

# Agriculture in Brief

## Metro Vancouver

The ALR accounts for about 18.1% of the Regional District's area.



### MUNICIPALITIES

ANMORE, Village of  
 BELCARRA, Village of  
 BOWEN ISLAND, Island Municipality  
 BURNABY, City of  
 COQUITLAM, City of  
 DELTA, Corporation of  
 LANGLEY, City of  
 LANGLEY, Township of  
 LIONS BAY, Village of  
 MAPLE RIDGE, District of  
 NEW WESTMINSTER, City of  
 NORTH VANCOUVER, City of  
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 PITT MEADOWS, City of  
 PORT COQUITLAM, City of  
 PORT MOODY, City of  
 RICHMOND, City of  
 SURREY, City of  
 VANCOUVER, City of  
 WEST VANCOUVER, District of  
 WHITE ROCK, City of

### ELECTORAL AREA

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**Jurisdictional Makeup:** Metro Vancouver has 21 member municipalities and 1 electoral area.

Population <sup>1</sup> (2006)	#	2,116,581
Jurisdictional Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	339,520
Population Increase (1971-2006)	#	1,035,866
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup> (2008)	ha	61,346

		1996	2001	2006
Total Area Farmed	ha	39,676	39,735	41,035
Farmland Owned <sup>4</sup>		67%	66%	75%
Farmland Leased <sup>4</sup>		33%	34%	25%
Number of Farms <sup>5</sup> Reporting	#	3,464	2,854	2,618
Average Farm Size	ha	11.5	13.9	16

Farmland Use				
<i>Crops</i>	ha	23,485	22,965	24,086
<i>Summerfallow</i>	ha	386	293	x <sup>9</sup>
<i>Pasture (managed)</i>	ha	2,912	2,672	3,216
<i>Pasture (unmanaged)</i>	ha	6,027	6,626	4,910
<i>Other</i> <sup>6</sup>	ha	6,866	7,179	x
<i>Total</i>	ha	39,676	39,735	41,035

Crops				
<i>Field Crops</i> <sup>7</sup>	ha	14,115	11,631	11,833
<i>Fruits, Berries &amp; Nuts</i>	ha	3,477	3,940	4,805
<i>Vegetables</i>	ha	2,639	3,175	3,025
<i>Other</i> <sup>8</sup>	ha	3,254	4,219	4,423
<i>Total</i>	ha	23,485	22,965	24,086

<i>Mushrooms (farms)</i>	#	55	42	27
<i>(area)</i>	m <sup>2</sup>	168,262	133,559	x
<i>Greenhouses (farms)</i>	#	341	321	277
<i>(area)</i>	m <sup>2</sup>	1,641,078	2,788,046	3,245,764
<i>Nursery Products</i>	ha	1,113	1,235	1,192
<i>Sod Grown for Sale</i>	ha	324	x	x
<i>Christmas Trees</i>	ha	269	225	x

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In 2006, 27% of B.C.'s Gross Farm Receipts were generated in Metro Vancouver.



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and Lands

Livestock	1996		2001		2006	
	<i>Farms</i>	<i>Livestock</i>	<i>Farms</i>	<i>Livestock</i>	<i>Farms</i>	<i>Livestock</i>
<i>Hens &amp; Chickens</i>	711	3,439,091	712	4,987,882	523	4,075,408
<i>Turkeys</i>	64	373,015	78	x	36	332,397
<i>Total Other Poultry</i>	266	196,003	205	272,503	115	132,835
<i>Cattle &amp; Calves</i>	1,140	43,942	756	31,915	581	29,433
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	184	10,269	115	8,965	85	x
<i>Beef Cows</i>	639	6,315	407	4,157	322	x
<i>Pigs</i>	157	12,210	91	4,860	56	3,832
<i>Sheep &amp; Lambs</i>	329	7,355	266	6,739	214	4,699
<i>Horses &amp; Ponies</i>	988	7,544	803	7,399	681	6,237
<i>Goats</i>	192	2,084	156	1,721	117	1,234
<i>Wild Boar</i>	na	na	2	x	0	0
<i>Mink</i>	10	92,270	6	102,030	7	157,248
<i>Fox</i>	2	x	1	x	0	0
<i>Bison</i>	0	0	3	x	1	x
<i>Deer</i>	na	na	2	x	1	x
<i>Llamas &amp; Alpacas</i>	51	381	93	720	103	578
<i>Rabbits</i>	111	5,942	39	3,938	na	na
<i>Colonies of Bees for Honey</i>	76	1,039	73	2,822	103	4,305

		1996	2001	2006
<b>Area Irrigated</b>	ha	6,152	6,375	8,581

<b>Total Farm Capital</b>		\$ 3,172,791,085	\$ 3,315,031,596	\$ 5,185,657,553
<b>Annual Gross Farm Receipts</b>		\$ 498,442,664	\$ 698,053,467	\$ 728,604,105
<b>Annual Cash Wages Paid</b>		\$ 105,938,737	\$ 144,442,564	\$ 166,214,264

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

- Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Population.
- Source: Ministry of Municipal Affairs; Municipal Statistics, 1996.
- ALR as of January 1, 2008 – Source: files of the Agricultural Land Commission
- Source: B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Adapted from Statistics Canada, 1996, 2001 and 2006 Census of Agriculture.
- 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](http://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](http://www.statcan.ca/english/agcensus2006/glossary.htm#gt3).
- "Other": includes 'Unimproved Land', 'Other Improved Land' and 'Woodland'
- Field crop area does not include those crop areas not included for reasons of confidentiality.
- "Other" Crops: also account for area figures not provided due to confidentiality.
- 'x' indicates that farms reporting but further information not provided due to confidentiality.