

Sector Snapshot 2020: B.C. Agriculture

B.C.'s agriculture sector includes primary production from farmers and ranchers.
Primary agriculture production does not include post-farm processing.

AGRICULTURE KEY FACTS

- ❖ Farm Cash Receipts (FCR): \$4.03 billion
- ❖ GDP: \$1.7 billion
- ❖ Share of Provincial Total GDP*: 0.7%
- ❖ Agriculture Jobs: 28,300

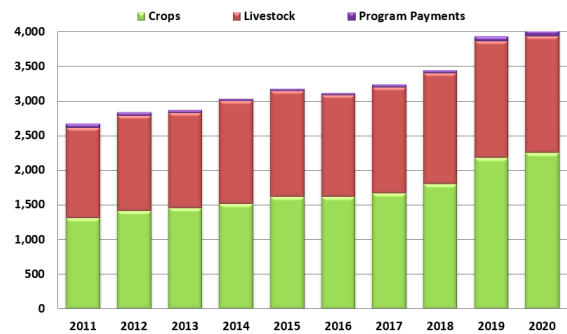
- Primary agriculture in B.C. generated \$4.03 billion in FCR; this was 2.1% higher than in 2019.
- Over 17,500 farms utilized 2.6 million hectares—which is less than 3% of the provincial land base—to produce over 200 agriculture products.
- The top 10 commodities in terms of FCR in B.C. in 2020 were: dairy; licensed cannabis; chickens; floriculture; greenhouse vegetables; beef; nursery products; eggs; mushrooms; and blueberries.
- Total estimated GDP for crop and animal production (excluding aquaculture), plus support activities for crop and animal production, amounted to \$1.7 billion and accounted for 0.7% of B.C.'s total GDP*.

*GDP excluding unlicensed cannabis.

B.C. AGRICULTURE AROUND THE PROVINCE AND CANADA

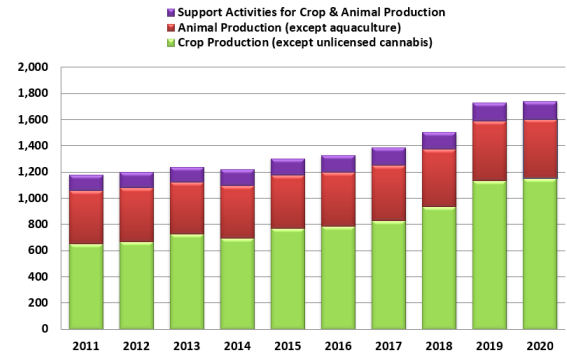
- ❖ Of B.C.'s total 17,528 farms, 30% (5,217 farms) are in the Lower Mainland-Southwest region of the province, followed by 27% (4,759 farms) in the Thompson-Okanagan region, 16% (2,786 farms) in the Vancouver Island-Coast region, 8% (1,411 farms) in the Cariboo, 7.6% (1,353 farms) in the Peace River region, 6.6% (1,157 farms) in the Kootenays, 4.3% (747 farms) in the Nechako region and 0.7% (116 farms) in the North Coast region.
- ❖ B.C. is Canada's largest fruit-producing province, second-largest greenhouse vegetable and third-largest field vegetable producing province.
- ❖ Within the vegetable category, B.C. accounts for Canada's second-largest farm sales in mushrooms.
- ❖ B.C. farmers also account for Canada's second-largest floriculture and nursery receipts and account for the third-largest share of national receipts in licensed cannabis crops and in supply-managed products (dairy, chicken, turkey, eggs, and hatching eggs) in 2020.

B.C. Agriculture Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, Table 32-10-0045-01

BC Agriculture GDP (\$Millions)



Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, Table 36-10-0402-01

B.C.'S 17,528 FARMS, BY REGION - CENSUS 2016

