

# Sector Snapshot 2021: B.C. Agriculture

B.C.'s agriculture sector includes primary production from farmers and ranchers.

Primary agriculture production does not include post-farm processing.

## AGRICULTURE KEY FACTS

- ❖ **Farm Cash Receipts (FCR): \$4.37 billion**
- ❖ **GDP: \$2.1 billion**
- ❖ **Share of Provincial GDP<sup>1</sup>: 0.8%**
- ❖ **Agriculture Jobs: 34,770**

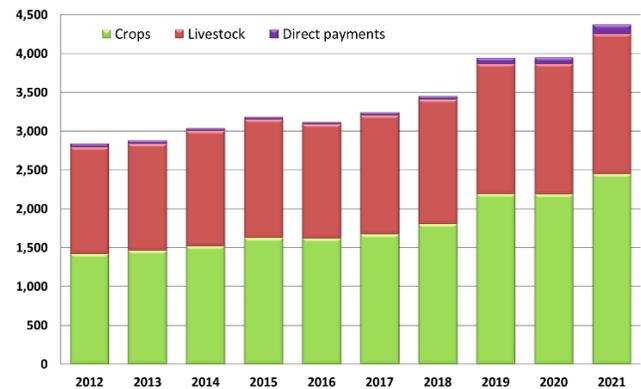
- Primary agriculture in B.C. generated \$4.37 billion in FCR; this was 10.7% higher than in 2020.
- Over 15,800 farms utilized 2.3 million hectares—less than 3% of the provincial land base—to produce over 200 agriculture products.
- The top 10 commodities in terms of FCR in B.C. in 2021 were: dairy; licensed cannabis; chickens; floriculture; greenhouse vegetables; beef; eggs; nursery products; blueberries and grapes.
- Total estimated GDP for crop and animal production (excluding aquaculture), plus support activities for crop and animal production, amounted to \$2.1 billion and accounted for 0.8% of B.C.'s total GDP<sup>1</sup>.

## B.C. AGRICULTURE AROUND THE PROVINCE AND CANADA

- ❖ Of a total of 15,841 farms in B.C., the Lower Mainland-Southwest ranks first with 4,648.
- ❖ Thompson-Okanagan is second among regions (4,415 farms), followed by Vancouver Island-Coast (2,158 farms), Peace River (1,419 farms), Cariboo (1,357 farms), Kootenay (1,017 farms), Nechako (739 farms), and North Coast (88 farms) has the fewest.
- ❖ B.C. is Canada's largest fruit-producing province, second-largest greenhouse vegetable and third-largest field vegetable producing province.
- ❖ B.C. accounts for Canada's second-largest farm sales in mushrooms.
- ❖ B.C. farmers account for the second-largest share of national receipts in floriculture products, nursery products and licensed cannabis crops, and account for the third-largest share of national receipts in supply-managed products (dairy, chicken, turkey, and eggs) in 2021.

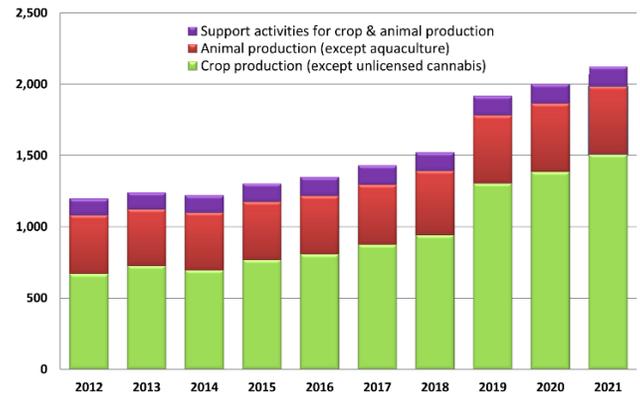
<sup>1</sup> Excluding unlicensed cannabis. GDP at chained 2012 dollars.

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



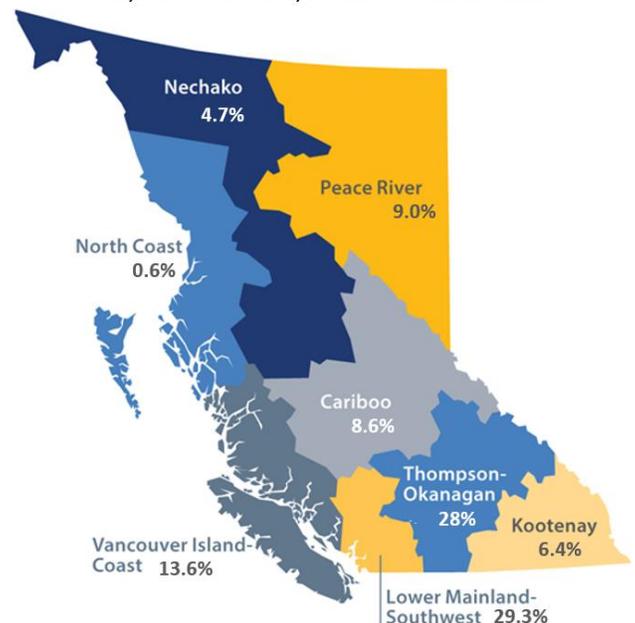
Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, Table 32-10-0045-01

BC Agriculture GDP (\$ Millions, chained 2012)



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

15,841 FARMS in B.C., BY REGION – CENSUS 2021



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