

Agriculture in Brief

Capital Regional District



MUNICIPALITIES

CENTRAL SAANICH, District of
COLWOOD, City of
ESQUIMALT, Township of
HIGHLANDS, District of
LANGFORD, City of
METCHOSIN, District of
NORTH SAANICH, District of
OAK BAY, District of
SAANICH, District of
SIDNEY, Town of
SOOKE, District of
VICTORIA, City of
VIEW ROYAL, Town of

ELECTORAL AREAS

JUAN DE FUCA (E.A.)
SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS (E.A.)
SALT SPRING ISLAND (E.A.)



Jurisdictional Makeup: The Capital Regional District is made up of 13 municipalities and 3 electoral areas.

Population ¹ (2006)	#	345,164
Jurisdictional Area ²	ha	245,400
Population Increase (1971-2006)	#	141,577
Agricultural Land Reserve ³ (2008)	ha	16,407

		1996	2001	2006
Total Area Farmed	ha	15,058	15,508	13,563
Farmland Owned ⁴		85%	75%	81%
Farmland Leased ⁴		15%	25%	19%
Number of Farms ⁵ Reporting	#	1,082	974	991
Average Farm Size	ha	13.9	15.9	14

Farmland Use				
Crops	ha	4,297	5,247	3,858
Summerfallow	ha	277	276	23
Pasture (managed)	ha	1,303	1,385	1,061
Pasture (unmanaged)	ha	3,350	3,594	3,773
Other ⁶	ha	5,831	5,006	4,847
Total	ha	15,058	15,508	13,563

Crops				
Field Crops ⁷	ha	3,486	4,232	2,978
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	283	257	312
Vegetables	ha	289	355	298
Other ⁸	ha	239	403	270
Total	ha	4,297	5,247	3,858

Mushrooms (farms)	#	7	5	3
(area)	m ²	5,753	x ⁹	x
Greenhouses (farms)	#	152	161	131
(area)	m ²	143,828	143,683	132,694
Nursery Products	ha	208	224	117
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	16	11	2
Christmas Trees	ha	116	125	68

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The ALR accounts for about 7% of the Regional District's area.



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	1996		2001		2006	
Livestock	<i>Farms</i>	<i>Livestock</i>	<i>Farms</i>	<i>Livestock</i>	<i>Farms</i>	<i>Livestock</i>
<i>Hens & Chickens</i>	442	704,485	406	638,523	382	449,487
<i>Turkeys</i>	42	x	54	1,526	24	504
<i>Total Other Poultry</i>	148	1,979	104	2,152	64	839
<i>Cattle & Calves</i>	265	5,071	170	4,751	137	3,384
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	36	x	17	839	7	498
<i>Beef Cows</i>	170	x	114	1,156	92	908
<i>Pigs</i>	81	x	56	388	37	283
<i>Sheep & Lambs</i>	237	8,860	190	9,247	179	7,793
<i>Horses & Ponies</i>	245	1,393	217	1,379	219	1,504
<i>Goats</i>	79	599	72	474	51	394
<i>Wild Boar</i>	na	na	0	0	0	0
<i>Mink</i>	0	0	1	x	0	0
<i>Fox</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Bison</i>	0	0	3	x	1	x
<i>Deer</i>	na	na	4	106	2	x
<i>Llamas & Alpacas</i>	19	190	31	334	35	306
<i>Rabbits</i>	57	778	11	555	na	na
<i>Colonies of Bees for Honey</i>	64	4,502	66	2,931	60	5,245

		1996	2001	2006
Area Irrigated	ha	2,741	1,756	1,552

Total Farm Capital		\$ 678,606,694	\$ 643,869,960	\$ 958,435,626
Annual Gross Farm Receipts		\$ 53,357,432	\$ 50,317,248	\$ 54,261,663
Annual Cash Wages Paid		\$ 13,196,358	\$ 13,106,148	\$ 14,961,254

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996, 2001 and 2006 Census of Agriculture and, where applicable, Statistics Canada, customized tabulations, 1996, 2001 and 2006 Census of Agriculture.

¹ Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Population.

² Source: www.marh.gov.bc.ca/MUNFIN/#statistics

³ ALR as of January 1, 2008 – Source: files of the Agricultural Land Commission

⁴ Source: B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Adapted from Statistics Canada, 1996, 2001 and 2006 Census of Agriculture.

⁵ Over time, the official definition of "census farm" or "agricultural operation" has changed. An explanation of these changes can be found at: www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/95-629-XIE/2007000/terms.htm#farm. In 2006, an "agricultural operation" was described generally as a farm, ranch or other agricultural operation producing agricultural products for sale or the intention of sale in the past 12 months. For a complete definition of "agricultural operation" and "agricultural products", refer to the Census glossary at: www.statcan.ca/english/agcensus2006/glossary.htm#gt3.

⁶ "Other": includes 'Unimproved Land', 'Other Improved Land' and 'Woodland'

⁷ Field crop area does not include those crop areas not included for reasons of confidentiality.

⁸ "Other" Crops: also account for area figures not provided due to confidentiality.

⁹ 'x' indicates that farms reporting but further information not provided due to confidentiality.