

Sector Snapshot: B.C. Agriculture - 2012

Sector Defined: B.C.'s agriculture sector comprises primary production from farmers, growers and ranchers. Agriculture does not include post-farm processing, commercial fishing or aquaculture.

- In 2012, B.C. producers led the nation in sales of blueberries, sweet cherries, raspberries, pears, apricots, Brussels sprouts and rhubarb.

AGRICULTURE KEY FACTS

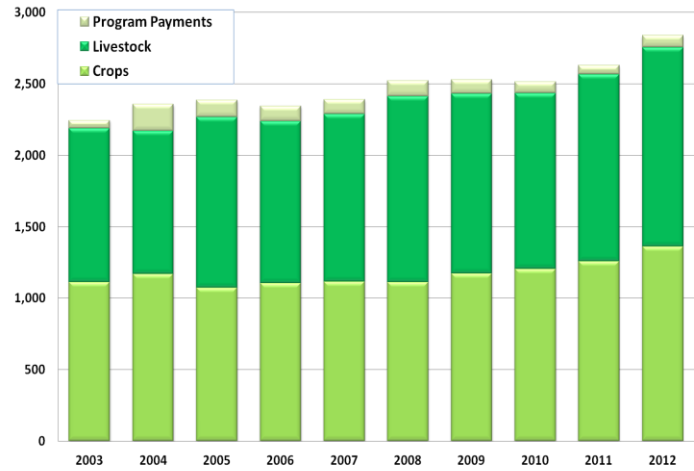
- ❖ **Farm Cash Receipts: \$2.8 billion**
- ❖ **GDP: \$1.1 billion**
- ❖ **Share of Provincial Total GDP: 0.6%**
- ❖ **Exports: \$1.6 billion**

- Primary agriculture in B.C. generated \$2.8 billion in farm cash receipts (FCR), up eight per cent over 2011.
- Approximately 20,000 farms utilized 2.6 million hectares - less than three per cent of the provincial land base – to produce more than 200 agriculture products.
- Top 10 commodities in terms of FCR in B.C. in 2012: dairy, poultry, floriculture products, beef, nursery products, blueberries, eggs, mushrooms, greenhouse tomatoes and greenhouse peppers.
- B.C. ranked first in FCR across the country in: blueberries, sweet cherries, raspberries, pears, apricots, Brussels sprouts and rhubarb.
- B.C. ranked second in FCR in: floriculture products, nursery products, greenhouse tomatoes, greenhouse peppers, greenhouse cucumbers, mushrooms, grapes, apples, cranberries, peaches, nectarines, lettuce, pumpkins, spinach, garlic, field cucumbers, and leeks.
- Total estimated GDP for crop and animal production (excluding aquaculture) plus support activities for crop and animal production amounted to \$1.1 billion and accounted for 0.6 per cent of B.C.'s total GDP.

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS EXPORT PROFILE

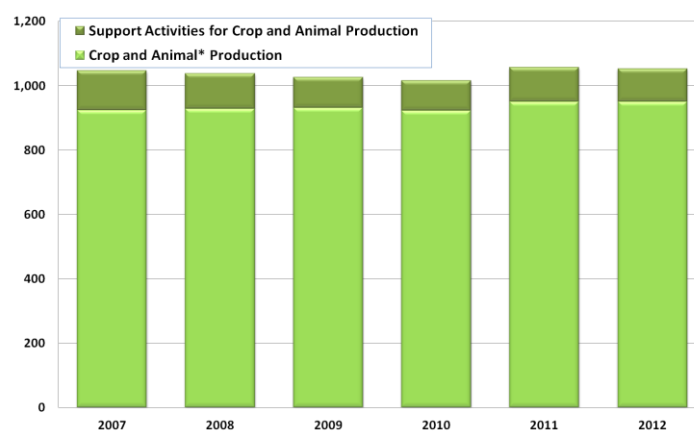
- Agriculture export products include primary production products & post-farm processed products.
- BC exported \$1.6 billion worth of agriculture products to 130 different markets in 2012, an increase of five per cent over 2011.
- Top Five Export Markets: U.S. (77 per cent), Japan (four per cent), China (three per cent), Taiwan (two per cent) and Hong Kong (two per cent).
- The fastest growing markets of the top 10 export markets in 2012 were Russia (249 per cent), Hong Kong (35 per cent) and China (25 per cent).
- Top Five Exports: \$168 million in blueberries; \$155 million in food preparations; \$105 million in baked goods; \$74 million in pork products; and \$69 million in mushrooms.

B.C. Agriculture Sales (\$ Millions)



Source: Farm Cash Receipts - Statistics Canada CANSIM 002-0001.

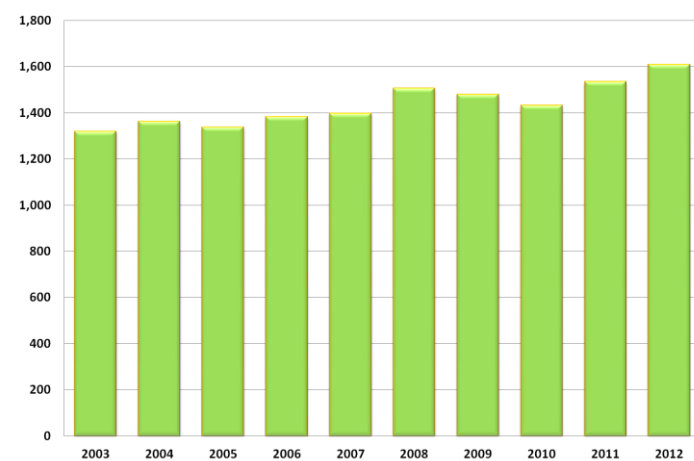
B.C. Agriculture GDP (\$ Millions)



Sources: Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 379-0030 and BC Stats, special tabulation of Aquaculture GDP.

*Animal Production GDP excludes Animal Aquaculture GDP. Provincial estimates using the 2007 base year are currently only available back to 2007.

B.C. Agrifood Exports (\$ Millions)



Sources: Statistics Canada, Global Trade Atlas, and CATSNET Analytics (February 2013).