

Sector Snapshot: B.C. Agriculture - 2015

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.

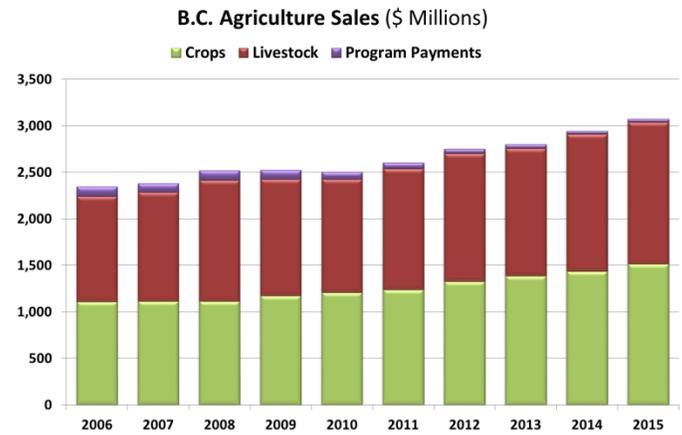
- In 2015, B.C. producers led the nation in sales of blueberries, cherries, raspberries, Brussels sprouts, apricots, and rhubarb.

AGRICULTURE KEY FACTS

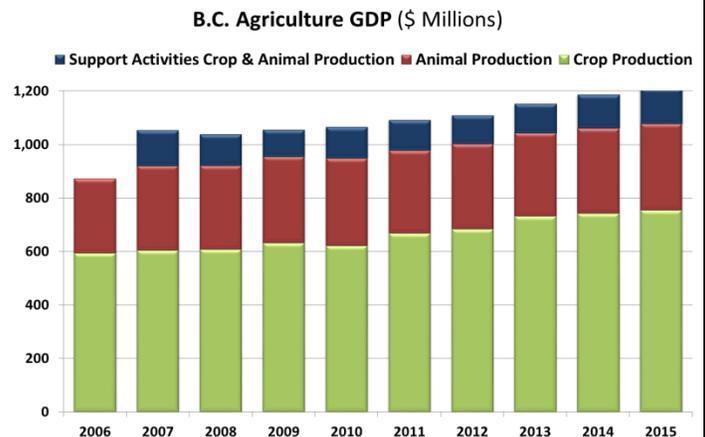
- ❖ **Farm Cash Receipts (FCR): \$3.1 billion**
 - ❖ **GDP: \$1.2 billion**
 - ❖ **Share of Provincial Total GDP: 0.6%**
 - ❖ **Exports: \$2.4 billion**
- Primary agriculture in B.C. generated \$3.076 billion in FCR up 4.5 per cent over 2014.
 - Approximately 20,000 farms utilized 2.6 million hectares – less than 3 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 2015: dairy products, chicken, beef, greenhouse vegetables, floriculture, nursery, blueberries, eggs, mushrooms and cherries.
 - B.C. FCR ranked second in the nation for floriculture products, nursery products, greenhouse peppers, greenhouse tomatoes, mushrooms, greenhouse cucumbers, grapes, cranberries, peaches, lettuce, pumpkins, pears, garlic, and nectarines.
 - Total estimated GDP for crop and animal production (excluding aquaculture) plus support activities for crop and animal production amounted to \$1.2 billion and accounted for 0.6 per cent of B.C.'s total GDP.

AGRIFOOD PRODUCTS EXPORT PROFILE

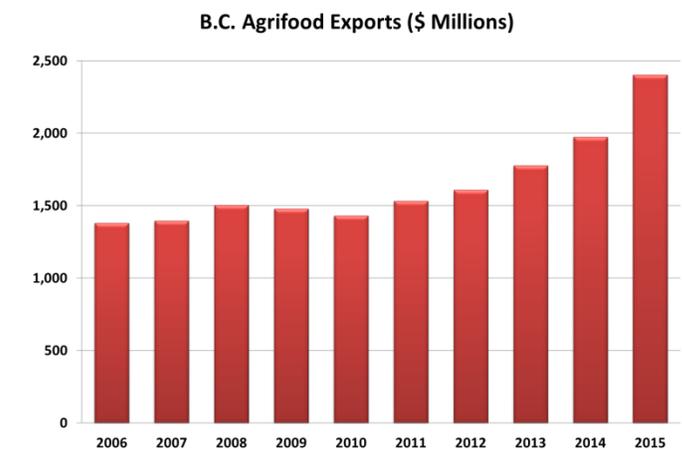
- Agrifood products include primary production products & post-farm processed products.
- B.C. exported \$2.4 billion worth of agrifood products to about 150 markets in 2015, an increase in value of 23 per cent over 2014.
- Top Five Agrifood Export Markets: the United States (77 per cent), China (6 per cent), Japan (4 per cent), South Korea (2 per cent) and Hong Kong (2 per cent).
- The fastest growing markets of the top 10 export markets in 2015 were China (75 per cent), Netherlands (68 per cent), South Korea (64 per cent), Hong Kong (42 per cent) and Vietnam (41 per cent).
- Top Five Exports: \$294 million in food preparations for manufacturing; \$218 million in blueberries; \$159 million in baked goods; \$131 million in mushrooms; and \$124 million in chocolate & cocoa preparations.



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