in the HS codes as 'fresh' and 'live'. The Fisheries Act requires that fish go through processing facilities (which may only include sorting and grading.)

B.C.'S Top Five Agri-Food¹ Export Markets in 2005 and 2006 (\$'000)²

Rank	Country	British Columbia		Canada
		2005	2006	2006
1	U.S.	1,332,088	1,587,504	18,082,619
2	Japan	156,480	287,539	2,654,696
3	China	116,115	81,250	940,341
4	South Korea	40,020	74,402	478,395
5	Hong Kong	43,194	59,411	423,405

Source: BC STATS, Trip data

¹ Includes Identifiable Aquaculture and Processed Fish products.

² Ranked by 2006 B.C. export value with a Canada comparison for 2006

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Canadian Per Capita Consumption of Selected Foods¹

	Average 2002- 2004	2005	2006
Red Meats			
Beef (kg)	13.1	13.15	13.43
Pork (kg)	10.97	9.53	9.65
Mutton and Lamb (kg)	0.42	0.44	0.46
Poultry and Eggs			
Chicken (kg)	10.29	10.54	10.67
Turkey (kg)	2.12	2.25	2.22
Eggs (dozen)	12.2	12.31	12.32
Fish (kg)	7.71	6.45	6.47
Dairy Products			
Milk - Standard (litres)	9.4	8.87	8.63
Milk - 2% (litres)	28.38	27.31	27.01
Cheddar Cheese (kg)	2.54	2.67	2.72
Yogurt (litres)	4.12	4.76	4.92
Cottage Cheese (kg)	0.56	0.6	0.6
Ice Cream (litres)	6.25	6.22	5.79
Fruit			
Apples - Fresh (kg)	6.74	7.21	6.82
Apple Juice (litres)	10.08	10.33	10.06
Blueberries – Fresh (kg)	0.33	0.53	0.5
Cranberries – Fresh (kg)	0.39	0.58	0.41
Vegetables			
Tomatoes (kg)	4.98	4.63	4.6
Mushrooms (kg)	0.88	0.88	0.89
Peppers (kg)	1.98	2.27	2.25
Potatoes, White (kg)	30.73	29.11	28.78
Beverages			
Beer (litres)	78.87	76.46	76.79
Wine (litres)	12.3	13.19	13.85
Soft Drinks (litres)	92.83	87.05	84.77

Source: Statistics Canada Catalogue 23-F0001

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

B.C. Food, Alcohol & Tobacco Purchases (\$ Millions)

	2003	2004	2005
Purchases by Residents:			
Food from Stores	7,931	8,526	8,951
Bulk & Other Food	160	186	176
Alcoholic Beverages from Stores	539	704	796
Tobacco	781	720	898
Food from Restaurants	2,340	2,586	3,015
Alcoholic Beverages from Licensed Premises	232	238	312
Subtotal	11,981	12,961	14,148
Purchases from Restaurants by Visitors¹	2,926	3,071	2,916
Total Domestic Food, Alcohol & Tobacco Purchases	14,908	16,032	17,065

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

¹ Estimate based on operating revenue of restaurants

Contribution of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food to Provincial GDP (million chained 1997 dollars)¹

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Primary Agriculture ²	893	809	872	880	872	782
Animal Aquaculture	191	196.2	191.1	191.8	212.2	250.5
Agri Support	97	90	90	94	104	91
Food Manufacturing	1,423	1,324	1,250	1,278	1,437	1,483
Beverage Manufacturing ³	350	339	251	327	283	295
Total Agriculture	2,954	2,758	2,654	2,771	2,908	2,902
Total BC GDP	115,139	118,806	121,769	126,791	131,139	136,050
Percent of B.C. GDP						
Primary Agriculture	0.78	0.68	0.72	0.69	0.66	0.58
Animal Aquaculture	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.18
Agri Support	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07
Food Manufacturing	1.24	1.11	1.03	1.01	1.10	1.09
Beverage Manufacturing	0.30	0.29	0.21	0.26	0.22	0.22
Total Agriculture	2.57%	2.32%	2.18%	2.19%	2.22%	2.13%

Sources: BCMAL as adapted from Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts.

¹ The process of chaining takes into account fluctuations in price which will occur overtime. In addition, chaining preserves the original growth rates within sectors and industries of the economy.

² Includes Crop and Animal Production (NAICS 11A), less Animal Aquaculture (112500)

³ Based on the sum of soft drink and brewery manufacturing GDP only, since data unavailable for wineries and distilleries for all years, due to confidentiality. Note that 2005 data reported in this table are underestimated because softdrink manufacturing GDP data was not available for reasons of confidentiality.

Environmental Protection: Average Investment Per Agricultural Farm, by Province in 2005

	(a)	(b)	(a)/(b)
	Environmental Protection: Average Investment per Farm (\$)	Capital Investment: Average Investment per Farm (\$)	Environmental Protection Investment as a % of Total Investments
Canada	189	52,960	36%
British Columbia	314	64,005	49%
Alberta	211	58,409	36%
Saskatchewan	63	40,784	15%
Manitoba	n/a	48,111	0%
Ontario	155	54,549	28%
Quebec	317	59,581	53%
Atlantic	384	51,719	74%

Source: Statistics Canada. Catalogue 21F0008, Farm Financial Survey, 2006

Environmental Protection: Average Investment by Farm Type in B.C. in 2005

	Average investment (\$)	% of farms reporting environmental investments	Environmental protection investments as a % of total investments
Hogs	*	*	*
Dairy	4,337	12.6	3.1
Poultry	1,449	5.9	4.6
Potato	*	*	*
Fruits and Vegetables	1,180	7.0	4.6
Greenhouse crops	2,284	5.7	3.8
Beef	233	3.7	1.2
Grain and Oilseeds	*	*	*

Source: Statistics Canada. 2006. Farm Financial Survey

* Not statistically significant.



B.C.'S Top 25 High Growth¹ Farm Commodities

	Per cent Growth 1997-2006	Avg Annual Growth (%) 1997-2006
Sweet Cherries	389.2	11.80
Tomatoes (Greenhouse)	386.2	11.82
Grapes	357.6	11.84
Cucumbers (Greenhouse)	353.6	11.94
Blueberries	341.6	11.66
Beans	338.8	11.52
Sheep	260.3	11.63
Potatoes	257.5	11.30
Radishes	250.0	11.84
Calves	206.2	11.12
Salmon	204.3	11.01
Plums	192.4	10.99
Peppers (Greenhouse)	189.4	10.95
Clams	189.2	11.04
Lambs	180.7	10.82
Squash	178.9	11.00
Trout	172.1	11.60
Lettuce	166.8	11.49
Rhubarb	143.5	10.70
Oysters	140.6	10.59
Floriculture & Nursery	139.5	10.42
Mushrooms	137.5	10.57
Hens & Chickens	127.1	10.34
Pumpkins	123.4	11.28
Dairy Products	122.4	10.23

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit, May 2007; Statistics Canada. Aquaculture Statistics - Annual. Cat. No. 23-222 XWE. October 2006; and B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

¹ Ranking based on a 10 year (1997-2006) growth of the value of marketings, except aquaculture products, which are based on the 10 year (1996-2005), most recent value of marketings.



B.C.'s TOP 75 Farm Commodity Receipts in 2006

Rank		(\$'000)
1	Dairy	395,346
2	Farmed Salmon	318,634
3	Chicken	259,767
4	Floriculture	238,042
5	Cattle	206,485
6	Nursery	156,637
7	Tomatoes (greenhouse)	130,000
8	Mushrooms	81,300
9	Calves	73,224
10	Blueberries	68,000
11	Eggs	67,643
12	Greenhouse Peppers	58,413
13	Potatoes	51,200
14	Cucumbers (greenhouse)	41,584
15	Apples	37,420
16	Hogs	34,391
17	Turkeys	31,932
18	Grapes	29,500
19	Cranberries	28,164
20	Sweet Cherries	21,427
21	Forest Products on Farm	16,534
22	Raspberries	12,369
23	Hay & Clover	11,938
24	Lambs	9,212
25	Farmed Clams	8,378
26	Farmed Oysters	7,959
27	Ginseng	7,802
28	Sod	6,977
29	Wheat	5,373
30	Canola	5,321
31	Lettuce	4,871
32	Beans	4,852
33	Other Greenhouse Vegetables	4,560
34	Strawberries	4,280
35	Peaches	3,771
36	Honey	3,156
37	Pears	2,821
38	Other Vegetables	2,650

B.C.'s TOP 75 Farm Commodity Receipts, continued

<i>Rank</i>		<i>(\$'000)</i>
39	Barley	2,235
40	Broccoli	2,220
41	Oats	1,967
42	Squash	1,700
43	Peppers (field)	1,500
44	Pumpkins	1,500
45	Peas	1,460
46	Cabbage	1,437
47	Forage Grass Seed	1,375
48	Hatchery Chicks	1,349
49	Turnips	1,167
50	Tomatoes (field)	1,000
51	Farmed Scallops	988
52	Cucumbers (field)	950
53	Chinese Cabbage	932
54	Nectarines	920
55	Plums	866
56	Rhubarb (field)	746
57	Cantaloupes & Watermelons	681
58	Shallots	681
59	Farmed Trout	673
60	Apricots	651
61	Spinach	600
62	Christmas Trees	562
63	Sheep	531
64	Parsley	500
65	Cauliflower	496
66	Radishes	440
67	Dry Peas	333
68	Asparagus	291
69	Farmed Mussels	278
70	Garlic	238
71	Kiwis	224
72	Leeks	214
73	Celery	76
74	Parsnips	71
75	Wool	56

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit; and Statistics Canada Catalogue 23-222

B.C.'S Top 25 Farm Commodities and National Ranking, 2006

Rank	Commodities	B.C. Receipts (\$'000)	Canada Receipts (\$'000)	B.C. Share of National (%)	B.C. Ranking in National
1	Dairy	395,346	4,830,672	8.18	3
2	Farmed Salmon	318,634	543,634	58.61	1
3	Chicken	259,767	1,545,233	16.81	3
4	Floriculture	238,042	1,305,257	18.00	2
5	Cattle	206,485	5,744,469	3.59	6
6	Nursery	156,637	537,383	29.00	2
7	Tomatoes (greenhouse)	130,000	387,829	33.52	2
8	Mushrooms	81,300	282,667	28.76	2
9	Calves	73,224	750,546	9.76	4
10	Blueberries	68,000	137,979	49.28	1
11	Eggs	67,643	560,530	12.07	3
12	Greenhouse Peppers	58,413	154,192	37.88	2
13	Potatoes	51,200	899,242	5.69	7
14	Cucumbers (greenhouse)	41,584	185,005	22.48	2
15	Apples	37,420	134,132	27.90	2
16	Hogs	34,391	3,428,012	1.00	6
17	Turkeys	31,932	278,304	11.47	3
18	Grapes	29,500	92,791	31.79	2
19	Cranberries	28,164	62,626	44.97	1
20	Sweet Cherries	21,427	25,322	84.62	1
21	Raspberries	12,369	21,286	58.11	1
22	Hay & Clover	11,938	138,631	8.61	6
23	Lambs	9,212	121,681	7.57	4
24	Farmed Clams	8,378	8,378	100.00	1
25	Farmed Oysters	7,959	16,095	49.45	1

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit; and Statistics Canada Catalogue 23-222

Receipts and ranking are based on Statistics Canada's 2006 Farm Cash Receipts, May 2007 revision, except aquaculture products, which are based on 2005 (most recent) value data. Detailed commodity receipts, where necessary, were obtained via special request from Statistics Canada.

Notes: In 2006, British Columbia, led the nation in the production of finfish (aquaculture), blueberries, cranberries, sweet cherries, and raspberries, and ranked second to Ontario in the production of floriculture, nursery products, grapes, greenhouse tomatoes, greenhouse peppers, greenhouse cucumbers, mushrooms, grapes, apples and other soft tree fruit.

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