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A message from
CANADA’S AGRICULTURE MINISTER


British Columbia’s agri-food exports continue to grow year after year. Last year you exported $2 billion in agrifood products to over 140 countries. Demand for your safe and high-quality food is thriving across Canada and around the world.

The federal government proudly supports British Columbia’s agri-food sector through our five-year, $427-million Growing Forward 2 framework. Together, the governments of Canada and British Columbia fund programs that foster innovation, food safety, and environmentally friendly practices.

As you will notice, the pages of this review are filled with impressive figures that illustrate the success of British Columbia’s agri-food industry. These numbers are the result of the hard work, perseverance, and dedication of local British Columbian farmers and food processors.

As your new Minister of Agriculture, I am honoured to have the opportunity to serve in the agriculture and food sector alongside you. Congratulations on another successful year!

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay PC, MP,
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
A message from the
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

Welcome to the Ministry of Agriculture’s 2014 British Columbia Agrifood Industry Year in Review, an annual statistical summary of the B.C. agriculture and food and beverage processing sectors.

2014 was a record year for B.C. agrifood sales as the sector grew to more than $12.3 billion in annual revenues. The B.C. government is focussed on continuing that growth and we are committed to working with our province’s farmers, ranchers and food processors to make sure we get there.

The 55,000 British Columbians working in our provincial agrifoods sector not only provide us with fresh and healthy foods, they also contribute to the second largest manufacturing sector in the province and are an integral part of B.C.’s economy. About 20,000 B.C. family farms utilize 2.6 million hectares to produce more than 200 agriculture and agrifood commodities.

The B.C. government has invested $6 million in our Buy Local program since 2012 to help B.C. companies find new customers in British Columbia. We have also been building the market for B.C. agrifoods abroad, reaching a record $3 billion in exports in 2014 to more than 150 countries. B.C. has set agrifood exports to China in each of the last five years, reaching $264 million in 2014, more than double that of 2010.

The B.C. agrifoods sector is well positioned for continued success. We look forward to continuing to work with our hardworking industry and building on the over $1.8 billion dollars in agrifoods sector growth in just the last couple of years.

To learn more about the B.C. agrifoods sector, please visit the Ministry of Agriculture’s website at www.gov.bc.ca/agri.

Norm Letnick
Minister of Agriculture
2014 INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

British Columbia’s agrifood and seafood industry includes primary production in agriculture, aquaculture and commercial fisheries and processing of food and beverages. In 2014, the industry generated $12.3 billion in gross revenues, an increase of nearly six per cent over 2013.

This document focuses on the B.C. primary agriculture and the food and beverage processing sectors. The provincial seafood sector is profiled in the B.C. Seafood Industry Year in Review.

Around the province’s varied landscapes and different climatic zones, in communities large and small, B.C.’s farmers and food and beverage processors produce a wide range of products to supply both local and export markets.

The primary agriculture sector’s nearly 20,000 farms generated $2.9 billion in farm sales in 2014, well over one hundred million dollars above the previous year.

In 2014, B.C. ranked number one in Canada in farm sales of blueberries, cranberries, sweet cherries, raspberries and apricots. We ranked second in farm sales of floriculture products; nursery products; greenhouse peppers, tomatoes, and cucumbers; mushrooms; grapes; lettuce; peaches; garlic; pears; Brussels sprouts; plums/prunes; nectarines; parsley; squash/zucchinis; and spinach.

The province’s more than 1,800 food and beverage processors generated an additional $8.5 billion in sales, more than half a billion dollars above 2013.

B.C. AGRIFOOD AND SEAFOOD REVENUES 2014 ($ BILLIONS)

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JOB COUNT

| Primary Agriculture | 22,900 |
| Food and Beverage Processing | 28,100 |
| Primary Seafood | 3,400 |
| TOTAL AGRIFOOD AND SEAFOOD | 54,400 |

SOURCE: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca
INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

In 2014, total farm cash receipts generated by British Columbia’s agriculture sector rose close to five per cent to $2.9 billion while total food and beverage manufacturing shipments increased over seven per cent to $8.5 billion.

Included in the farm cash receipts total are farm sales of crop and livestock/poultry products as well as direct program payments made to producers. The crop and livestock/poultry sectors generated almost equal shares of the provincial farm cash receipts. Sales from B.C.’s crop sector contributed $1.42 billion (a 49 per cent share) and sales from livestock and poultry sectors contributed $1.47 billion (a 51 per cent share). The remaining $31 million was generated by direct program payments*.

B.C.’s dairy sector accounted for 19 per cent of the provincial farm cash receipts in 2014, followed by hens and chickens at 13 per cent, greenhouse vegetables at 10 per cent, beef at close to 10 per cent, and floriculture at nine per cent.

Food processing accounted for 85 per cent of the value of B.C.’s total food and beverage manufacturing shipments in 2014, while beverage processing accounted for 15 per cent. Close to 1,400 food processing firms, along with more than 400 beverage processing firms, generated combined shipments valued at $8.5 billion – ranking among the largest of B.C.’s manufacturing sectors.

* Direct Payments to agricultural producers include all payments made directly to producers under federal, provincial and municipal programs as well as payments made under private programs such as private hail insurance and private livestock insurance programs in the calendar year.
AGRIFOOD EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2014, British Columbia agrifood product exports of $2.0 billion made up 67 per cent of the $3.0 billion total agrifood and seafood exports.

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<tr>
<th>MARKET</th>
<th>EXPORT VALUE ($ MILLIONS)</th>
<th>EXPORT SHARE (%)</th>
<th>TOP PRODUCTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>1,500.0</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>Blueberries, Food Preparations for Manufacturing, Baked Goods, Chocolate and Cocoa Preparations, Plants, Bulbs and Flowers</td>
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<td>91.1</td>
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<td>Pork Products, Potatoes, Blueberries, Rapeseed, Malt</td>
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<td>84.7</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Taiwan</td>
<td>35.6</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>31.4</td>
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<td>Rest of World</td>
<td>233.0</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL B.C.</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,975.8</strong></td>
<td><strong>100</strong></td>
<td>Food Preparations for Manufacturing, Blueberries, Baked Goods, Chocolate and Cocoa Preparations, Mushrooms</td>
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B.C. agrifood exports increased 11 per cent in 2014 with shipments to 144 markets.

Agrifood exports include primary agriculture products and processed food and beverage products derived from both B.C. and imported sources. The top ten agrifood export products totaled $1.089 billion and accounted for over half, (55 per cent) of B.C.’s total agrifood exports.

Eighty-eight per cent ($1.7 billion) of the province’s agrifood export value went to five markets — the United States, Japan, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The United States continued to be our most important export market with $1.5 billion in shipments in 2014, an increase of 11 per cent over 2013.
## BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM CASH RECEIPTS 2009–2014

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<th>2009</th>
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<td>46,393</td>
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<td>Apricots</td>
<td>973</td>
<td>669</td>
<td>501</td>
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<td>522</td>
<td>840</td>
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<td>Cherries – Sour</td>
<td>204</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>387</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>151</td>
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<td>33,463</td>
<td>38,838</td>
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<td>Nectarines</td>
<td>639</td>
<td>1,168</td>
<td>871</td>
<td>821</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>1,265</td>
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<td>870</td>
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<td>Plums and Prunes</td>
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<td>911</td>
<td>1,018</td>
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<td>355</td>
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<td>Tree Fruits</td>
<td>81,928</td>
<td>77,575</td>
<td>75,174</td>
<td>96,076</td>
<td>102,688</td>
<td>104,977</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
<td>86,688</td>
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### FRUITS AND NUTS

- **Asparagus**
- **Beans**
- **Beets**
- **Broccoli**
- **Brussel Sprouts**
- **Cabbage**
- **Carrots**
- **Cauliflower**
- **Celery**
- **Corn – Sweet**
- **Cucumbers and Gherkins**
- **Garlic**
- **Green Onions and Shallots**
- **Green Peas**
- **Leeks**
- **Lettuce – Field**
- **Mushrooms**
- **Onions – Dry**
- **Parsley**
- **Parsnips**
- **Peppers**
- **Potatoes**
- **Pumpkins**
- **Radishes**
- **Rhubarb**
- **Rutabaga and Turnips**
- **Spinach**
- **Squash and Zucchinis**
- **Tomatoes**
- **Watermelons and Other Melons**
- **Other Field Vegetables**

### VEGETABLES

- **Cucumbers – Greenhouse**
- **Peppers – Greenhouse**
- **Other Greenhouse Vegetables**
- **Cucumbers and Gherkins**
- **Garlic**
- **Leeks**
- **Spinach**
- **Tomatoes**
- **Watermelons and Other Melons**
- **Other Field Vegetables**

### CROPS

- **2009 – 2014**
- **Blueberries**
- **Cranberries**
- **Eggplant**
- **Raspberries**
- **Saskatoon Berries**
- **Stawberries**
- **Other Fruits**
- **Grapes**
- **Berries and Grapes**
- **Apples**
- **Apricots**
- **Cherries – Sour**
- **Cherries – Sweet**
- **Cherry – Sour**
- **Cherry – Sweet**
- **Peaches**
- **Pears**
- **Plums and Prunes**
- **Tree Fruits**


- **Blueberries**
- **Cranberries**
- **Eggplant**
- **Raspberries**
- **Saskatoon Berries**
- **Stawberries**
- **Other Fruits**
- **Grapes**
- **Berries and Grapes**
- **Apples**
- **Apricots**
- **Cherries – Sour**
- **Cherries – Sweet**
- **Peaches**
- **Pears**
- **Plums and Prunes**
- **Tree Fruits**

### 2009 – 2013 5-Year Average

- **Blueberries**
- **Cranberries**
- **Eggplant**
- **Raspberries**
- **Saskatoon Berries**
- **Stawberries**
- **Other Fruits**
- **Grapes**
- **Berries and Grapes**
- **Apples**
- **Apricots**
- **Cherries – Sour**
- **Cherries – Sweet**
- **Peaches**
- **Pears**
- **Plums and Prunes**
- **Tree Fruits**

### 2014 vs 2013 5-Year Average

- **Blueberries**
- **Cranberries**
- **Eggplant**
- **Raspberries**
- **Saskatoon Berries**
- **Stawberries**
- **Other Fruits**
- **Grapes**
- **Berries and Grapes**
- **Apples**
- **Apricots**
- **Cherries – Sour**
- **Cherries – Sweet**
- **Peaches**
- **Pears**
- **Plums and Prunes**
- **Tree Fruits**
## BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM CASH RECEIPTS 2009–2014 (Continued)

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<td>7,004</td>
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<td>13,567</td>
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<td>Ginseng</td>
<td>5,960</td>
<td>4,000</td>
<td>2,794</td>
<td>1,192</td>
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<td>2,360</td>
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<td>342</td>
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<td>50,974</td>
<td>39,324</td>
<td>36,047</td>
<td>39,226</td>
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<td>14.2%</td>
<td>43,599</td>
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<td>1,171,508</td>
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<td>1,237,083</td>
<td>1,329,088</td>
<td>1,379,560</td>
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<td>Cattle</td>
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<td>554,730</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
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| **TOTAL DIRECT PAYMENTS** | 101,526 | 81,629 | 65,631 | 47,758 | 44,332 | 30,858 | -30.6% | 68,195 | -54.8% |
| **TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS** | 2,525,388 | 2,505,161 | 2,604,724 | 2,752,272 | 2,792,185 | 2,920,325 | 4.6% | 2,635,946 | 10.8% |

Source: Statistics Canada. Special Request and Table 002 – 0001, Cansim database (accessed May 27, 2015), unless otherwise specified.

1 Estimate by B.C. Ministry of Agriculture Mushroom Specialist.
2 Includes both eggs for consumption and breeder hatching eggs.
3 Confidential.
4 na not available.

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B.C. CROPS

The combined total farm cash receipts generated by B.C. crops amounted to over $1.4 billion in 2014, close to half of the province’s agricultural revenues.

B.C. produces a diverse range of crops, from tree fruits, berries, grapes, field vegetables and mushrooms to greenhouse vegetables, floriculture and nursery products, and forage, sod and Christmas trees. Total farm cash receipts from crops increased nearly three per cent in 2014, to $1.42 billion.

More than half of B.C. farmland is in natural land for pasture or grazing (53 per cent). Another nine per cent is in tame or seeded pasture, one per cent is in summer fallow and fourteen per cent is in ‘other land’, which includes woodland, wetlands and Christmas tree areas, as well as land on which farm buildings, barnyards, lanes, and home gardens are located, and idle land. The remaining twenty-three per cent, or nearly one quarter of B.C.’s 2.611 million hectares of farmland is in land designated to the specific growing of crops, including hay, food and horticulture crops.

Of the nearly 600,000 hectares of B.C. land in crops, close to two-thirds are in hay crops, over one-third is in food crops, and a very small amount (one per cent) is in nursery, sod and floriculture production.

B.C. has close to 216,000 hectares in food and horticulture crops, with the majority (64 per cent or 139,000 hectares) in grains and oilseeds, located predominantly in B.C.’s beautiful Peace River region. In addition there is nearly 25,000 hectares in fruits, nearly 10,000 hectares in field vegetables and mushrooms, nearly 37,000 hectares in other field crops such as corn for silage, dry field peas, and forage seed, nearly 5,500 hectares in nursery and sod, and about 500 hectares in greenhouse flowers and vegetables.
FRUITS AND NUTS

B.C. was Canada’s largest fruit-producing province with nearly 273,000 tonnes of fruit produced and marketed by B.C. farms in 2014, at a value exceeding one-third of a billion dollars.

B.C.’s diverse climate enables the production of a wide variety of high-quality berries, grapes, tree fruits and nuts on nearly 23,000 hectares of farmland. In 2014, B.C. farmers produced and marketed almost 273,000 tonnes of fruit and nuts, up 20 per cent over 2013 and accounting for 32 per cent of the nation’s total fruit and nut production.

Farm cash receipts from fruits and nuts exceeded $334 million, a 10 per cent increase over 2013 and a 17 per cent increase over the previous five-year average. B.C. ranked #1 in Canada with 39 per cent of the nation’s farm cash receipts in fruit and nut products.

In 2014, B.C. farmers cultivated close to 13,000 hectares in berries, over 5,900 hectares in tree fruits, more than 4,100 hectares in grapes and approximately 497 hectares in nuts.

Nationally, in terms of fruit production, B.C. was Canada’s largest producer of blueberries, sweet cherries, raspberries, pears and apricots, and Canada’s second largest producer of cranberries, grapes, peaches, plums/prunes and nectarines.

B.C.’s fruit and nut exports rose eight per cent in 2014, up $29 million to $377 million from $349 million in 2013. The top five B.C. fruit and nut exports were blueberries ($168.6 million), cherries ($53.8 million), cranberries ($29.1 million), apples ($19.3 million) and raspberries ($14.5 million).
BERRIES and GRAPES

B.C. produced nearly 120,000 tonnes of berries and over 26,000 tonnes of grapes in 2014, accounting for about one-third the nation’s production in berries and in grapes.

BERRIES: B.C. farmers produced Canada’s largest berry crop in 2014 with nearly 120,000 tonnes of berries. Growers harvested over 65,000 tonnes of blueberries, nearly 43,000 tonnes of cranberries, over 10,000 tonnes of raspberries, and 1,400 tonnes of strawberries in 2014. Production was up 30 per cent in blueberries, three per cent in cranberries, 34 per cent in raspberries and 11 per cent in strawberries over 2013.

The province’s total farm cash receipts from berries exceeded $182 million in 2014, nearly 16 per cent higher than in 2013. Blueberries accounted for about 60 per cent of the province’s total berry receipts, followed by cranberries at 25 per cent and raspberries at 10 per cent, while strawberries and other berries accounted for the remaining five per cent.

GRAPES: B.C. is home to Canada’s second largest grape producing region, with over 4,000 hectares in grape production and over 26,000 tonnes of grapes in 2014, an increase of eight per cent in marketed production over 2013.

The province’s grape growers work to meet the demand for high-quality grapes for B.C.’s internationally famous wine industry. In 2014, B.C.’s wine and table grape production was valued at almost $47 million in farm cash receipts, accounting for 14 per cent of the province’s overall total fruit receipts and 40 per cent of Canada’s total grape receipts.

Exports of B.C.’s blueberries ranked second in value amongst the province’s agrifood exports in 2014, accounting for $169 million, up more than nine per cent over 2013. Exports of B.C. cranberries were valued at $29 million, a decline of 30 per cent over 2013, and B.C. wine exports were valued at nearly $8.3 million in 2014, an increase of nine per cent over the previous year.
TREE FRUITS

B.C. growers produced more than 126,000 tonnes of apples, cherries, peaches, pears, plums/prunes, nectarines and apricots in 2014. The total represents nearly 30% of Canadian production and $105 million in farm cash receipts.

In 2014, B.C. produced over 100,000 tonnes of apples, nearly 14,000 tonnes of sweet cherries, over 5,000 tonnes of peaches, over 4,000 tonnes of pears, and over 3,000 tonnes combined of plums/prunes, nectarines, apricots, and other tree fruits. In total, the province produced more than 126,000 tonnes of tree fruits, a 23 per cent increase over 2013.

Farm cash receipts from B.C.’s tree fruit growers amounted to nearly $105 million in 2014. Apples and sweet cherries, the two largest tree fruit crops, each accounted for 44 per cent of the total tree fruit receipts, with peaches, pears, plums, nectarines, apricots and sour cherries combined accounting for the remaining 12 per cent. B.C.’s tree fruits make up nearly one-third of the province’s total fruit receipts and more than one-third of the nation’s tree fruits receipts.

There are nearly 6,000 hectares in tree fruit orchards in the province, with the majority located in the Okanagan Valley. Apples account for the majority of land in tree fruits (62 per cent), followed by sweet cherries (22 per cent) and peaches (9 per cent). The industry continues to position itself to produce high-value, high-quality fruit and become a strong player in both local and international markets.

B.C.’s exports of cherries rose to $53.8 million in 2014, up nearly 33 per cent over 2013. Top export markets for B.C. cherries in 2014 were the United States, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. Cherries are B.C.’s largest tree fruit export.
VEGETABLES

B.C. farmers marketed more than 295,000 tonnes of greenhouse and field vegetables in 2014, generating nearly half a billion dollars in farm cash receipts.

More than 171,000 tonnes of field vegetables and mushrooms and 124,000 tonnes of greenhouse vegetables were produced and marketed in 2014. Farm cash receipts totalled $494 million with nearly $297 million generated by the greenhouse vegetable sector and more than $197 million coming from field vegetables and mushrooms.

Mushrooms and potatoes were B.C.’s highest value non-greenhouse vegetable crops, followed by sweet corn, lettuce, cabbage, squash/zucchinis, carrots and pumpkins. With over $101 million in estimated farm cash receipts, mushrooms accounted for over 51 per cent of B.C.’s non-greenhouse vegetable receipts, followed by potatoes at 16 per cent and over $31 million in receipts.

Although the majority of vegetables are grown in the fertile Fraser Valley region, fresh B.C. vegetables are available at farmers markets or farm-side stands in almost every community in the province.

B.C. exported nearly $292 million worth of vegetable products in 2014. The top five vegetable exports included wild and farmed mushrooms ($88.1 million), peppers ($71.5 million), tomatoes ($63.4 million), potatoes ($32.5 million) and cucumbers ($12.0 million). The United States continued to be the top export market for most of B.C.’s vegetable crops.
GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES

B.C.’s greenhouse growers generated almost $297 million in total farm cash receipts in 2014, including $129.1 million in peppers, $116.4 million in tomatoes, $45.2 million in cucumbers and $5.8 million in other greenhouse vegetable products.

B.C.’s greenhouse vegetable sector accounted for over 21 per cent of the province’s total crop receipts and 10 per cent of B.C.’s total farm cash receipts.

Over 124,000 tonnes of greenhouse vegetables were grown in B.C. in 2014, with nearly 38,000 tonnes of peppers, over 61,000 tonnes of tomatoes, almost 24,000 tonnes of cucumbers, and a smaller amount of lettuce and eggplant. B.C. accounted for one-third of the nation’s production of peppers, 22 per cent of tomatoes, and 14 per cent of cucumbers.

The majority of greenhouse operations are concentrated in the province’s Lower Mainland. B.C.’s greenhouse growers continue to be world leaders in the use of state-of-the-art greenhouse facilities, integrated pest management and leading-edge production practices to produce high quality vegetables on nearly three million square metres in 2014.

B.C.’s exports of greenhouse vegetables were valued at almost $147 million, an increase of nine per cent over 2013. Peppers accounted for almost 49 per cent ($72 million) of B.C.’s total greenhouse vegetable exports, tomatoes for 43 per cent ($63 million) and cucumbers for eight per cent ($12 million). The United States continued to be B.C.’s largest export market for greenhouse vegetables in 2014, accounting for $146 million (99 per cent) of export sales.
FLORICULTURE, NURSERY and SOD

B.C.’s floriculture, nursery and sod products generated nearly $459 million in combined revenues in 2014, ranking second in Canada for farm cash receipts.

FLORICULTURE: B.C.’s floriculture growers generated nearly $272 million in farm cash receipts in 2014, down two per cent from the industry’s peak in receipts at $277 million in 2013, but up more than 11 per cent over the previous five-year average. The B.C. floriculture industry was the second largest in Canada and was B.C.’s fourth largest agriculture sector in terms of farm cash receipts in 2014.

Growers produced and marketed almost 90 million cut flowers, nearly 21 million cuttings, and more than 45 million indoor and outdoor potted plants. Gerberas, tulips and chrysanthemums accounted for more than 60 per cent of B.C.’s cut flower sales in 2014.

B.C.’s floriculture exports, consisting of cut flowers for bouquets and ornamental purposes totaled $6.7 million in 2014, an increase of 26 per cent over 2013.

NURSERY: B.C. is home to Canada’s second largest nursery industry, valued at over $177 million in farm cash receipts in 2014, a decline of three per cent over 2013 and down one per cent over the previous five-year average.

B.C. growers produced almost 223 million nursery tree seedlings, over seven million perennials and annuals, over four million coniferous and evergreen broadleaf shrubs, more than three million shade and ornamental trees, over two million deciduous shrubs and roses, over one million fruit trees and small fruit bushes, and over 300 thousand vines.

B.C.’s nursery product exports totaled nearly $75.1 million in 2014, with over ninety-nine per cent exported to the U.S.

SOD: B.C.’s sod sector generated $9.6 million in 2014 from approximately 490 hectares of growing area. The primary markets for sod in B.C. are for landscaping for the housing industry, sports fields, golf courses and parks. The majority of sod in B.C. is grown in the Lower Mainland, on Vancouver Island and in the Okanagan.
GRAINS and OILSEEDS

B.C.’s grain and oilseed farmers generated more than $83 million in farm cash receipts in 2014, up 37% over 2013 and 61 per cent above the previous five-year average.

B.C. farmers produced more than 275,000 tonnes of grains and oilseeds in 2014 including 109,400 tonnes of wheat, 71,900 tonnes of canola, 51,800 tonnes of oats, and 42,700 tonnes of barley. Production fell between 20 and 50 per cent in all four of B.C.’s grain and oilseed crops, returning to more historical levels following the ten-year high production levels seen in 2013.

Farm cash receipts from the sales of grains and oilseeds increased 37 per cent over 2013 to more than $83 million, despite prices being down an average of 18 per cent from the previous year. Sales volumes increased an average of 67 per cent for grains and oilseeds as farmers marketed both the current season's crop and inventory carried over from 2013.

Canola accounted for half of B.C.’s grain and oilseed receipts, followed by wheat at just under one-third, and barley and oats at nine and ten per cent respectively.

Land in grains and oilseeds accounts for nearly two-thirds of the total B.C. farmland in food crops. Changing weather combined with a short growing season in B.C. limit the choices of crops and varieties that can be grown and require very timely cultural operations.

Generally, canola and the higher grades of wheat, oats and malting barley are either exported directly or moved into the Canadian processing sector, while the lower grades of wheat, oats and barley are destined primarily for the domestic feed markets.
The total farm cash receipts generated by B.C.’s livestock and poultry sector amounted to almost $1.5 billion in 2014 and made up half of the province’s agricultural revenues.

Livestock and poultry production, including beef, dairy, chickens, turkeys, eggs, pork, sheep, lambs and other animals and animal products are economic cornerstones of many B.C. communities. Total farm cash receipts increased nearly eight per cent in 2014 to $1.47 billion.

Approximately half (9,228) of all of B.C.’s 19,759 farms predominantly raise livestock, poultry or other animals. At the end of 2014, there were 570,000 cattle and calves on farms in B.C. including 188,700 beef cows, 33,500 beef replacement heifers, 73,600 dairy cows, and 35,000 dairy replacement heifers. In addition, there were 89,000 pigs, 40,000 sheep and lambs, 7,501 bison, 448 fallow deer, 44,999 bee colonies and more than 146,000 other animals (horses, goats, rabbits, llamas and alpacas) on B.C. farms at year-end.

B.C. exported $277 million worth of live animals, meat and animal products in 2014 – an increase of $16 million (six per cent) over 2013. The top five exports were pork products ($84.1 million), live cattle and bison ($63.5 million), poultry products ($38.9 million), dairy products ($35.5 million) and furskins ($21.3 million).
BEEF and DAIRY

B.C.’s beef farmers generated more than $279 million in farm cash receipts in 2014, while our dairy producers generated nearly $555 million in receipts.

BEEF: In 2014, the cattle industry in B.C. saw a 94 per cent increase in farm cash receipts from the sale of calves and a 44 per cent increase from the sale of cattle. Overall farm cash receipts in the B.C. beef sector rose nearly 54 per cent as producers realized strong prices in response to low North American supplies.

B.C. beef producers marketed over 191,000 cattle and calves amounting to over 91,000 metric tonnes in 2014, an increase of about five per cent over the previous year.

The Thompson-Okanagan, Cariboo, Nechako and Peace River regions are the top beef producing regions in B.C.

DAIRY: B.C.’s dairy farmers produced 688.3 million litres of milk in 2014, generating almost $555 million in farm cash receipts, a five per cent increase over 2013 and an eight per cent increase over the previous five-year average.

With close to 38 per cent of the province’s total livestock receipts and 19 per cent of the province’s total farm cash receipts, the dairy sector continues to account for the largest share of provincial farm cash receipts.

About two-thirds of B.C.’s 455 licensed dairy producers are located in the Fraser Valley. The remaining producers are located in Thompson-Okanagan, Vancouver Island, Bulkley Valley, Cariboo, Kootenay and Peace River regions.
POULTRY, EGGS and PORK

B.C.’s poultry farmers generated over $418 million in farm cash receipts in 2014, egg producers generated over $116 million and hog producers generated over $36 million.

POULTRY: Poultry farmers in B.C. raised and marketed almost 101 million chickens and over 2.7 million turkeys, with a total combined weight of nearly 186,000 tonnes.

Chicken production increased by two per cent to more than 164,000 tonnes in 2014 valued at nearly $368 million. Turkey production remained relatively constant at just over 21,300 tonnes and generated farm cash receipts of more than $50 million. Prices fell slightly in both markets, resulting in a near three per cent decrease in total poultry farm cash receipts to just over $418 million.

B.C. exported $38.9 million in poultry products in 2014. Main markets were Taiwan, Philippines, US, Benin and Hong Kong.

EGGS: B.C.’s egg farmers produced just over 69 million dozen eggs in 2014, generating farm cash receipts of more than $116 million. B.C.’s total egg receipts in 2014 were two per cent below 2013’s receipts but 13 per cent above the previous five-year average.

PORK: B.C. pork producers raised and marketed 193,000 hogs, amounting to more than 22,000 tonnes in total weight, and generated over $36 million in farm cash receipts in 2014. With prices 24 per cent higher than in 2013, farm cash receipts rose 20 per cent in 2014 and were 24 per cent above the previous five-year average.

B.C. exported over $88 million worth of processed pork products to 22 different markets in 2014. Japan was B.C.’s largest pork export market receiving nearly $36 million in pork products.
OTHER ANIMALS and ANIMAL PRODUCTS

SHEEP and LAMBS: B.C. farmers generated total farm cash receipts from lamb sales of $7.3 million in 2014, an increase of 34 per cent over 2013. Sheep and lambs continue to be important due to their versatility and ability to graze shrubs and short grasses enabling farmers to utilize small and/or otherwise unproductive areas of land. At the end of 2014, there were 44,000 lambs on B.C. farms.

Approximately 25 per cent of sheep farms are located on Vancouver Island, 25 per cent are in the Thompson-Okanagan region, and 10 to 15 per cent reside in each of the Lower Mainland, Cariboo and Peace regions.

BEES and HONEY: In 2014, B.C. produced more than 1,700 tonnes of honey - nearly five per cent of total Canadian production. Honey sales generated more than $11.9 million in farm cash receipts, a 22 per cent increase over 2013 and a 56 per cent increase over the previous five-year average.

At the end of 2014, B.C. was home to 44,999 colonies of honey bees and just over 2,400 bee keepers - an increase of six per cent in both colonies and keepers. B.C. bee keepers account for over one-quarter of Canada’s 8,500 bee keepers.

Honey bee colonies remain critical to many of the crops British Columbians rely on for food, such as tree fruit, berries and canola. Approximately 60 per cent of B.C.’s honey bee colonies are located in the Lower Mainland-Southwest where many commercial beekeepers are involved with pollination services for the horticulture industry, particularly blueberries and apples. The total value of B.C.’s honey bee pollination was $468 million in 2014, up four per cent over 2013.

Honey exports increased 140 per cent to $1.8 million in 2014, with Japan and China being the primary export markets.

OTHER ANIMALS and ANIMAL PRODUCTS: B.C. farms raised and produced a variety of other animals and animal products that generated over $50 million in farm cash receipts in 2014. These animals and products include furs, hatcheries, horses, ponies, goats, llamas, alpacas, rabbits, bison, elk, farmed deer, wild boars, mink breeding stock, fox, donkeys, mules, chinchillas, wool, and embryos, other poultry (e.g., geese, ducks, roosters, ostriches, game birds, emus, pheasants, quail and pigeons), beeswax, bee pollen, queen bees and nucleus bee colonies.
B.C. FOOD and BEVERAGE PROCESSING

In 2014, B.C.’s food and beverage processing industry generated over $8.5 billion in shipments – more than half a billion dollar increase over 2013.

B.C.’s food and beverage processing industry is among the largest of B.C.’s manufacturing industries. In 2014, there were more than 1,800 firms producing the extensive array of agrifood and seafood manufactured in this province.

Total shipments from B.C.’s food and beverage manufacturing plants reached a new record of over $8.5 billion in 2014. The largest increases in sales ($198 million) occurred in the category ‘other food manufacturing products’ (snack foods, coffee and tea, flavouring syrups and concentrates, seasoning and dressings and other food manufacturing). The next highest growth in sales ($146 million) was in processed seafood products, followed by wineries ($90 million) and bakeries and tortillas ($66 million). In total, the increase in revenues from these four industries accounted for almost 90 per cent of the total growth that occurred in B.C.’s food and beverage manufacturing shipments in 2014.

In 2014, the total value of B.C.’s agrifood exports reached $2.0 billion, 11 per cent above 2013. Just under one-half of the province’s total agrifood exports were in categories that primarily included unprocessed foods – animals and animal products, fruit and nuts, and vegetable products – while just over one-half were in categories comprised of products originating from food and beverage manufacturing plants, including beverages ($81 million) and other agrifood products ($955 million).

In the other agrifood products category, ‘Food Preparations for Manufacturing’ accounted for $234.6 million and was the largest of B.C.’s food and beverage manufacturing sector exports. Food preparations for manufacturing includes pastes, powders and flavourings used by food manufacturers.

The B.C. food and beverage manufacturing industry has the operational flexibility and the ability to satisfy consumers’ diverse tastes and preferences. Most processors are strategically located near B.C.’s highly integrated transportation system, making it easy to access ingredients and ship finished goods.
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN B.C. AGRIFOOD – 2014/15

B.C. COMMITS $8.4 MILLION FOR A SEVEN-YEAR TREE FRUIT REPLANT PROGRAM
On November 21, 2014, Premier Christy Clark announced the details of the $8.4 million program that will set B.C.’s tree fruit sector to benefit with a sustainable, long-term replant program, supporting grower’s efforts to meet consumer demands for high-value, high-quality B.C. fruit.

BUY LOCAL
The B.C. government invested $6 million in the Buy Local Program including $2 million in Budget 2015, helping BC farmers and food processors promote their products, and support food security in B.C. The Buy Local Program aims to increase consumer demand and sales of B.C. agrifoods.
MORE INFO: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/bc-buy-local-program

ANIMAL ABUSE PREVENTION DAY ON APRIL 23, 2015:
The BC SPCA celebrates 120 years and launches the million Acts of Kindness
On April 23, 2015, the Government of British Columbia and the BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) recognized Animal Abuse Prevention Day and celebrated the BC SPCA’s 120 years of serving and protecting animals. To mark the anniversary, the organization is fighting cruelty with kindness, by launching a year-long movement, million Acts of Kindness, meant to inspire a million acts of kindness for companion, farm and wild animals.
MORE INFO: https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/prevent-animal-abuse---you-can-make-a-difference

BALANCED BUDGET 2015
COMMITS $5 MILLION TO THE BC SPCA
This funding will support an eight-year facilities plan that will replace or renovate aging BC SPCA facilities in 10 B.C. communities including Vancouver, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George, Dawson Creek and the Kootenays.

2014 A RECORD YEAR FOR B.C. AGRIFOOD EXPORTS
B.C. agrifoods exports grew 11% in 2014, reaching the highest total ever, just short of $3 billion. The top three export markets for B.C. agriculture and seafood products in 2014 were the USA, China and Japan.
MORE INFO: https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/2014-a-record-year-for-bc-agrifood-exports
DATA SOURCES / MORE INFORMATION

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