

# Agriculture in Brief

## Cariboo Regional District



### MUNICIPALITIES

100 MILE HOUSE, District of  
 QUESNEL, City of  
 WELLS, District of  
 WILLIAMS LAKE, City of

### ELECTORAL AREA

"A" – Red Bluff / Quesnel South  
 "B" – Quesnel West / Bouchie Lake  
 "C" – Barlow / Barkerville  
 "D" – Commodore Heights / McLeese Lake  
 "E" – South Lakeside / Dog Creek  
 "F" – 150 Mile / Horsefly / Likely  
 "G" – Lac La Hache / 108 Mile  
 "H" – Canim Lake / Forest Grove  
 "I" – West Fraser / Nazko  
 "J" – West Chilcotin  
 "K" – East Chilcotin  
 "L" – Lone Butte / Interlakes



**Jurisdictional Makeup:** The Cariboo Regional District has 4 member municipalities and 12 electoral areas.

Population <sup>1</sup> (2006)	#	62,190
Jurisdictional Area <sup>2</sup>	ha	8,252,910
Population Increase (1971-2006)	#	24,757
Agricultural Land Reserve <sup>3</sup> (2008)	ha	935,629

		1996	2001	2006
Total Area Farmed	ha	423,491	400,177	486,079
Farmland Owned <sup>4</sup>		59%	58%	48%
Farmland Leased <sup>4</sup>		41%	42%	52%
Number of Farms <sup>5</sup> Reporting	#	1,149	1,188	1,160
Average Farm Size	ha	368.6	336.8	419

Farmland Use				
Crops	ha	49,428	58,972	54,123
Summerfallow	ha	1,301	709	239
Pasture (managed)	ha	32,279	29,179	32,721
Pasture (unmanaged)	ha	266,814	238,784	319,908
Other <sup>6</sup>	ha	73,670	72,532	79,087
Total	ha	423,492	400,176	486,078 <sup>7</sup>

Crops				
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	49,111	58,678	53,650
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	x	14	15
Vegetables	ha	36	47	29
Other <sup>9</sup>	ha	281	233	429
Total	ha	49,428	58,972	54,123

Mushrooms (farms)	#	0	3	0
(area)	m <sup>2</sup>	0	46	0
Greenhouses (farms)	#	29	41	44
(area)	m <sup>2</sup>	48,412	79,113	71,067
Nursery Products	ha	36	23	21
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	x <sup>10</sup>	0	0
Christmas Trees	ha	170	20	19

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In 2006, the Cariboo Regional District accounted for 16% of all cattle and calves in B.C. and 21% of beef cows.



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Livestock	1996		2001		2006	
	Farms	Livestock	Farms	Livestock	Farms	Livestock
Hens & Chickens	245	35,365	298	15,995	283	x
Turkeys	47	664	66	1,544	54	1,330
Total Other Poultry	104	877	100	1,378	66	762
Cattle & Calves	777	127,672	758	135,435	729	127,914
Dairy Cows	85	1,129	29	221	19	184
Beef Cows	636	55,336	633	57,498	637	57,015
Pigs	131	917	65	333	88	819
Sheep & Lambs	115	6,394	126	5,908	124	6,767
Horses & Ponies	725	5,583	733	6,418	726	6,236
Goats	59	598	57	585	59	577
Wild Boar	na	na	3	x	2	x
Mink	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	1	x	0	0
Bison	6	560	5	548	9	405
Deer	na	na	0	0	0	0
Llamas & Alpacas	12	75	31	271	60	652
Rabbits	70	985	16	678	na	na
Colonies of Bees for Honey	29	529	29	778	24	590

		1996	2001	2006
Area Irrigated	ha	18,155	19,420	19,566

		1996	2001	2006
Total Farm Capital		\$ 761,119,438	\$ 935,065,059	\$ 1,112,424,814
Annual Gross Farm Receipts		\$ 55,436,923	\$ 60,788,027	\$ 66,305,364
Annual Cash Wages Paid		\$ 8,567,590	\$ 8,322,323	\$ 9,244,919

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: [www.marh.gov.bc.ca/MUNFIN/#statistics](http://www.marh.gov.bc.ca/MUNFIN/#statistics)
- 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'
- The minor discrepancy of 1 hectare between 'Total Area Farmed' and the 'Total' for Farmland Use is due to rounding.
- 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.