

# Agriculture in Brief

## Regional District of Central Kootenay



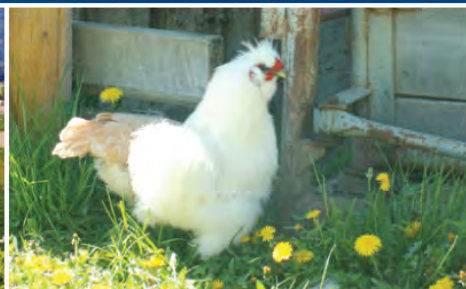
### Jurisdictional Makeup

Member Municipalities: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton & Slocan.

Population (2011) <sup>1</sup>	#	58,441
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	2,209,494
Agricultural Land Reserve (2012) <sup>3</sup>	ha	63,123
Population Increase (2006-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	2,558
Population Increase (1971-2011) <sup>4</sup>	#	13,461

Census of Agriculture Data		1996	2001	2006	2011
<b>Total Farmland Area<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>23,015</b>	<b>27,306</b>	<b>27,338</b>	<b>24,733</b>
<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>552</b>
<b>Average Farm Size<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>49.0</b>
<b>Farmland Use</b>					
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	11,074	11,567	11,434	11,041
Summerfallow	ha	220	240	315	121
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	2,273	2,708	1,665	1,897
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	4,119	7,144	8,232	6,491
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	5,329	5,647	5,692	5,183
<b>Total</b>		<b>23,015</b>	<b>27,306</b>	<b>27,338</b>	<b>24,733</b>
<b>Crop Area</b>					
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	6,716	7,586	7,634	7,098
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	2,603	2,649	2,329	2,494
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	426	329	346	311
Vegetables	ha	127	110	134	155
Nursery Products	ha	25	83	122	115
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	28	x	x	x
Greenhouse Flower Production	m <sup>2</sup>	10,129	21,734	8,696	16,501
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m <sup>2</sup>	5,121	5,946	4,614	6,691
Other Greenhouse Production	m <sup>2</sup>	1,175	747	na	2,273
Mushrooms	m <sup>2</sup>	x	x	0	x
Christmas Trees	ha	263	33	19	41
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	<b>ha</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>1,611</b>
<b>Total Farm Capital</b>		<b>\$229,791,508</b>	<b>\$261,876,101</b>	<b>\$383,640,115</b>	<b>\$527,179,051</b>
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts</b>		<b>\$25,694,725</b>	<b>\$26,218,599</b>	<b>\$30,004,374</b>	<b>\$34,353,451</b>
<b>Total Wages and Salaries Paid</b>		<b>\$5,276,750</b>	<b>\$4,769,969</b>	<b>\$6,313,236</b>	<b>\$5,974,879</b>

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<b>Animals on Farms</b>	<b>1996</b>		<b>2001</b>		<b>2006</b>		<b>2011</b>	
	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number</b>
Hens & Chickens	151	33,537	215	22,580	156	11,545	158	10,854
Turkeys	30	384	28	359	25	418	16	207
Total Other Poultry	80	783	58	1,021	36	908	34	588
Cattle & Calves	228	11,660	225	11,520	194	10,871	153	7,401
Dairy Cows	46	1,725	29	1,735	20	1,582	19	1,498
Beef Cows	164	3,336	154	2,782	148	3,240	111	1,803
Pigs	48	331	42	349	30	189	14	148
Sheep & Lambs	35	789	39	685	36	826	34	729
Horses & Ponies	146	855	148	854	144	799	137	698
Goats	25	175	23	424	24	423	21	197
Wild Boar	na	na	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	na	na	na	na
Bison	0	0	1	x	2	x	1	x
Deer	4	x	1	x	1	x	0	0
Llamas & Alpacas	3	43	12	76	11	118	17	127
Rabbits	34	360	6	207	10	89	9	174
Colonies of Bees for Honey	28	641	33	1,507	21	912	26	358

## Credits

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, unless otherwise specified.  
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## End Notes

- 1 Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population.
- 2 Source: Statistics Canada, Geosuite, Land Area file: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/ref/dict/tables/table-tableau-7-eng.cfm>
- 3 Source: Agricultural Land Commission. Agricultural Land Reserve as of January 1, 2008 (for 2006) and April 1, 2012 (for 2011).
- 4 Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Adapted from Statistics Canada Censuses.
- 5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.
- 6 Crops includes: hay crops, field crops, total vegetables, total fruits and nuts, sod and nursery products.
- 7 Other farmland area includes: woodland, wetlands, Christmas tree land, land on which farm buildings, barnyards, lanes, home gardens, greenhouses and mushroom houses are located, and idle land.
- 8 Does not include those crop areas suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

## Notes

x - indicates farms reporting but information suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act  
na - indicates data is not available for a specific reference period



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