

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

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

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

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



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

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

		1996	2001	2006
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.