Sector Defined: B.C.’s agriculture sector includes primary production from farmers, growers and ranchers. Agriculture does not include post-farm processing.

- B.C. lead the nation in sales of blueberries, cherries and raspberries.

**Agriculture Key Facts**

- Farm Cash Receipts (FCR): $3.2 billion
- GDP: $1.9 billion
- Share of Provincial Total GDP: 0.8%
- International Exports: $2.6 billion
- Agriculture Jobs: 24,000

- Primary agriculture in B.C. generated $3.2 billion in FCR up 4.1 per cent from 2016.
- Over 17,500 farms utilized 2.6 million hectares – less than three per cent of the provincial land base – to produce over 200 agriculture products.
- The top 10 commodities in terms of FCR in B.C. in 2017 were: dairy products; chickens; greenhouse vegetables; floriculture; beef; mushrooms; nursery products; eggs; blueberries; and sweet cherries.
- Total estimated GDP for crop and animal production (excluding aquaculture) plus support activities for crop and animal production amounted to $1.9 billion and accounted for 0.8 per cent of B.C.’s total GDP.

**Agrifood International Exports**

- Agrifood products include primary production products and post-farm processed products.
- B.C. exported $2.6 billion worth of agrifood products to 147 markets in 2017. Total agrifood exports were up five per cent over 2016.
- Top Five Agrifood Export Markets: United States $2.0 billion (77 per cent); China $139 million (five per cent); Japan $93 million (four per cent); South Korea $65 million (three per cent); and Hong Kong $34 million (one per cent).
- The fastest growing markets of the 10 top export markets were Singapore (137 per cent), South Korea (22 per cent), Taiwan (10 per cent), Australia (10 per cent) and Hong Kong (9 per cent).
- Top Five Agrifood Exports: $329 million in food preparations for processing and natural health products; $322 million in baked goods and cereal products; $222 million in blueberries; $153 million in mushrooms; and $118 million in alfalfa, grass seed, fodder & animal feeds.