



British Columbia Agrifood Industry

YEAR IN REVIEW 2016





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**Honourable
Lawrence MacAulay PC, MP,**
Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-Food

A MESSAGE FROM _____

Canada's Agriculture Minister

I'm proud to join Minister Popham in celebrating another banner year for British Columbia's world-class farmers and food processors.

The British Columbia Agri-Food Year in Review 2016 highlights the tremendous economic contribution of the B.C. agriculture, food and seafood industry in the province, with total value exceeding \$14 billion, and over 60,000 jobs.

I'm proud to work with Minister Popham to open up new opportunities for growth for our farmers and food processors. Our joint investment of \$115 million under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership is supporting cutting-edge initiatives that will move the industry forward here in British Columbia over the next five years and beyond.

We know we can build on the great results outlined in this review. The federal Government continues to work with the government and industry in B.C. to explore new opportunities. We're investing in our research centres in Summerland and Agassiz, while supporting research clusters focussing on a number of B.C. sectors, from beef, to organics to grapes and wine. With a target of \$75 billion in agriculture, agri-food and seafood exports by 2025, we're working hard to open new markets for producers. We are on the right track. We have gained new access for B.C. cherries to Japan. Our trade agreements with key partners around the world, including the Pacific Rim, are giving our producers a competitive edge in two-thirds of the global economy. And we're partnering with British Columbia to help farmers manage severe climate change risks including wildfires and drought.

I thank everyone at the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, as well as the entire agriculture, food and seafood industry for your great work. I look forward to working with you to keep the B.C. industry strong and prosperous.



**Honourable
Lawrence MacAulay PC, MP**



A MESSAGE FROM THE

Minister of Agriculture

It is a pleasure to present the Ministry of Agriculture's 2016 British Columbia Agrifood Industry Year in Review, an annual celebration of B.C.'s agricultural and food and beverage industry. Each page of this publication tells an important story of our sector's dedication and passion. For example, you will see the sector generated \$14 billion in gross revenues in 2016, an increase of \$845 million dollars from the previous year.

The hardworking people in our B.C. agriculture sector are supporting their local and provincial economies, and they are improving access to locally grown food for all British Columbians. Our farmers, producers and processors are taking part in a food producing renaissance, and as Minister of Agriculture, I want to ensure we are supporting the new energy and excitement that we are seeing around food and beverage production throughout the province.

The B.C. government is busy creating opportunities and sales through Grow BC, Feed BC and Buy BC. Grow BC encourages new farmers and helps young people access land to start farming. Feed BC will see the increase of B.C. foods in hospitals and other government facilities so your loved ones eat more fresh and quality foods while receiving care. Buy BC is helping customers identify locally grown products through the Buy BC logo, while supporting producers with their marketing efforts.

To the almost 63,000 people working in our sector, thank you for the high-quality and delicious products that you provide us! We know that by working together, we are going to continue to get things accomplished. Thank you for being champions and partners in our efforts to promote and grow agriculture.

To learn more about the B.C.'s agricultural and food and beverage industry, please visit the Ministry of Agriculture's website at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/agriculture>



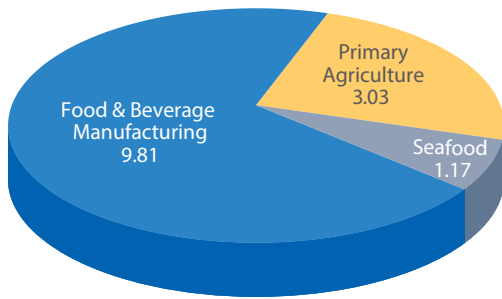
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Minister of Agriculture
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2016 B.C. AGRIFOOD AND SEAFOOD REVENUES (\$ Billions)



2016 Industry Highlights

IN 2016, BRITISH COLUMBIA'S AGRIFOOD AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY – INCLUDING PRIMARY PRODUCTION IN AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND COMMERCIAL FISHERIES, AND PROCESSING OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES – GENERATED \$14.0 BILLION IN GROSS REVENUES, AN INCREASE OF \$845 MILLION DOLLARS (6.4 PER CENT) OVER 2015.

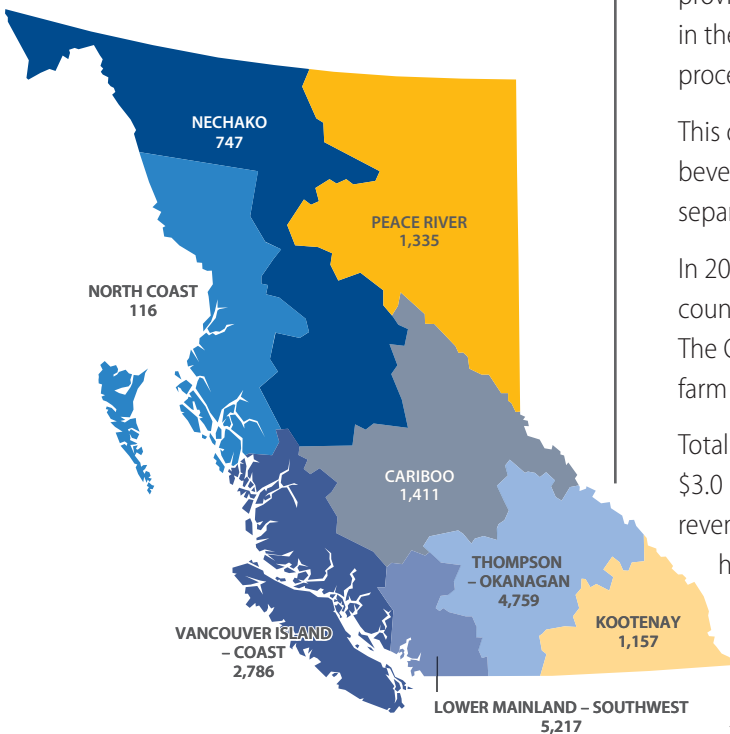
All combined, the industry accounted for 62,900 jobs in the province: 22,600 jobs in the primary agriculture sector; 3,400 jobs in the primary seafood sector; and 36,900 in the food and beverage processing sector.

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

In 2016, the Census of Agriculture counted all farms across the country. Nine per cent (17,528) of the farms were located in B.C. The Census results provided sub-provincial details on farm operators, farm types, farmland use and farm operations.

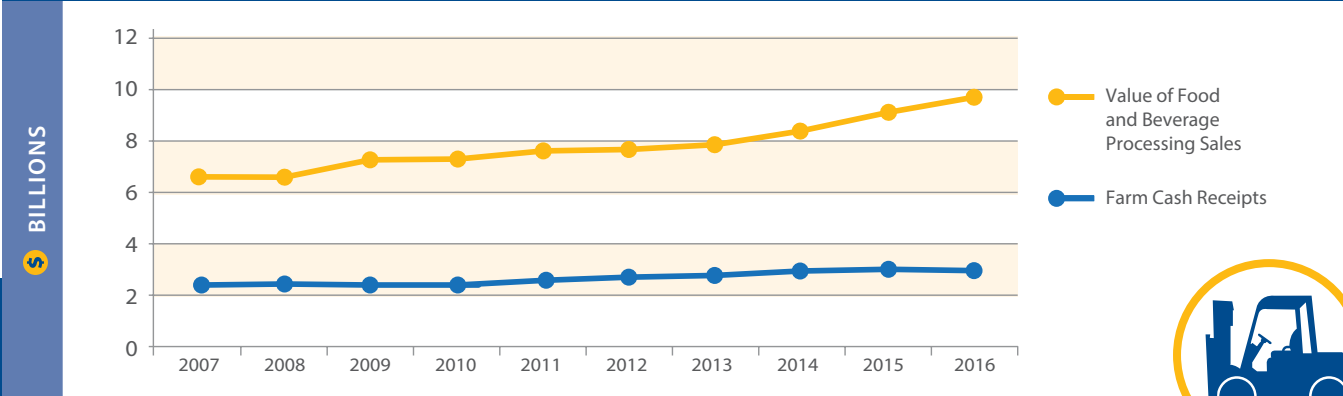
Total farm cash receipts for the primary agriculture sector reached \$3.0 billion, contributing 22 per cent of total agrifood and seafood revenues for the province. In 2016, B.C. farms produced Canada's highest fruit revenues and second highest revenues in greenhouse vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, and nursery crops. The province's supply-managed sector - including dairy, chicken, turkey, table eggs and broiler hatching eggs - was the third largest in the country.

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



The province was also home to nearly 2,600 food and beverage processing firms in 2016, which generated \$9.8 billion in sales and contributed 70 per cent of provincial agrifood and seafood revenues. Food and beverage processing was the second largest manufacturing sector in the province after B.C.'s forestry sector (wood and paper manufacturing).

BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRIFOOD REVENUES – 2007 TO 2016



Industry Performance

IN 2016, TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS GENERATED BY BRITISH COLUMBIA'S AGRICULTURE SECTOR TOPPED **\$3.0 BILLION** AND TOTAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING SALES REACHED **\$9.8 BILLION**.

Total farm cash receipts include farm sales of crop and livestock/poultry products as well as direct program payments* made to producers.

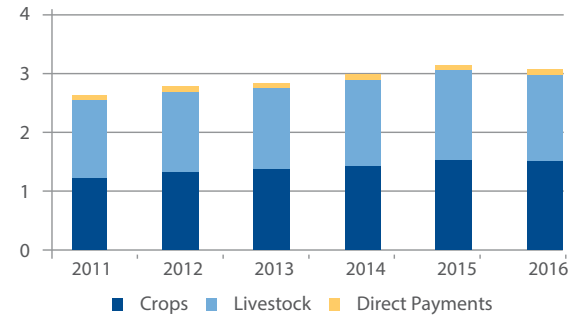
Sales from B.C.'s crop sector in 2016 contributed \$1.54 billion (a 51 per cent share) to the total farm cash receipts while sales from the livestock and poultry sector contributed \$1.46 billion (a 48 per cent share). Direct program payments accounted for the remaining \$30 million (one per cent share) of receipts.

The five largest farm sectors in B.C. in terms of farm cash receipts in 2016 included dairy with 19 per cent of the receipts, chickens with 12 per cent, greenhouse vegetables with 10 per cent, floriculture with nine per cent and beef with seven per cent.

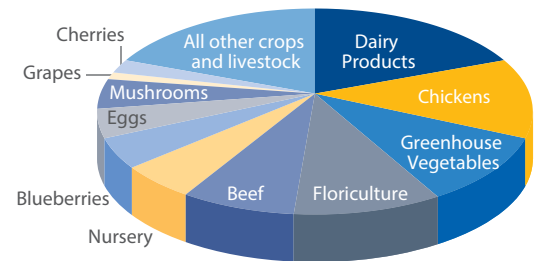
Total food and beverage processing sales combine shipments from food processing plants and beverage and tobacco processing plants. In 2016, B.C.'s food processing sales amounted to over \$8.14 billion (an 83 per cent share) of the total food and beverage sales while beverage processing sales were \$1.67 billion – a 17 per cent share.

The five largest food and beverage processing sectors in B.C. in 2016 included meat and poultry products with 17 per cent of the sales, other food industries with 16 per cent, dairy with 15 per cent, breweries, distilleries and wineries combined with 13 per cent, and seafood products with ten per cent.

B.C. AGRICULTURE 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Billions)



B.C. CROPS AND LIVESTOCK 2016
Distribution of Selected Farm Cash Receipts



B.C. FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING 2016
Sales (\$ Billions)



▶ VALUE OF B.C.'S AGRIFOOD & SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

SECTOR	\$ MILLIONS			\$ BILLIONS			% CHANGE
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
CROPS	1,434	1,553	1,535	1.43	1.55	1.54	-1.2%
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1,479	1,517	1,464	1.48	1.52	1.46	-3.5%
DIRECT PROGRAM PAYMENTS	31	37	30	0.03	0.04	0.03	-18.9%
AGRICULTURE TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS	2,943	3,107	3,029	2.94	3.11	3.03	-2.5%
SEAFOOD (AQUACULTURE AND WILD FISHERIES) SALES	862	892	1,170	0.86	0.89	1.17	31.2%
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING SHIPMENTS	8,392	9,167	9,813	8.39	9.17	9.81	7.0%
B.C. AGRIFOOD AND SEAFOOD TOTAL	12,198	13,166	14,012	12.19	13.17	14.01	6.4%

Totals may not add due to rounding.

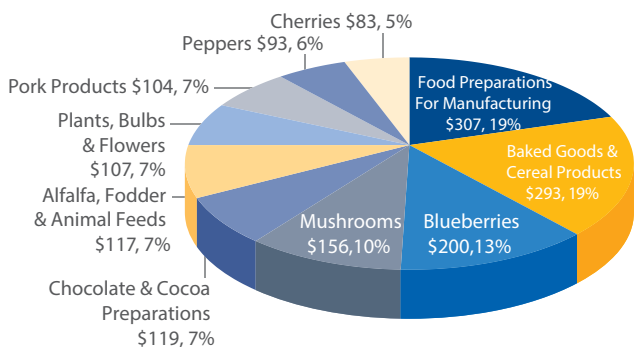
*Direct program payments to agricultural producers include all payments made directly to producers in the calendar year under federal and provincial programs as well as payments made under private programs.

Agrifood Export Highlights

AT **\$2.5 BILLION**, BRITISH COLUMBIA'S AGRIFOOD EXPORTS MADE UP 65 PER CENT OF THE PROVINCE'S **\$3.8 BILLION** TOTAL AGRIFOOD AND SEAFOOD EXPORTS IN 2016.

MARKET	2015 EXPORT VALUE (\$ MILLIONS)	2015 EXPORT (SHARE %)	2016 EXPORT VALUE (\$ MILLIONS)	2016 EXPORT (SHARE %)	% CHANGE 2015/2016
UNITED STATES	1,862	77.2	1,940	77.4	5.2
CHINA	141	5.8	142	5.7	0.8
JAPAN	103	4.3	101	4.0	-2.5
SOUTH KOREA	48	2.0	54	2.2	11.6
HONG KONG	25	1.0	31	1.2	26.5
REST OF WORLD	232	9.6	240	9.6	3.4
B.C. EXPORT TOTAL	2,411	100	2,508	100	4.8

B.C. EXPORTS 2016
Top Exports by Value (\$ Millions) and Share of Total B.C. Agrifood Exports (% of \$2.5 Billion)



B.C.'s agrifood exports increased by five per cent in 2016, with shipments to 147 markets.

Agrifood exports include primary agriculture products and processed food and beverages derived from both domestic and imported sources.

The top ten agrifood export products totalled \$1.6 billion and accounted for 64 per cent of B.C.'s total agrifood exports in 2016.

Ninety per cent (\$2.3 billion) of the province's agrifood export value went to five markets: the United States, China, Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong. The United States continued to be B.C.'s most important market with over \$1.9 billion in shipments in 2016, a five per cent increase over 2015.



British Columbia Farm Cash Receipts 2011 to 2016

		(\$'000)					2016 vs. 2015 % CHANGE	AVERAGE 2011-2015	2016 vs. AVERAGE % CHANGE		
SECTOR	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016					
FRUITS	Blueberries	105,757	125,748	91,735	112,210	156,889	151,432	-3.5%	118,468	27.8%	
	Cranberries	39,772	41,430	48,795	45,558	41,363	44,897	8.5%	43,384	3.5%	
	Kiwis	x	x	x	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	Raspberries	15,946	12,380	11,139	18,031	17,703	19,901	12.4%	15,040	32.3%	
	Saskatoon Berries	x	x	x	x	x	230	na	na	na	
	Strawberries	5,685	5,066	4,854	5,548	5,076	5,623	10.8%	5,246	7.2%	
	Other Fruits	1,095	1,206	1,049	x	x	1,861	na	1,117	66.7%	
	Grapes	41,333	50,476	44,893	46,947	49,764	56,970	14.5%	46,683	22.0%	
	Berries and Grapes	209,738	236,479	202,546	229,781	272,369	280,914	3.1%	230,183	22.0%	
	Apples	34,034	44,230	50,430	46,193	47,339	48,578	2.6%	44,445	9.3%	
	Apricots	501	x	522	840	978	1,302	33.1%	710	83.3%	
	Cherries - Sour	x	x	x	151	x	145	na	151	-4.0%	
	Cherries - Sweet	30,838	40,427	41,979	45,696	55,785	52,250	-6.3%	42,945	21.7%	
	Nectarines	871	872	800	1,265	1,325	1,589	19.9%	1,027	54.8%	
	Peaches	5,039	6,106	4,620	6,079	6,728	7,550	12.2%	5,714	32.1%	
	Pears	2,867	2,586	3,014	3,309	3,165	3,256	2.9%	2,988	9.0%	
	Plums and Prunes	x	1,018	1,170	1,445	x	1,511	na	1,211	24.8%	
	Tree Fruits	75,174	96,076	102,688	104,977	116,944	116,181	-0.7%	99,172	17.2%	
	FRUITS	284,911	332,556	305,234	334,758	389,313	397,095	2.0%	329,354	20.6%	
CROPS	VEGETABLES	Asparagus	734	639	730	753	810	758	-6.4%	733	3.4%
		Beans	3,607	3,790	3,785	3,605	3,712	3,687	-0.7%	3,700	-0.3%
		Beets	3,739	2,278	2,639	2,233	3,535	3,654	3.4%	2,885	26.7%
		Broccoli	2,690	3,248	2,173	2,178	3,770	x	na	2,812	na
		Brussels Sprouts	3,690	3,310	1,633	2,765	3,641	3,081	-15.4%	3,008	2.4%
		Cabbage	3,996	4,406	5,754	6,095	6,026	6,768	12.3%	5,255	28.8%
		Carrots	4,118	3,382	4,808	4,152	5,428	5,427	0.0%	4,378	24.0%
		Cauliflower	743	569	445	753	1,216	1,234	1.5%	745	65.6%
		Celery	x	47	x	33	105	155	47.6%	62	151.4%
		Corn - Sweet	6,056	7,088	7,152	8,990	8,249	9,780	18.6%	7,507	30.3%
		Cucumbers and Gherkins	1,141	780	785	1,250	2,251	2,110	-6.3%	1,241	70.0%
		Garlic	994	1,144	1,455	1,553	4,792	5,068	5.8%	1,988	155.0%
		Green Onions and Shallots	693	921	847	951	1,178	1,105	-6.2%	918	20.4%
		Green Peas	1,243	1,657	1,510	1,551	2,218	2,209	-0.4%	1,636	35.0%
		Leeks	772	516	498	402	254	489	92.5%	488	0.1%
		Lettuce - Field	5,684	5,154	6,224	6,441	6,264	6,094	-2.7%	5,953	2.4%
		Mushrooms	x	x	x	114,740	119,297	120,490	1.0%	117,019	3.0%
		Onions - Dry	1,790	2,205	1,378	1,599	1,268	1,919	51.3%	1,648	16.4%
		Parsley	347	260	290	441	368	375	1.9%	341	9.9%
		Parsnips	463	617	779	456	552	1,112	101.4%	573	93.9%
		Peppers	2,339	2,064	2,113	2,480	2,825	4,606	63.0%	2,364	94.8%
		Potatoes	32,581	37,279	34,055	30,664	34,809	45,932	32.0%	33,878	35.6%
		Pumpkins	3,978	2,987	3,849	3,800	4,856	4,779	-1.6%	3,894	22.7%
		Radishes	555	492	549	590	960	837	-12.8%	629	33.0%
		Rhubarb	877	828	x	465	700	x	na	718	na
		Rutabagas and Turnips	1,320	1,114	1,364	1,260	1,359	1,383	1.8%	1,283	7.8%
		Spinach	1,002	1,407	775	989	921	845	-8.3%	1,019	-17.1%
		Squash and Zucchini	4,682	3,760	4,158	4,987	6,324	7,165	13.3%	4,782	49.8%
		Tomatoes	3,169	2,441	2,662	3,250	3,754	4,595	22.4%	3,055	50.4%
		Watermelons/Other Melons	508	663	964	761	1,474	2,159	46.5%	874	147.0%
		Other Field Vegetables	x	x	4,008	x	3,750	14,153	277.4%	3,879	264.9%
		Field Vegetables	183,869	198,393	199,326	212,051	236,667	266,267	12.5%	206,061	29.2%
		Cucumbers - Greenhouse	40,534	39,448	45,729	45,208	42,648	x	na	42,713	na
		Lettuce - Hydroponics	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Peppers - Greenhouse	102,993	97,460	136,995	129,135	140,881	151,676	7.7%	121,493	24.8%		
Tomatoes - Greenhouse	115,712	94,141	117,068	116,401	116,301	114,047	-1.9%	111,925	1.9%		
Other Greenhouse Vegetables	x	x	x	x	x	2060	na	na	na		
Greenhouse Vegetables	266,235	235,515	305,301	296,591	304,029	315,502	3.8%	281,534	12.1%		
VEGETABLES	417,522	396,629	470,572	477,978	505,887	535,837	5.9%	453,718	18.1%		

British Columbia Farm Cash Receipts 2011 to 2016 (continued)

		(\$'000)						2016 vs. 2015	AVERAGE	2016 vs.	
SECTOR		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% CHANGE	2011-2015	AVERAGE % CHANGE	
CROPS	FLORI CULTURE NURSERY SOD	Floriculture	240,031	246,138	277,443	274,056	299,900	284,611	-5.1%	267,514	6.4%
		Nursery	175,244	182,912	182,072	177,192	196,245	151,705	-22.7%	182,733	-17.0%
		Sod	10,098	10,357	10,393	9,557	10,662	11,375	6.7%	10,213	11.4%
	FLORICULTURE, NURSERY and SOD		425,373	439,407	469,908	460,805	506,808	447,691	-11.7%	460,460	-2.8%
	GRAINS and OILSEEDS	Barley	4,283	9,015	8,948	9,691	5,353	5,673	6.0%	7,458	-23.9%
		Canola	17,822	37,234	27,015	39,789	29,768	27,983	-6.0%	30,326	-7.7%
		Oats	5,909	11,917	11,459	8,035	9,246	7,983	-13.7%	9,313	-14.3%
		Wheat	15,812	32,056	18,166	23,871	19,662	8,996	-54.2%	21,913	-58.9%
		Deferments ¹	-13,722	-16,674	-12,656	-9,234	-10,976	-10,841	-1.2%	-12,652	-14.3%
		Liquidations ²	7,266	13,623	16,521	12,971	9,174	10,987	19.8%	11,911	-7.8%
	GRAINS AND OILSEEDS		37,370	87,171	69,453	85,123	62,227	50,781	-18.4%	68,269	-25.6%
	OTHER CROPS	Ginseng	2,794	1,192	1,464	2,360	2,920	2,798	-4.2%	2,146	30.4%
		Forage and Grass Seed	32	39	260	367	274	227	-17.2%	194	16.8%
		Hay and Clover	18,381	16,519	18,605	22,468	30,693	33,251	8.3%	21,333	55.9%
		Forest Products	4,515	4,649	4,931	5,014	5,123	5,324	3.9%	4,846	9.9%
		Christmas Trees	3,321	2,603	2,451	2,283	2,259	3,494	54.7%	2,583	35.2%
		Miscellaneous Crops	10,281	11,045	11,539	11,915	12,908	12,758	-1.2%	11,538	10.6%
	OTHER CROPS³		39,324	36,047	39,250	44,407	54,177	57,852	6.8%	42,641	35.7%
	TOTAL CROPS		1,237,082	1,329,089	1,388,472	1,433,736	1,553,219	1,535,189	-1.2%	1,388,320	10.6%
	LIVESTOCK	BEEF	Cattle	127,600	148,182	146,717	207,629	227,930	168,201	-26.2%	171,612
Calves			59,283	58,580	34,362	70,481	78,809	50,999	-35.3%	60,303	-15.4%
BEEF		186,883	206,762	181,079	278,110	306,739	219,200	-28.5%	231,915	-5.5%	
PORK		HOGS	28,382	28,291	30,320	36,537	31,992	32,492	1.6%	31,104	4.5%
		DAIRY		522,770	530,255	527,657	554,730	564,395	586,132	3.9%	539,961
POULTRY		Chickens	351,127	368,912	378,686	369,484	357,741	368,663	3.1%	365,190	1.0%
		Turkeys	45,634	50,993	51,301	50,452	49,353	49,121	-0.5%	49,547	-0.9%
		Hatcheries	1,072	718	1,088	1,660	765	390	-49.0%	1,061	-63.2%
		TOTAL POULTRY		397,833	420,623	431,075	421,596	407,859	418,174	2.5%	415,797
EGGS		Eggs for Consumption	103,159	112,389	120,024	116,906	123,125	140,431	14.1%	115,121	22.0%
		Eggs for Hatching ⁴	82	706	77	12	34	115	238.2%	182	-36.9%
		TOTAL EGGS		103,240	113,094	120,101	116,918	123,159	140,546	14.1%	115,302
OTHER LIVESTOCK		Lambs	10,500	7,723	5,485	7,383	10,563	9,777	-7.4%	8,331	17.4%
		Honey	6,795	7,694	9,744	11,904	17,072	12,419	-27.3%	10,642	16.7%
		OTHER LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS³		45,606	60,983	65,340	51,747	55,350	45,583	-17.6%	55,805
TOTAL LIVESTOCK		1,302,010	1,375,426	1,370,801	1,478,925	1,517,129	1,464,323	-3.5%	1,408,858	3.9%	
TOTAL DIRECT PAYMENTS		65,631	47,758	44,432	30,588	36,700	29,659	-19.2%	45,022	-34.1%	
TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS		2,604,723	2,752,273	2,803,705	2,943,249	3,107,048	3,029,171	-2.5%	2,842,200	6.6%	

Source: B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Fast Stats 2016.

1 - Deferred grain receipts include receipts from grain crops that are sold in a year other than the year they were produced.

2 - Liquidations represent the deferred sales of crops that have been reviewed and revised by Statistics Canada to reflect the year in which the crop was actually sold.

3 - Other Crops and Other Livestock are calculated as the difference between the totals and the individual commodity receipts for these sectors.

4 - Farm cash receipts for hatching eggs exclude inter-farm sales within the province.

na - not applicable.

x- Suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act. Confidential estimates are included in totals.

Note - Totals may not agree due to rounding.

British Columbia Food and Beverage Processing Sales 2011 to 2016

SECTOR	(\$ Millions)						AVERAGE 2011-2015	2016 VS. 2015 % CHANGE	2016 VS. AVERAGE % CHANGE
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016			
Animal Food Products	556.6	623.6	648.1	703.3	761.1	794.4	658.5	4.4%	20.6%
Grains and Oilseed Milling	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Flour Milling and Malts	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Starch and Vegetable Fats	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Breakfast Cereals	x	x	9.2	8.0	8.7	8.5	8.6	-3.0%	-1.9%
Sugar and Confectionary	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Sugar Manufacturing	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Chocolates and Chocolate	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Confectionery	x	x	186.5	219.0	x	x	202.8	na	na
Non-Chocolate Confectionery	x	x	34.9	x	x	18.2	34.9	na	-47.8%
Fruit and Vegetable Preserving & Specialty Food Products	427.8	407.3	379.0	388.3	437.1	483.0	407.9	10.5%	18.4%
Dairy Products	x	x	1,178.1	1,196.6	1,318.9	1,438.9	1,231.2	9.1%	16.9%
Meat and Poultry Products	1,955.1	1,971.3	1,862.0	1,738.2	1,739.3	1,650.4	1,853.2	-5.1%	-10.9%
Meat Products (Excluding Poultry)	546.3	385.5	369.7	326.4	356.8	380.6	351.0	6.7%	8.4%
Poultry	1,408.8	1,585.8	1,492.3	1,411.8	1,382.5	1,269.8	1,428.8	-8.2%	-11.1%
Seafood Products	x	x	590.2	695.9	824.9	1,017.9	703.7	23.4%	44.6%
Bakery and Tortilla Products	609.9	582.6	545.4	616.3	690.3	789.4	617.3	14.4%	27.9%
Bread and Bakery Products	506.7	483.8	471.0	542.0	610.9	712.7	541.3	16.7%	31.7%
Cookies, Crackers and Pasta	x	x	x	x	x	76.7	na	na	na
Tortillas	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Other Food Products	1,010.3	1,001.1	1,127.7	1,316.7	1,442.9	1,523.7	1,179.7	5.6%	29.2%
Snack Foods	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Coffees and Teas	164.0	75.0	x	241.6	219.2	205.5	230.4	-10.8%	-10.8%
Concentrates	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
Seasonings and Dressings	x	x	x	x	x	x	na	na	na
All Other Foods	530.9	566.9	636.9	757.8	847.5	884.8	747.4	18.4%	18.4%
TOTAL FOOD PROCESSING	6,521.4	6,674.1	6,747.0	7,094.0	7,732.9	8,144.3	6,953.9	5.3%	17.1%
Soft Drinks and Ice	359.0	x	333.9	333.3	341.2	382.8	341.8	12.2%	12.0%
Alcoholic Beverages	x	x	852.2	964.9	1,092.6	1,285.3	915.1	17.6%	40.5%
Breweries	499.6	518.0	545.4	567.1	605.6	698.0	547.1	15.3%	27.6%
Wineries	277.8	x	304.9	395.7	482.8	580.7	365.3	20.3%	59.0%
Distilleries	x	x	1.8	2.1	4.2	6.7	2.7	59.0%	148.3%
Tobacco¹	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
TOTAL BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO PROCESSING²	1,136.9	1,161.5	1,186.1	1,298.1	1,433.8	1,668.3	1,243.3	16.4%	34.2%
TOTAL FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO PROCESSING	7,658.4	7,835.6	7,933.1	8,392.1	9,166.7	9,812.6	8,197.2	7.0%	19.7%

Source: B.C. Ministry of Agriculture. Fast Stats 2016

1 – No estimates have been released by Statistics Canada for B.C. Tobacco Processing Sales for these years.

2 – Total Beverage and Tobacco Processing Sales in 2012 are estimated using the value for 2011; and 2013 and 2014 are estimated using Total Beverage Processing Sales for these same years.

na - not applicable.

Note - Totals may not agree due to rounding.

x- Suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act. Confidential estimates are included in totals.

B.C. Food and Beverage Processing

TOTAL SALES IN B.C.'S FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING SECTOR REACHED \$9.8 BILLION IN 2016, AN INCREASE OF WELL OVER HALF A BILLION DOLLARS ABOVE THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Food and beverage processing was B.C.'s second largest manufacturing sector after forestry (wood and paper) manufacturing. Combined sales from more than 2,000 food processing firms and close to 600 beverage and tobacco processing firms reached a new record of \$9.8 billion in 2016, up \$646 million (seven per cent) over 2015 and up 20 per cent over the previous five-year average.

Meat and poultry products, at close to \$1.7 billion, accounted for the largest share (16.8 per cent) of B.C.'s food and beverage processing sales in 2016. This was followed by other manufactured food products* at \$1.5 billion (15.5 per cent), dairy products at \$1.4 billion (14.7 per cent), alcoholic beverage products at almost \$1.3 billion (13.1 per cent), and seafood products at \$1.0 billion (10.4 per cent).

Significant value increases occurred in processed seafood products (up by \$193.0 million, 23.4 per cent), followed by alcoholic beverages (up by \$192.7 million, 17.6 per cent), dairy products (up by \$120.0 million, 9.1 per cent), and bakery and tortilla products (up by \$99.1 million, 14.4 per cent). The increase in revenues from these four sectors accounted for a combined \$604.8 million or 94 per cent of the total growth that occurred in B.C.'s food and beverage processing sales in 2016.

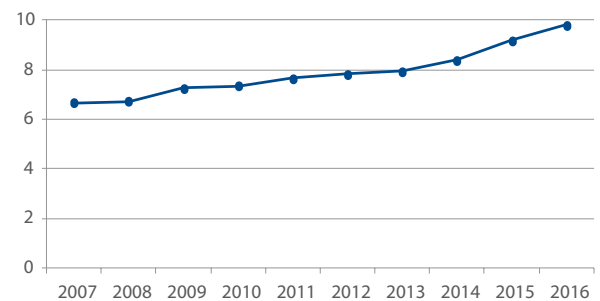
Value-added food and beverage products contribute significantly to B.C.'s agrifood and seafood international exports. Notable agrifood exports in 2016 were food preparations for manufacturing and natural health products** at \$306.8 million, baked goods and cereal products at \$293.3 million and chocolate and cocoa preparations at \$118.7 million. Exports of beverage products – predominately water, juices and wine – amounted to an additional \$78.8 million in 2016.

**Other manufactured food products* include: snack foods; coffee and tea; flavouring syrups and concentrates; seasoning and dressings; cut, peeled, polished or sliced vegetables; manufactured pizzas; soup mixes; prepared meals and sandwiches for the wholesale market; and honey processing; etc. (See NAICS 311990).*

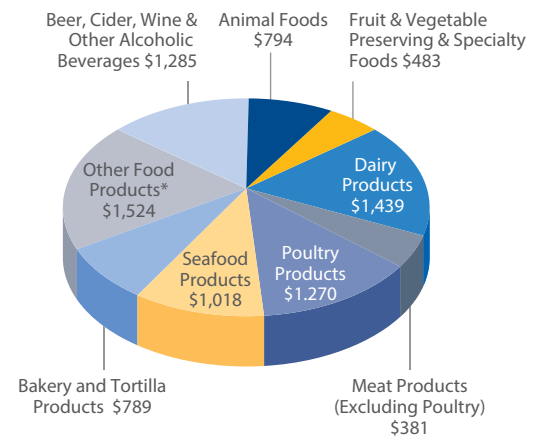
***Food preparations for manufacturing and natural health products* is an export category that includes pastes, powders and flavourings used by food and natural health product manufacturers.*



B.C. FOOD & BEVERAGE PROCESSING 2016
Sales (\$ Billions)



B.C. FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING SALES
Selected Product Categories, 2016 (\$ Millions)





B.C. Crops

B.C.'S TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN CROPS AMOUNTED TO \$1.54 BILLION IN 2016 - JUST OVER HALF OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL REVENUES.

B.C. farmers grow a diverse range of food and other horticultural crops, valued at \$1.54 billion in farm cash receipts in 2016. From grains and oilseeds, dominant in the province's northern region, to fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery and specialty crops prevalent in the more southern regions, B.C.'s crops account for 51 per cent of the province's total agricultural revenues.

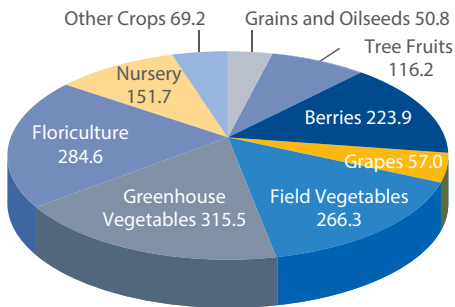
Farm cash receipts from all vegetables account for the largest share of the province's crop receipts at \$581.8 million or 38 per cent, followed by total fruits at \$397.1 million (26 per cent), floriculture at \$284.6 million (18.5 per cent), nursery at \$151.7 million (10 per cent), and grains, oilseeds and other crops at \$120 million (7.5 per cent).

B.C. has 2.59 million hectares of farmland, nearly a quarter (23 per cent) of which is in land used to grow crops for sale, including hay, food, and horticultural crops. The remaining farmland is in natural land for pasture or grazing (55 per cent), tame or seeded pasture (eight per cent) and 'all other land' (14 per cent) which includes woodlands, wetlands and land on which farm buildings, barnyards, lanes, and home gardens are located, as well as idle land. A small amount (0.2 per cent) of farmland is in summer fallow.

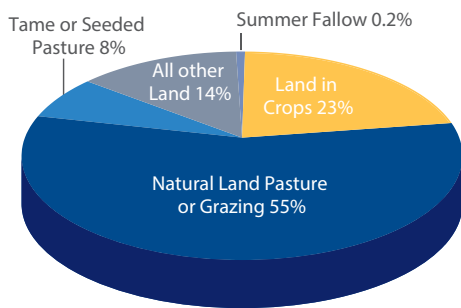
Just over 583,000 hectares of B.C.'s farmland is in land used to grow crops for sale, with 60 per cent of this land in hay crops, 39 per cent in food crops and one per cent in horticulture crops (nursery, sod, floriculture and Christmas tree production).

B.C.'s land in food and other horticultural crops amounts to nearly 235,000 hectares. The majority (139,000 hectares or 59 per cent) is in grains and oilseeds; about 53,700 hectares (23 per cent) is in other field crops such as corn for silage, dry field peas, and forage seed; close to 25,400 hectares (11 per cent) is in fruits; about 9,800 hectares (four per cent) is in vegetables; and close to 6,700 hectares (three per cent) is in other horticultural crops – including floriculture, nursery, sod and Christmas trees.

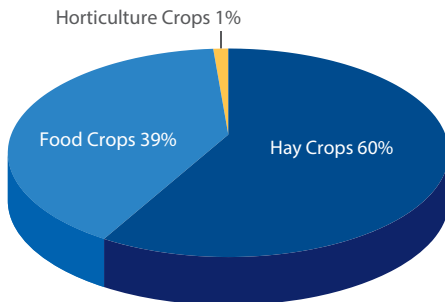
B.C. CROPS 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



LAND USE ON B.C. CENSUS FARMS 2016
(% of 2,590,210 Hectares)



B.C. LAND IN CROPS
(% of 583,190 Hectares)



▶ *Fruits and Nuts*

B.C. IS CANADA'S LARGEST FRUIT-PRODUCING PROVINCE WITH NEARLY 293,000 TONNES OF FRUIT PRODUCED AND MARKETED IN 2016, GENERATING OVER \$397 MILLION IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS.

The province's diverse climate enables the production of a wide variety of quality fruit. Berries and other small fruits and nuts accounted for more than half (56.4 per cent) of the province's farm cash receipts in fruit, followed by tree fruits with 29.3 per cent and grapes with 14.3 per cent.

With nearly \$224 million in berries, over \$116 million in tree fruits and \$57 million grapes, B.C. ranked #1 in Canada in fruits, accounting for \$397 million (39 per cent) of the nation's farm cash receipts in fruit.

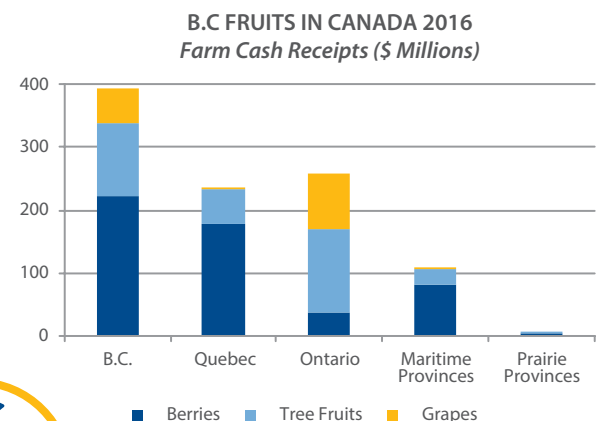
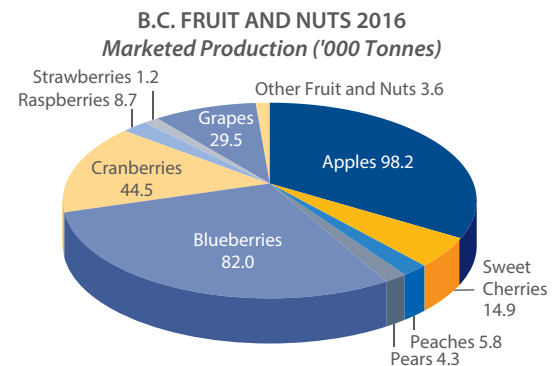
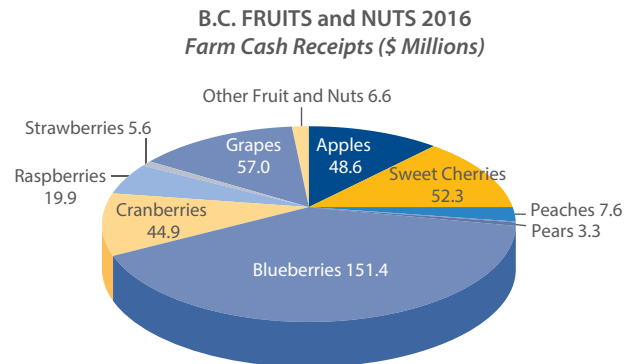
B.C. led the nation in sales of berries and ranked second nationally in tree fruits and grapes. By individual crop, B.C. accounted for the largest share of Canada's farm cash receipts in blueberries, sweet cherries, raspberries and apricots, and ranked second nationally in farm cash receipts from grapes, cranberries, peaches, pears, nectarines, plums and prunes, and Saskatoon berries.

Approximately 293,000 tonnes of fruit and nuts were produced and marketed in B.C. in 2016 on close to 25,400 hectares of census farmland, including:

- ▶ **Over 138,000 tonnes of berries grown on about 13,800 hectares (95 per cent located in the Lower Mainland-Southwest region);**
- ▶ **Close to 125,000 tonnes of tree fruits grown on over 6,200 hectares (88 per cent located in the Thompson-Okanagan region);**
- ▶ **29,500 tonnes of grapes grown on over 3,900 hectares (89 per cent located in the Thompson--Okanagan region); and**
- ▶ **More than two tonnes of other fruits and nuts grown on close to 700 hectares.**

Filberts (hazelnuts) and walnuts along with some chestnuts and pecans are the predominant nuts grown in the British Columbia.

B.C. exported nearly \$505 million worth of fruit and nuts in 2016. B.C.'s top five fruit and nut exports in 2016 included blueberries (\$200.2 million), cherries (\$83.3 million), cranberries (\$56.1 million), ground nut products (\$22.8 million) and apples (\$20.9 million).



Berries and Grapes

B.C. IS HOME TO CANADA'S LARGEST BERRY INDUSTRY AND SECOND LARGEST GRAPE INDUSTRY, WITH FARM CASH RECEIPTS AT NEARLY \$224 MILLION IN BERRIES AND \$57 MILLION IN GRAPES IN 2016.

B.C.'s blueberry farmers generated over \$151 million (58 per cent) of Canada's farm cash receipts in blueberries in 2016, ranking B.C. #1 in the nation in blueberries. B.C. also ranked first in raspberries with \$20 million (57 per cent) of national farm cash receipts in raspberries, second in cranberries with \$45 million (34 per cent) and second in grapes with \$57 million (38 per cent).

BERRIES: B.C.'s berry farmers harvested over 138,000 tonnes of berries in 2016, including 82,000 tonnes of blueberries; nearly 46,000 tonnes of cranberries; over 8,700 tonnes of raspberries; nearly 1,200 tonnes of strawberries; and 73 tonnes of Saskatoon berries. Total berry production in 2016 was up 6 per cent over 2015 and up 29 per cent over the previous five-year average.

Total farm cash receipts from berries at \$224 million in 2016 were up marginally over 2015 and up 22 per cent over the previous five-year average, with all berries experiencing solid growth over this period.

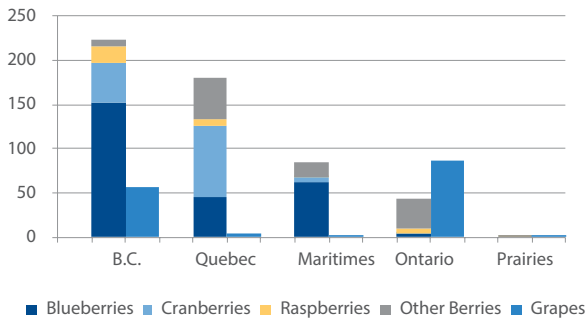
B.C. blueberry exports, valued at over \$200 million in 2016 and B.C. cranberry exports, valued at \$56.1 million, both made B.C.'s list of top 25 agrifood exports in 2016, with blueberries ranking in the top four highest in exports on a value basis.

GRAPES: The majority of B.C. grape production was wine grapes destined for provincial wineries. B.C.'s wine and table grapes were grown on 3,900 hectares of land (89 per cent in the Thompson-Okanagan region), accounting for almost one third of Canada's total census farmland area in grapes in 2016.

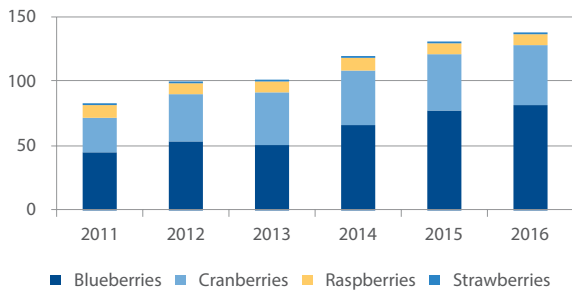
B.C. farmers produced nearly 30,000 tonnes of grapes in 2016 (30 per cent of national production) and generated nearly \$57 million in farm cash receipts. B.C.'s 2016 farm cash receipts in grapes were 14.5 per cent above 2015 and 22 per cent above the previous five-year average, and accounted for 38 per cent of the national total.

Exports of B.C. wine continued to exceed previous records with over \$9.7 million in sales in 2016, an increase of 4.4 per cent over 2015 and 25.3 per cent over the previous five-year average.

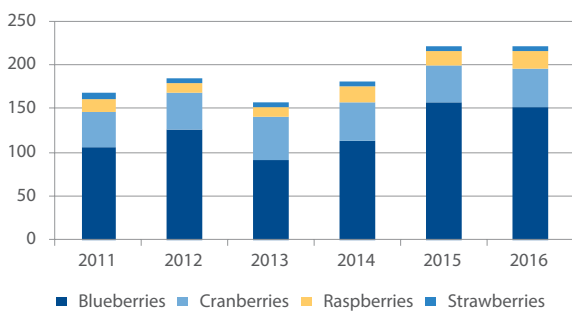
B.C. BERRIES AND GRAPES IN CANADA 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



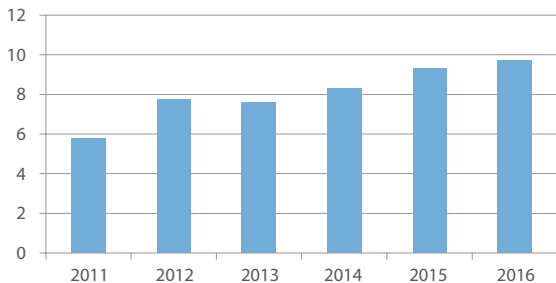
B.C. BERRIES 2016
Marketed Production ('000 Tonnes)



B.C. BERRIES 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. WINE
Exports (\$ Millions)



▶ Tree Fruits

B.C. TREE FRUIT GROWERS PRODUCED CANADA'S SECOND LARGEST TREE FRUIT CROP IN 2016, WITH MORE THAN 128,000 TONNES OF FRUIT VALUED AT OVER \$116 MILLION IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS.

B.C. growers produced the nation's largest sweet cherry and apricot crops; the second largest peach, pear, nectarine, plum and prune crops; and the third largest apple crop in 2016.

Total farm cash receipts from B.C.'s tree fruits, were more than \$116 million in 2016, down marginally from 2015 but 17 per cent higher than the previous five-year average.

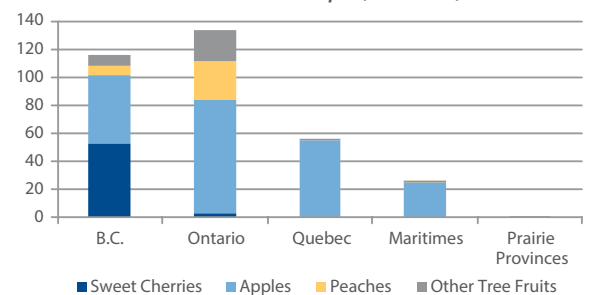
B.C. has over 7,000 hectares (nearly 28 per cent) of Canada's census farmland area in tree fruits - the second largest after Ontario. The majority of the province's tree fruit area is in the Thompson-Okanagan region (accounting for over 6,200 hectares or 89 per cent of the provincial total).

In 2016, B.C. produced over 100,000 tonnes of apples, almost 15,000 tonnes of sweet cherries, nearly 6,000 tonnes of peaches, over 4,300 tonnes of pears, and over 3,500 tonnes of plums/prunes, nectarines, apricots, and other tree fruits combined. In total B.C.'s tree fruit production in 2016 accounted for almost one-third of the national tree fruit production.

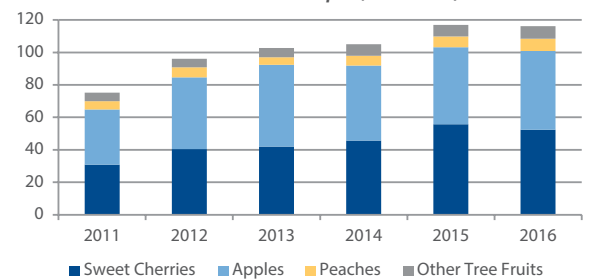
Cherries are B.C.'s largest tree fruit export generating \$83.3 million in export value in 2016. Top export markets for B.C. cherries included the United States with \$39 million (47 per cent) followed by China with \$17 million (20 per cent).



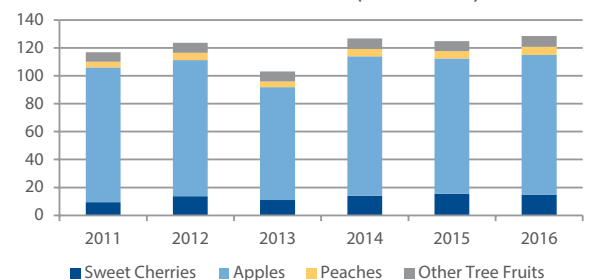
B.C. TREE FRUITS IN CANADA 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. TREE FRUITS 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. TREE FRUITS 2016
Marketed Production ('000 Tonnes)





Vegetables

B.C.'S VEGETABLES GENERATED WELL OVER HALF A BILLION DOLLARS IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN 2016.

Total farm cash receipts from vegetables were \$581.8 million in 2016, including more than \$315.5 million from greenhouse vegetables and more than \$266.3 million from field and other vegetables.

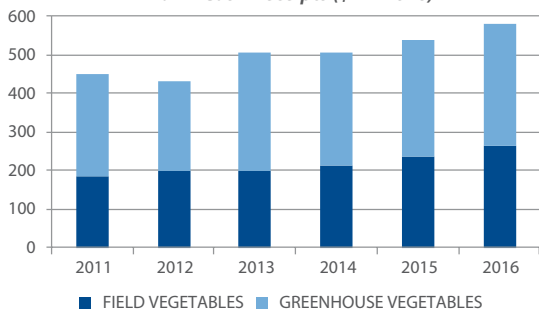
Over 353,000 tonnes of vegetables were produced in the province in 2016. B.C. farmers harvested about 136,000 tonnes of greenhouse vegetables grown on 304 hectares of farmland and more than 217,000 tonnes of field and other vegetables grown on nearly 8,200 hectares of farmland. B.C. is home to the nation's second largest greenhouse vegetable industry and second largest mushroom industry.

Mushrooms were B.C.'s highest value non-greenhouse vegetable crop, accounting for over \$120 million in farm cash receipts in 2016. Potatoes were B.C.'s second highest non-greenhouse vegetable crop with \$45.9 million in farm cash receipts in 2016, followed by sweet corn at \$9.8 million, squash and zucchinis at \$7.2 million, cabbage at \$6.8 million, lettuce at \$6.1 million, carrots at \$5.4 million, and garlic at \$5.1 million. B.C. farmers grew a large array of other field vegetables that generated \$38.4 million in farm cash receipts in 2016.

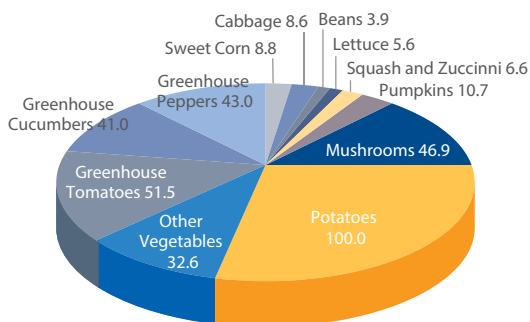
The top five vegetable exports in 2016 included wild and farmed mushrooms (\$156.4 million), peppers (\$93.2 million), tomatoes (\$61.5 million), cucumbers and gherkins (\$16.3 million), and potatoes (\$10.6 million). The United States was the top export market for most of B.C.'s vegetables in 2016.



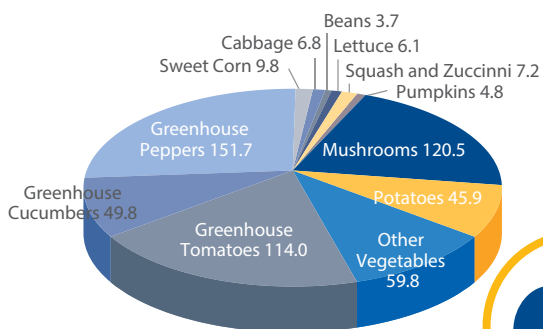
B.C. VEGETABLES
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. VEGETABLES 2016
Marketed Production ('000 Tonnes)



B.C. VEGETABLES 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



▶ Greenhouse Vegetables

B.C. IS HOME TO CANADA'S SECOND LARGEST GREENHOUSE VEGETABLE INDUSTRY, WITH NEARLY 136,000 TONNES OF VEGETABLES PRODUCED IN 2016 WORTH \$316 MILLION IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS.

B.C. greenhouse producers generated \$316 million in farm cash receipts in 2016, including over \$151 million in peppers, \$114 million in tomatoes, and close to \$50 million in cucumbers and other greenhouse vegetables. In total, B.C. greenhouse receipts accounted for almost one-quarter (23 per cent) of Canada's total farm cash receipts in greenhouse vegetables.

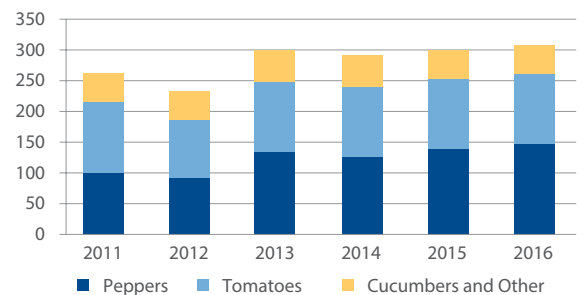
B.C.'s farm cash receipts in greenhouse vegetables in 2016 were four per cent higher than in 2015 and more than 12 per cent above the previous five-year average.

The greenhouse sector supplies the marketplace with fresh vegetables for about ten months of the year on just 304 hectares of land. In total, about 136,000 tonnes of greenhouse vegetables were harvested in 2016, including over 51,000 tonnes of tomatoes, nearly 43,000 tonnes of peppers, and at least 41,000 tonnes of cucumbers, lettuce and other greenhouse vegetables.

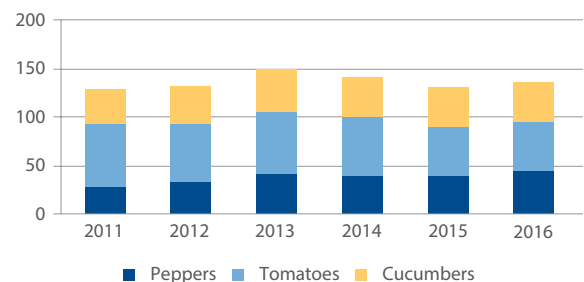
B.C.'s production of greenhouse peppers accounted for 32 per cent of national production of greenhouse peppers while the province's greenhouse tomatoes and cucumbers accounted for 19 per cent and 13 per cent respectively.



B.C. GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES
Marketed Production ('000 Tonnes)





Floriculture, Nursery and Sod

B.C. IS HOME TO CANADA'S SECOND LARGEST FLORICULTURE AND NURSERY INDUSTRIES, WHICH TOGETHER GENERATED MORE THAN \$436 MILLION IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN 2016.

FLORICULTURE: B.C. floriculture growers generated over \$285 million in farm cash receipts in 2016. B.C.'s floriculture industry was the second largest in Canada and the fourth largest agriculture sector in the province in terms of farm cash receipts in 2016.

Growers produced and marketed nearly 14 million cuttings, and over 54 million indoor and outdoor potted plants.

NURSERY: B.C. is home to Canada's second largest nursery industry, valued at almost \$152 million in farm cash receipts in 2016.

Provincially, the nursery industry was B.C.'s sixth largest agriculture sector in terms of farm cash receipts in 2016.

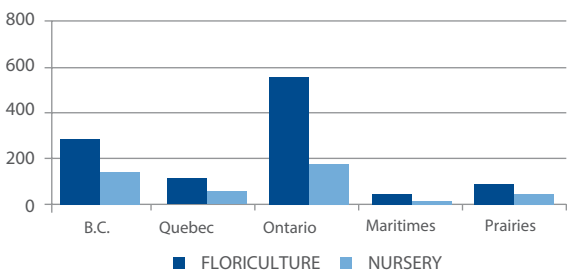
B.C. census farms reported a total of 3,654 hectares in nursery production in 2016, accounting for 18 per cent of the national total. The majority of B.C.'s nursery farms are located in the Lower Mainland-Southwest region (484 farms reporting 2,446 hectares), followed by the Thompson- Okanagan region (100 farms, 595 hectares) and the Vancouver Island-Coast region (188 farms, 436 hectares).

B.C. growers produced over 10 million perennials and annuals; nearly three million coniferous and evergreen shrubs; close to two million coniferous trees; and close to one million shade and ornamental trees.

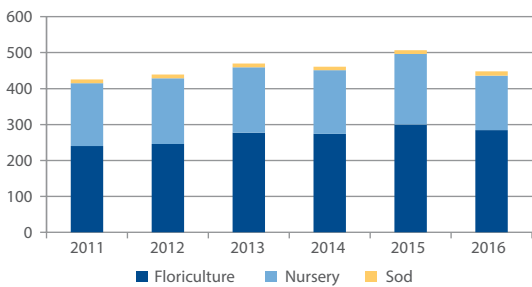
Exports of plants, bulbs and flowers increased by more than 10 per cent in 2016 over the previous year, with shipments totalling \$106.9 million.

SOD: B.C. sod growers generated \$11.4 million in farm cash receipts in 2016 on 813 hectares of land. Nation-wide, B.C. reported the third highest number of census farms with land in sod production. The primary markets for sod in B.C. are home landscaping, 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.

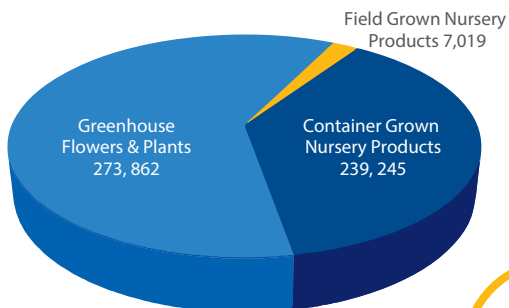
B.C. FLORICULTURE AND NURSERY IN CANADA 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. FLORICULTURE, NURSERY & SOD
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. FLORICULTURE AND NURSERY 2016
Total Units Grown ('000)



Grains and Oilseeds

B.C. GRAIN AND OILSEED FARMS PRODUCED MORE THAN 336,000 TONNES OF WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY AND CANOLA IN 2016, VALUED AT CLOSE TO \$51 MILLION IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS.

B.C. farmers produced more than 336,000 tonnes of grains and oilseeds in 2016 including 139,600 tonnes of wheat, 81,600 tonnes of canola, 56,300 tonnes of oats, and 58,800 tonnes of barley. Production rose two per cent overall with notable growth occurring in canola at 15 per cent above 2015.

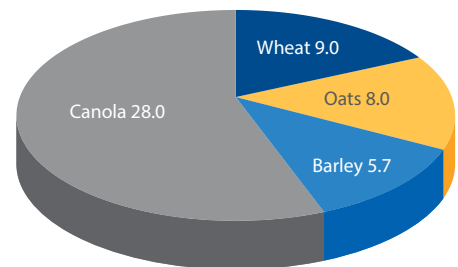
Canola generated \$28.0 million in farm cash receipts, accounting for more than half (55 per cent) of B.C.'s total grain and oilseed receipts in 2016. This was followed by wheat at \$9.0 million (18 per cent), oats at \$8.0 million (16 per cent), and barley at \$5.7 million (11 per cent of provincial farm cash receipts in grains and oilseeds).

In 2016, B.C. farmers seeded 40,500 hectares in spring wheat, 38,400 hectares in canola, 27,100 hectares in oats and 22,700 hectares in barley.

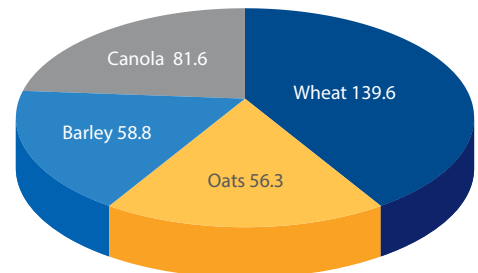
Census farms in the B.C. Peace River region account for 84 per cent of the total farmland area reported in grains and oilseeds production in B.C. in 2016.



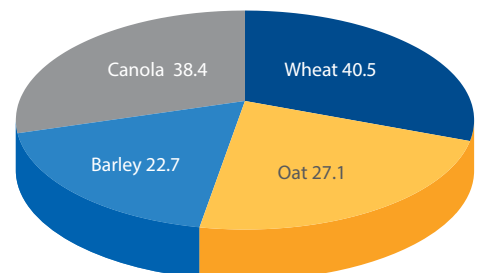
**B.C. GRAINS & OILSEEDS 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)**



**B.C. GRAINS & OILSEEDS 2016
Marketed Production ('000 Tonnes)**



**B.C. LAND IN GRAINS & OILSEEDS 2016
Seeded Area ('000's Hectares)**





B.C. Livestock and Poultry

FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN B.C.'S LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SECTORS TOTALLED **\$1.46 BILLION** IN 2016, AN INCREASE OF \$55 MILLION (3.9 PER CENT) ABOVE THE PREVIOUS FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE.

Total farm cash receipts from beef, dairy, chickens, turkeys, eggs, pork, sheep, lambs and other animals and animal products amounted to \$1.46 billion in 2016, a decrease of 3.5 per cent over 2015 but 3.9 per cent above the previous five-year average.

B.C.'s supply-managed sector (dairy, chicken, turkey, table eggs and broiler hatching eggs) accounted for more than \$1.1 billion (78.2 per cent) of the province's total livestock and poultry receipts in 2016, followed by beef with \$219.2 million (15 per cent), and hogs, lamb, honey and other animals and animal products for the remaining \$100.3 million (6.8 per cent).

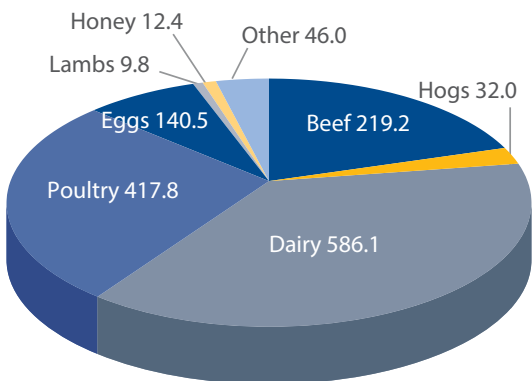
B.C. is home to the third largest supply-managed sector in Canada, after Ontario and Quebec. B.C.'s supply-managed receipts accounted for more than 11 per cent of national supply managed receipts in 2016.

Approximately half (8,095) of B.C.'s 17,528 farms predominantly raise livestock, poultry or other animals. At the end of 2016, there were 595,000 cattle and calves on farms in B.C. including 196,400 beef cows, 37,800 beef replacement heifers, 77,400 dairy cows, 39,100 dairy replacement heifers, 90,000 pigs, 39,000 sheep and lambs, 6,779 bison, 370 fallow deer, 39,885 bee colonies and 9,787,999 chicks and turkey poults.

In addition, there were more than 700,000 other animals on B.C. farms, including horses, ponies, goats, rabbits, ducks, geese, emus, llamas and alpacas. B.C. producers raise some of the less traditional species of livestock and poultry as a means of diversifying farm income and utilizing marginal agricultural land.

B.C. exported more than \$265 million worth of live animals, meat and animal products in 2016, down slightly from 2015. Notable contributors to this category included pork products with an export value of \$104 million, live cattle and bison amounting to \$52 million, poultry products at \$28 million and dairy products with \$40 million.

B.C. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



Beef

B.C. BEEF FARMERS MARKETED CLOSE TO 81,500 TONNES OF BEEF AT A VALUE EXCEEDING \$219 MILLION IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN 2016.

B.C. beef producers marketed nearly 174,000 cattle and calves in 2016, amounting to almost 81,500 tonnes at a value of more than \$219 million in farm cash receipts.

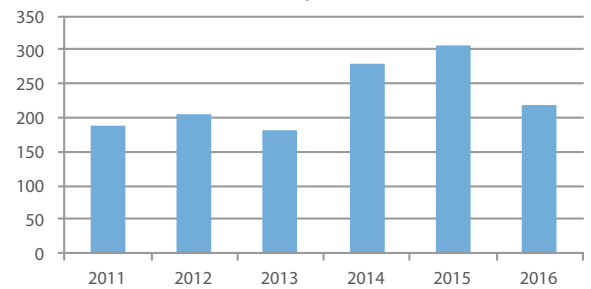
The total tonnage of beef marketed fell 1.6 per cent below 2015 and farm cash receipts fell 28.5 per cent as producers across Canada and the United States encountered lower prices, following three years of tight supplies and high prices. Beef prices fell between 20 and 30 per cent on average across all provinces in 2016.

The B.C. beef industry is primarily cow-calf operations, predominately located in the Thompson- Okanagan, Peace River, Cariboo and Nechako regions. In 2016, there were close to 212,000 beef cows on census farms in B.C., representing 5.7 per cent of the national total.

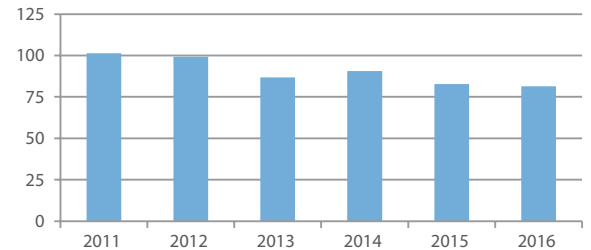
In 2016, B.C.'s census farms reported almost 213,000 beef cows on farm, accounting for just less than six per cent of the national beef cow herd.



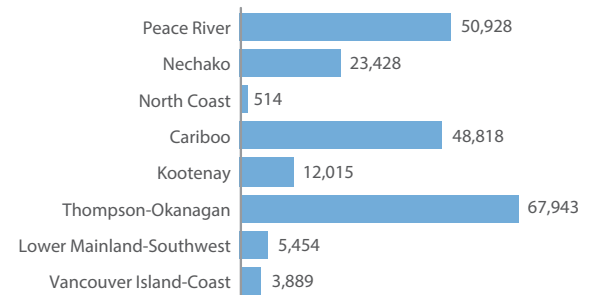
B.C. BEEF 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. BEEF 2016
Marketed Production ('000 Tonnes)



NUMBER OF BEEF COWS IN 2016 IN B.C.





Dairy

B.C. DAIRY PRODUCERS GENERATED WELL OVER HALF A BILLION DOLLARS IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN 2016 – REPRESENTING THE THIRD LARGEST DAIRY PRODUCING REGION OF THE COUNTRY.

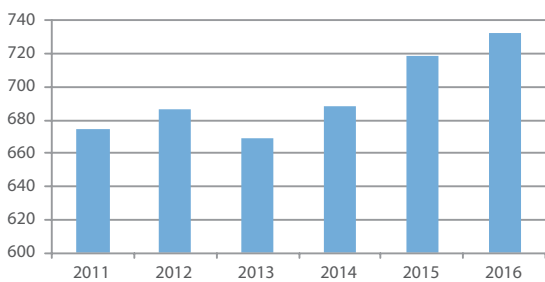
The province's 490 licensed milk producers produced 732.5 million litres of milk in 2016, an increase of nearly two per cent above 2015 and nearly seven per cent above the previous five-year average.

Farm cash receipts from milk production in B.C. exceeded \$586 million in 2016 – nearly four per cent above 2015 and over eight per cent above the previous five-year average.

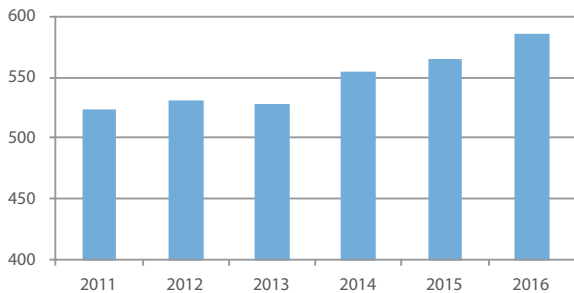
Accounting for over nine per cent of national farm cash receipts in dairy and over 18 per cent of the province's total farm cash receipts, B.C.'s dairy industry is the third largest in Canada and is B.C.'s largest primary agriculture sector.

In 2016 B.C.'s census farms reported close to 76,000 dairy cows on farm, accounting for eight per cent of the national dairy cow herd.

B.C. DAIRY 2016
Production (Million Litres)



B.C. DAIRY 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



▶ Poultry and Eggs

B.C.'S POULTRY AND EGG FARMERS GENERATED OVER HALF A BILLION DOLLARS IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN 2016, RANKING THIRD LARGEST IN CANADA.

B.C. is home to the production of chickens, turkeys, eggs for consumption (including eggs sold for processing), eggs sold for hatching, and various specialty poultry – including silkies, Taiwanese and other ethnic chickens, waterfowl, and game birds.

EGGS: In 2016, the total number of eggs produced in B.C. exceeded 1 billion for the first time in history. B.C. farmers produced 80 million dozen eggs - 90 per cent of which were eggs sold for consumption and 10 per cent were eggs sold for hatching. Farm cash receipts from the sale of eggs in 2016 were 14 per cent above the previous year and 22 per cent above the previous five-year average.

B.C. egg producers led the nation with approximately 21 per cent of producers farming specialty eggs (brown, free run, organic and Omega eggs) – the highest proportion of any province.

POULTRY: B.C. poultry farmers raised and marketed almost 109 million chickens and nearly 2.6 million turkeys in 2016, generating combined farm cash receipts in poultry of more than \$418 million.

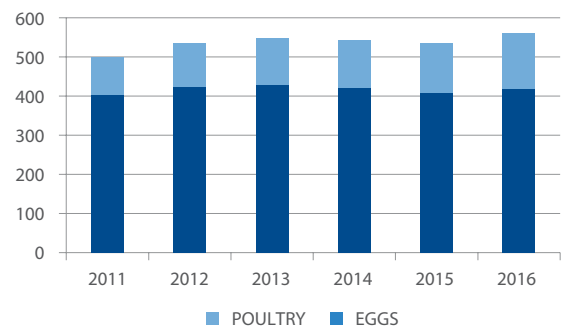
B.C. chicken production – including mainstream chickens as well as specialty poultry – amounted to more than 171,000 tonnes in 2016 and farm cash receipts of close to \$369 million. B.C.'s chicken farming sector is third largest in Canada and chicken is B.C.'s second largest primary agriculture sector.

B.C. turkey production amounted to more than 21,000 tonnes in 2016 with farm cash receipts totalling more than \$49 million. B.C. is home to the nation's third largest turkey farming sector.

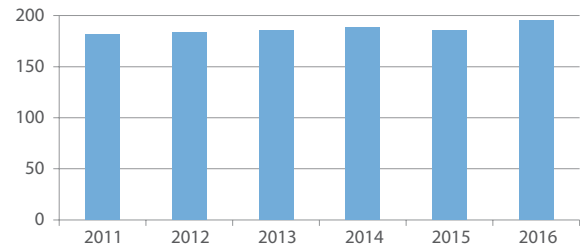
B.C. exported over \$28 million in poultry products in 2016, with the main export market being the U.S., accounting for \$10.2 million (36 per cent) of total exports, followed closely by the Philippines with \$10.1 million (35 per cent).



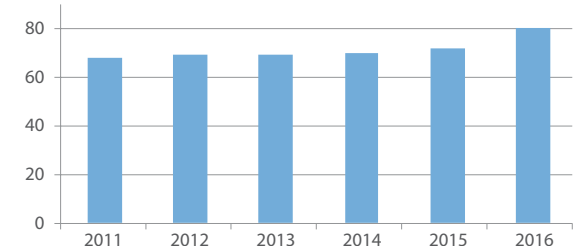
B.C. POULTRY & EGGS 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. POULTRY 2016
Marketed Production ('000 Tonnes)



B.C. EGGS 2016
Marketed Production (Million Dozen)





▶ **Pork and Lamb**

B.C. HOG PRODUCERS GENERATED MORE THAN \$32 MILLION IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN 2016 AND B.C. LAMB PRODUCERS GENERATED NEARLY \$10 MILLION.

PORK: B.C. pork producers raised and marketed more than 216,000 hogs amounting to more than 22,000 tonnes in total weight, and generated over \$32 million in farm cash receipts in 2016.

B.C.'s total pork marketings in 2016 were 7.3 per cent higher than in 2015, but prices were 5.3 per cent lower, resulting in 1.6 per cent overall increase in farm cash receipts.

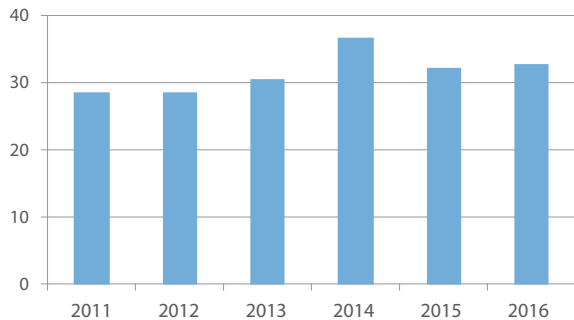
B.C. exports of pork products were valued at more than \$104 million in 2016, an increase of more than 13 per cent over 2015 and accounted for the largest share (39 per cent) of B.C.'s total animal and animal product exports. Key export markets for B.C.'s pork products included China with over 45 per cent, Japan with over 33 per cent and Hong Kong with over six per cent.

The B.C. hog industry is concentrated in the Fraser Valley, in close proximity to the Lower Mainland's wide range of niche markets. The average licensed producer in B.C. manages about 350 sows (farrow- to-finish) and markets about 7,000 hogs annually.

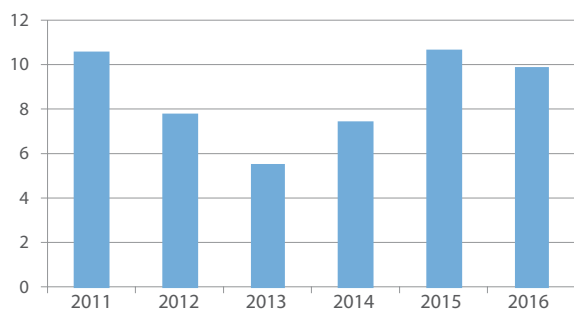
SHEEP and LAMBS: B.C. farmers generated \$9.8 million in farm cash receipts from the sale of lambs in 2016, an increase of 17 per cent over last five years' average.

At the end of 2016, there were 37,000 rams, ewes and lambs on B.C. farms. Approximately 22 per cent of sheep farms are located on Vancouver Island, 22 per cent are in the Thompson-Okanagan region, 14 per cent are in the Lower Mainland-Southwest region, and 11 per cent are in the Cariboo region.

B.C. PORK 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



B.C. LAMB 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



▶ *Other Animals and Animal Products*

HONEY AND BEES: In 2016, B.C. beekeepers produced 1,848 tonnes of honey valued at \$12.4 million in farm cash receipts, a 16.7 per cent increase over the previous five-year average.

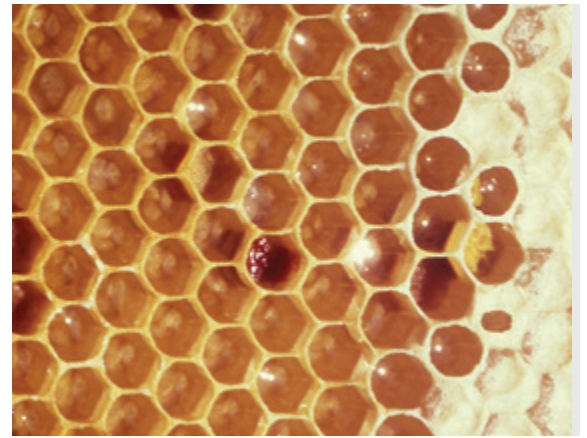
At the end of 2016, B.C. was home to 39,885 colonies of honeybees and more than 2,600 beekeepers. B.C. accounts for more than a quarter (27 per cent) of Canada's 9,859 beekeepers.

Honeybees play a key role in agriculture as pollinators of crops. Approximately 67 per cent of B.C.'s honeybee colonies are located in the Lower Mainland-Southwest region where many commercial beekeepers provide pollination services for the horticulture industry (in particular blueberries, cranberries, raspberries and apples). The total value of B.C.'s honeybee pollination services amounted to over \$2.5 million in 2016.

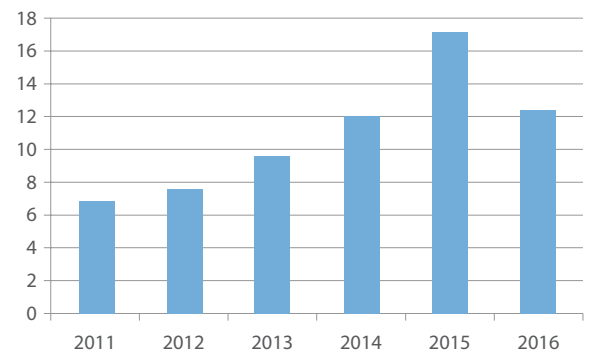
Exports of B.C. honey were valued at over \$1.4 million in 2016, with China being B.C.'s top market, accounting for 79 per cent of the province's honey exports.

OTHER ANIMALS and ANIMAL PRODUCTS: B.C. farmers raised and produced a variety of other animals and animal products with farm cash receipts of nearly \$46 million in 2016.

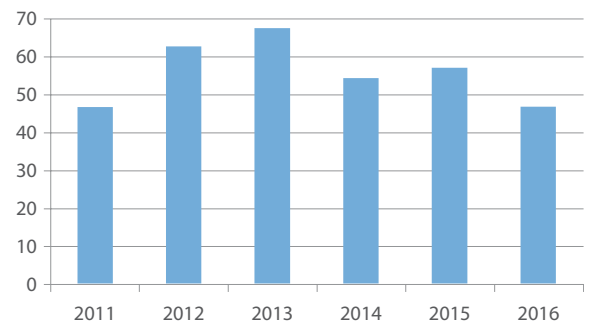
B.C. produces other animals and animal products including furs, horses, ponies, goats, llamas, alpacas, rabbits, bison, elk, deer, wild boars, mink breeding stock, fox, donkeys, mules, chinchillas, wool, embryos, other poultry (e.g., geese, ducks, roosters, ostriches, game birds, emus, pheasants, quail and pigeons), beeswax, bee pollen, queen bees and nucleus bee colonies.



B.C. HONEY 2016
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)



OTHER ANIMALS & ANIMAL PRODUCTS
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ Millions)





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DATA SOURCES

- ▶ *Production, farm cash receipts, manufacturing shipment values, and employment data sourced from Statistics Canada.*
- ▶ *Specific industry data obtained from industry associations, where necessary.*
- ▶ *Export data sourced from Statistics Canada through the Global Trade Atlas and CATSNET databases.*

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