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Agriculture is a significant and expanding industry in British Columbia with more than 297,000 people employed on farms, ranches and orchards, and in greenhouses, nurseries, veterinary offices, hatcheries, grooming and other agricultural-related services. The primary industry currently generates \$1.33 billion towards the province's total GDP. Although the industry is relatively small by itself, it contributes significantly to spinoffs in the food processing, food wholesaling, food retailing and food service sectors. This translates into consumer sales of more than \$22 billion a year.

Climatic conditions in the province make it possible for British Columbia farmers to grow a wide variety of crops. Total farm cash receipts reached \$2.4 billion in 2004. Total crop receipts reached more than \$1.2 billion in 2004. The livestock sector, comprised of cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs, dairy, honey, fur and game-farm animals, reached \$1.0 billion in 2004, representing 42 per cent of B.C.'s farm cash receipts.

The Southern Interior is well-suited for the production of tree fruits and grapes. The Fraser Valley and southern Vancouver Island, with cooler, wetter climates, are extremely favourable for the production of berries and vegetables. Most of the province's grain and oilseed crops are grown in the Peace River region.

Beef cattle are concentrated in the Cariboo and north Thompson-Okanagan regions and large dairy herds are found mostly in the Lower Mainland, southeastern Vancouver Island and the Okanagan-Shuswap area. Hog, poultry and egg production are concentrated in the Lower Mainland.



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Resources in British Columbia Agriculture

	1991 Census	1996 Census	2001 Census
The Land (hectares)			
Provincial Land Area	89,307,184	89,307,184	89,307,184
Land in Agricultural Land Reserve*	4,708,628	4,714,016	4,727,332
Total Farm Land	2,392,341	2,529,060	2,587,118
Land in Crops	556,796	565,738	617,545
Land in Pasture	241,004	240,236	233,044
Summerfallow	57,476	39,017	36,765
Unimproved Land	1,030,568	1,172,591	1,207,553

* Source: Land Reserve Commission, not Census data

The Capital** (\$'000)			
Total Value of Farm Capital	8,614,244	13,822,213	15,831,578
Land and Buildings	7,037,507	11,863,945	13,066,698
Machinery and Equipment	891,629	1,227,932	1,608,420
Livestock and Poultry	685,108	730,336	1,156,460
Average Capital Value per Farm (\$)	448,075	633,030	780,265

** 2001 values reported in 2000 dollars

The People (number)			
Farm Population	61,035	68,770	61,370
Number of Farms	19,225	21,835	20,290
Number of Farms with Sales:			
less than \$10,000	10,024	11,530	10,087
\$10,000-\$49,999	4,783	5,372	5,362
\$50,000-\$99,999	1,416	1,533	1,464
\$100,000-\$249,999	1,494	1,589	1,509
\$250,000 and over	1,508	1,811	1,868

Net Farm Income (\$'000)

	2003r	2004p	5yr Avg 1999r-03r	2004p/ 1999-03r Avg% Chge
Crop Receipts	1,141,970	1,204,194	983,827	22.4
Livestock Receipts	1,082,064	1,010,853	1,102,072	-8.3
Program Receipts	59,406	187,552	45,908	308.5
Total Farm Cash Receipts	2,283,440	2,402,599	2,131,806	12.7
Total Operating Expenses	1,952,852	1,951,081	1,773,805	10.0
Net Cash Income	330,588	451,518	358,001	26.1
Total Income-in-Kind	6,555	7,415	6,923	7.1
Total Depreciation	255,585	260,062	238,422	9.1
Realized Net Income	81,558	198,871	126,502	57
Value of Inventory Change	40,777	-30,635	16,693	-283
Total Net Income	122,335	168,236	143,195	17.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit

Farm Cash Receipts (\$ '000)

	2003r	2004p	5 yr avg 1999r- 2003r	2004p/ 1999r-03r Avg % chng
Grains and Oilseeds	29,658	30,487	32,103	-5.0
Potatoes and Vegetables	150,717	160,280	151,681	5.7
Greenhouse Vegetables	226,209	251,881	166,192	51.6
Tree Fruits	86,078	88,250	38,350	29.1
Berries and Grapes	129,188	147,456	105,990	39.1
Floriculture and Nursery	459,247	465,365	391,046	19.0
Ginseng	21,928	20,223	22,225	-9.0
Forages	13,632	14,323	20,376	-29.7
Forest Products	16,178	16,292	17,520	-7.0
Other Crops	9,133	9,633	8,342	15.5
Total Crops	1,141,970	1,204,194	983,827	22.4
Cattle and Calves	229,105	220,867	301,754	-26.8
Hogs	39,307	47,067	43,041	9.4
Sheep, Lambs and Wool	6,852	6,297	7,035	-10.6
Dairy Products	393,102	391,731	360,644	8.6
Poultry and Eggs	347,206	276,247	324,238	-14.8
Honey	7,489	7,007	6,878	1.9
Fur*	13,084	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Livestock	46,100	43,065	45,314	-5.0
Total Livestock	1,082,064	1,010,853	1,102,072	-8.3
NISA Payments	16,279	22,362	11,125	101.0
Crop Insurance	4,166	10,333	6,485	59.3
Income Disaster Programs	17,133	7,928	13,892	-42.9
Dairy Subsidy	0	0	2,788	-100.0
Other Payments	21,828	146,929	11,618	1,164.7
Total Payments	59,406	187,552	45,908	308.5
Total Receipts	2,283,440	2,402,599	2,131,806	12.7

r = revised; p = preliminary

*Data from 2000 are not comparable to previous years because mink is the only fur reported.

Previous years had mink and fox data.

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit (revised May 2005)



Farm Operating Expenses (Gross) and Depreciation Charges (\$'000)

	2003r	2004p	5 yr avg 1999-2003r	2004p 5 yr avg 99-03r % chg
Property Taxes	18,933	19,084	17,711	7.8
Rent	44,866	44,926	41,357	8.6
Cash Wages, Room and Board	467,640	467,172	419,549	11.4
Interest	119,791	117,450	130,088	-9.7
Repairs to Buildings & Fences	49,474	50,463	47,926	5.3
Electricity	44,211	46,377	43,283	7.1
Telephone	17,178	17,367	16,040	8.3
Fuel	124,202	136,303	113,091	20.5
Machinery Repairs	100,600	102,612	93,536	9.7
Business Insurance	33,849	36,218	30,327	19.4
Custom Work	74,296	74,296	64,156	15.8
Stabilization Premiums	0	0	0	0.0
Crop and Hail Insurance	2,822	2,667	2,665	0.1
Fertilizer and Lime	78,968	82,364	64,305	28.1
Pesticides	29,914	30,303	28,819	5.2
Commercial Seed	79,454	81,440	69,360	17.4
Irrigation	3,117	3,126	3,138	-0.4
Twine, Wire and Containers	77,202	79,672	66,109	20.5
Commercial Feed	380,839	343,898	319,827	7.5
Livestock & Poultry Purchases	46,444	50,232	50,983	-1.5
Veterinary fees	36,902	40,555	33,812	19.9
Other Expenses	122,150	124,556	117,722	5.8
Total Gross Operating Expenses	1,952,852	1,951,081	1,773,805	10.0
Building Depreciation	93,332	100,275	86,829	15.5
Machinery Depreciation	162,253	159,787	151,593	5.4
Total Depreciation	255,585	260,062	238,422	9.1
Total Operating Expenses and Depreciation	2,208,437	2,211,143	2,012,227	9.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Expenses Unit.



Average Income of B.C. Farm Operators (\$) * 2003

By Farm Type	Off-Farm Income	Net Op. Income	Total Income
Total	\$40,360	\$16,476	\$56,837
Dairy Cattle and Milk Production	\$28,215	\$61,031	\$89,246
Beef Cattle Ranching and Farming, including Feedlots	\$36,010	\$192	\$36,202
Hog and Pig Farming	\$28,800	\$6,610	\$35,411
Poultry and Egg Production	\$74,636	\$32,256	\$106,892
Other Animal Production	\$60,604	-\$5,248	\$55,356
Animal Production	\$44,654	\$13,265	\$57,919
Oilseed & Grain Farming	\$41,163	\$15,933	\$57,096
Potato Farming	\$33,846	\$37,153	\$71,000
Other Vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	\$22,592	\$15,913	\$38,505
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	\$34,779	\$14,898	\$49,677
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	\$38,539	\$48,837	\$87,376
Other Crop Farming	\$35,565	\$8,256	\$43,821
Crop Production	\$35,305	\$20,293	\$55,598

* Includes incorporated and unincorporated farms. Average income refers to income before depreciation.

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Taxation Data Program.

B.C. Farm Assets and Liabilities¹

	2001	2002	2003
Number of farms ²	6,710	8,300	8,035
Average Per Farm			
Total Assets (\$)	1,320,323	1,335,705	1,419,411
current assets	83,989	76,606	75,294
long-term assets	1,236,334	1,259,099	1,344,117
Total Liabilities (\$)	249,279	238,167	279,227
current liabilities	33,924	26,633	29,250
long-term liabilities	215,355	211,534	249,977
Net Worth (\$)	1,071,043	1,097,539	1,140,184
Total Revenue (\$)	273,292	263,369	277,401
farm sales	269,810	261,317	274,915
program payments	3,482	2,053	2,486
Total Expenses (\$)	219,491	229,140	244,559
Net Cash Farm Income (\$)	53,801	34,230	32,842

¹ Caution should be used when comparing estimates for 2003 with those of previous reference years by revenue class due to the BSE incident in 2003 which resulted in lower farm sales for certain farm types, particularly those in the beef sector, although there were lower cattle sales for other farm types such as grain and oilseed operations.

² All farms with revenues \$10,000 or higher

Source: Statistics Canada, Farm Financial Survey 2004

Field Crop Production

	Area (‘000 hectares)		Yield (kg/hectare)		Production (‘000 tonnes)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Wheat	20	21	2,700	2,500	53	53
Oats	26	16	3,100	2,900	81	46
Barley	41	26	3,400	3,400	139	90
Rye	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canola	28	25	1,400	1,700	39	44
Mixed Grains	2	2	3,100	2,400	6	4
Tame Hay	409	399	3,100	2,800	1,270	1,120
Fodder Corn	10	12	35,900	42,000	363	508
Dry Peas	4	2	2,400	2,100	10	3

Source: Statistics Canada Catalogue No. 22-002-XPB (Report no. 8)

Livestock on B.C. Farms (‘000 Head)

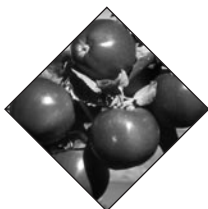
	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2004
Bull, One year and older	18.0	18.5	19.0
Milk Cows	75.0	77.0	78.0
Milk Heifers	36.5	34.0	35.0
Beef Cows	291.0	293.0	327.0
Beef Heifers – breeding	57.5	56.0	51.0
Beef Heifers – slaughter	22.0	28.0	32.0
Steers, One Year and Over	47.0	67.5	73.0
Calves	289.5	311.0	335.0
Total Cattle and Calves	836.5	885.0	950.0
Sows and Bred Gilts	18.2	19.6	21.0
Boars, Six Months and Over	0.8	0.8	0.8
Pigs under 20kg	58.0	56.4	53.5
Pigs 20 – 60 kg	45.5	43.6	48.5
Over 60 kg	45.5	44.6	46.2
Total Pigs	168.0	165.0	170.0
Rams	2.1	2.3	2.2
Ewes	32.5	33.5	36.2
Replacement Lambs	6.5	7.2	9.5
Market Lambs	28.9	30.0	32.1
Total Sheep and Lambs	70	73	80
	At Dec 31/02	At Dec 31/03	At Dec 31/04
Bison	13.1	11.8	13.1
Fallow Deer	3.9	4	4.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division; BCMAFF, Animal Health.

Selected Horticultural Crop Production

		2002	2003
Tree Fruits (‘000 lb)	Apples	299,846	272,634
	Pears	17,704	15,471
	Peaches	9,184	11,268
	Apricots	1,257	1,990
	Cherries, Sweet	8,621	14,575
	Cherries, Sour	1,930	2,600
	Plums and Prunes	1,748	2,270
	Nectarines	748	1,215
Berries and Grapes (‘000 lb)	Strawberries	6,626	7,498
	Raspberries	29,780	28,143
	Blueberries	36,700	49,330
	Cranberries	77,928	85,204
	Grapes	31,334	35,346
Vegetables (‘000 lb)	Asparagus	509	498
	Beans	15,640	15,450
	Broccoli	7,542	6,840
	Carrots	23,174	16,993
	Cauliflower	3,315	2,923
	Corn	25,092	24,376
	Cucumbers (field)	4,030	3,670
	Lettuce, Head	1,812	1,741
	Mushrooms	50,267	56,025
	Onions (Dry bulb)	8,308	8,513
	Peas, Shelled	9,370	9,218
	Potatoes	122,937	121,663
	Tomatoes (field)	4,650	4,255
Cut Flowers (‘000)	Roses (except Sweethearts) (stems)	8,311	12,788
	Tulips (stems)	21,217	25,443
	Geraniums (pots)	7,200	7,701
Nursery Products (‘000)	Ornamental Bedding Plants	67,168	76,919
	Vegetable Plants	5,990	12,910
	Tropical Foliage Plants	4,671	3,451

Sources: BCMAFF Annual Horticultural Statistics 2002, 2003; Statistics Canada, Greenhouse, Sod and Nurseries Industries Cat. 22-202 XIB -2004.



Livestock Production (Head)		
	2003	2004
Total Slaughter*		
Cattle	53,000	58,600
Calves	3,000	2,900
Hogs	264,800	258,600
Sheep and Lambs	81,700	85,100

* Includes Federal/Provincial inspected slaughter, other commercial slaughter and on farm slaughter

Dairy Production ('000 Litres)		
	2003	2004
Fluid Milk Production	356,134	358,446
Total Production	618,240	647,825

Source: Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Annual Dairy Market Review

Poultry and Egg Production			
		2003	2004
Poultry Meat Production (‘000 kg)	Chicken	150,225	123,059
	Turkey	15,747	12,971
	Total Production	165,972	136,030
Egg Production (‘000 doz)		66,766	40,747

Source: Statistics Canada - Cat. No. 23-015

Honey Production		
	2003	2004
Beekeepers (no.)	2,200	2,111
Number of Colonies (no.)	42,194	43,126
Average Yield per Colony (lb)	74	103.5
Total Production (‘000 lb)	3,136	4,464

Source: BCMAFF; Apiculture specialist

Water Use in the Agriculture Industry by Province, 1996 (thousands m³)

Province	Livestock Watering	Irrigation	Total	% of water use by Province
Newfoundland & Labrador	483	144	627	0.02
Prince Edward Island	1,904	1,715	3,618	0.09
Nova Scotia	3,199	2,272	5,471	0.13
New Brunswick	2,369	1,443	3,812	0.09
Quebec	45,001	58,394	103,395	2.52
Ontario	59,233	114,000	173,233	4.23
Manitoba	23,643	24,670	48,513	1.18
Sakatchewan	39,890	271,370	311,260	7.60
Alberta	61,468	2,609,000	2,670,468	65.16
British Columbia	14,682	763,110	777,791	18.98
Canada	252,071	3,846,117	4,098,188	100

Note: There is no significant agricultural activity in the Territories

Source: Statistics Canada, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division



Prices Received by B.C. Producers

		2002	2003
Tree Fruits (\$/lb) ¹	Apples	0.24	0.22
	Pears	0.25	0.22
	Peaches	0.44	0.40
	Apricots	0.56	0.68
	Cherries-Sweet	1.37	1.05
Berries and Grapes (\$/lb) ¹	Strawberries	1.15	1.01
	Raspberries	0.75	0.81
	Blueberries	1.21	1.28
	Cranberries	0.30	0.45
	Grapes	0.74	0.71
Vegetables (\$/lb) ¹	Asparagus	1.99	2.00
	Beans	0.35	0.36
	Broccoli	0.36	0.45
	Carrots, Bunched	0.60	0.78
	Cauliflower	0.46	0.47
	Corn	0.19	0.20
	Lettuce, Head	0.54	0.58
	Mushrooms	1.35	1.41
	Onions, (dry bulb)	0.25	0.25
	Peas, Shelled	0.22	0.22
	Potatoes, Mid/Late	0.25	0.22
Tomatoes (field)	0.49	0.54	
Livestock (\$/cwt)	Feeder Steers (501-600 lb)	126.56	120.97
	Feeder Steers (601-700 lb)	119.77	112.35
	Feeder Steers (701-800 lb)	113.51	107.40
	Feeder Steers (801-900 lb)	108.68	101.02
	Feeder Heifers (601-700 lb)	111.16	105.58
	D1,2 Cows	53.96	36.70
	Bulls	66.78	43.08
	Hogs (Index 100) ²	62.60	60.78
Lambs (A&B lambs 95-115lbs) ²	116.09	120.31	
Dairy (\$/hectolitre)	Average Milk Price ³	65.47	66.37
Poultry (cents/kg) ⁴	Broiler Chicken	116.20	122.46
	Broiler Turkeys	156.00	158.65
	Young Heavy Tom Turkeys	156.92	157.85
	Young Heavy Hen Turkeys	150.50	153.27
Eggs (cents/doz) ⁵	Average price	119.00	121.30

¹ Source: BCMAFF Annual Horticultural Statistics 2002 and 2003.

² Weighted average prices at Toronto.

³ Weighted average milk prices (based on dairy year Aug-July)

⁴ Vancouver annual average prices.

Note: 2002 and 2003 data are based on weekly Poultry Market reports from Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

⁵ Market price for all grades

Sources: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division; Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Livestock & Poultry Market Reviews

Prices Received by B.C. Producers Grains and Oilseeds (\$/tonne)*

	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Wheat	102.73	104.76	125.63	176.07	133.79
Oats	86.01	94.73	171.77	211.44	133.23
Barley	69.01	87.62	93.02	105.38	58.93
Canola	244.50	244.87	325.42	359.40	359.84
Rye	70.00	0.00	0.00	158.08	0.00
Dry Peas	131.00	117.00	183.00	218.00	173.00

*Weighted season average prices.

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division

Canadian Per Capita Consumption of Selected Foods

		1992-2001 Average	2002	2003
Red Meats	Beef (kg)	31.91	30.45	31.95
	Pork (kg)	27.65	27.83	25.13
	Mutton and Lamb (kg)	0.85	1.03	1.08
Poultry and Eggs	Chicken (kg)	25.87	30.69	30.05
	Turkey (kg)	4.28	4.27	4.05
	Eggs (dozen)	14.97	15.44	15.64
Fish	(kg)	8.96	9.65	9.99
Dairy Products	Milk - Standard (litres)	15.56	13.54	13.44
	Milk - 2% (litres)	46.9	40.56	40.3
	Cheddar Cheese (kg)	3.14	3.1	3.13
	Yogurt (litres)	3.54	5.39	5.86
	Cottage Cheese (kg)	0.8	0.79	0.78
	Ice Cream (litres)	10.31	9.49	8.77
Fruit	Apples - Fresh (kg)	11.98	9.84	10.46
	Apple Juice (litres)	7.62	7.22	7.07
	Blueberries - Fresh (kg)	0.34	0.38	0.53
	Cranberries - Fresh (kg)	0.85	1.67	1.66
Vegetables	Tomatoes (kg)	7.5	8.29	7.46
	Mushrooms (kg)	1.67	1.2	1.12
	Peppers	2.93	3.38	3.29
	Potatoes, White (kg)	75.4	76.71	75.05
Beverages	Beer (litres)	86.48	85.51	83.67
	Wine (litres)	11.52	13.06	13.29
	Soft Drinks (litres)	109.7	112.36	111.19

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division

B.C. Agriculture, Food and Fisheries at a Glance

Total Consumer Sales: \$22.7 billion*

Total Jobs: 297,272**

Farm and Food Imports (including fish)

Foreign: \$3.5 billion
Interprov: \$3.4 billion (est.)

Primary Agriculture

Sales: \$2.4 billion
Jobs: 35,200
GDP: \$1.33 billion

Food Processing

Sales: \$6.18 billion
Jobs: 31,000
GDP: \$2.11 billion

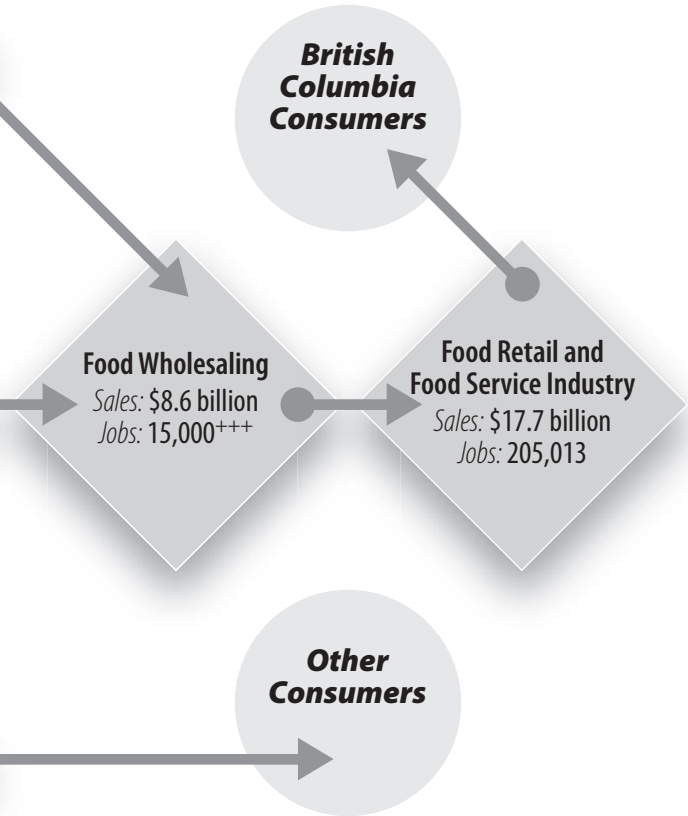
Primary Fisheries

Sales: \$617.4 million⁺⁺
Jobs: 4,500⁺
GDP: \$188 million⁺⁺⁺⁺

Farm and Food Exports (including fish)

Foreign: \$2.6 billion
Interprov: \$2.4 billion (est.)

Updated July 2005, based on 2004 data except for food wholesaling (\$8.6 billion), food retail and food service industry (\$17.7 billion) which were based on 2003 data at the time of printing.



* Includes the value of food retail and food services purchases \$17.7 billion (which includes \$220 million of food produced for our own consumption), and farm and food exports (\$5.0 billion).

** Includes all jobs shown on diagram (290,713) plus jobs in farm product storage and transportation (1,662), floral/garden retail and agricultural financial services (4,897).

+ Fisheries jobs include 1,600 jobs in aquaculture and 2,900 jobs in fisheries.

++ Includes \$228.6 million in sales by aquaculture farms and \$388.8 million in landings by commercial fisheries.

+++ Includes jobs in farm products wholesaling as well as in food and beverage wholesaling.

++++ Includes \$108 million in aquaculture gross domestic product (GDP) and \$80 million in wild commercial fisheries GDP [Does not include the GDP and jobs created in private sports fishing]. All GDP figures are based on 2004 data.

Food and Beverage Industry¹

	2002	2003	2004
Number of Establishments	1,076	1,032	1,029
Food and Beverage Shipments (\$ mil)	5,812	5,981	6,153
Number of Employees	27,000	31,100	31,000
Average Weekly Earnings (\$/week) - Food	618.44	637.33	634.55
Average Weekly Earnings (\$/week) - Beverage	840.36	788.00	711.46

B.C. Food & Beverage Manufacturing Shipments (\$ millions)²

	2002	2003	2004
Total Food & Beverage Manufacturing Shipments	5,839.6	6,009.3	6,152.6
Total Food Industries	4,752.5	4,918.1	5,053.9
Meat and Meat Products	1,341.4	1,410.0	1,575.7
Fruit and Vegetables	421.9	418.5	477.2
Dairy Products	742.9	841.3	856.6
Seafood Products	721.6	693.6	620.9
Animal Food Products	492.1	460.7	413.8
Bakeries & tortillas	310.6	318.5	311.4
Other Food Industries	323.2	353.4	374.1
Total Beverage Industries	1,087.1	1,091.2	1,129.5

B.C. Manufacturing Value Added (\$millions)³

	2002	2003	2004
Food Manufacturing	1,661	1,658	n/a
Beverage Manufacturing	610	580	n/a
Total	2,271	2,238	n/a

Value Added as a Percentage of Shipments

	2002	2003	2004
B.C.	43	37	n/a
Canada	41	36	n/a

1 Sources: Statistics Canada, Manufacturing, Construction & Energy Division; Labour Statistics Division (SEPH and LFS); Business Register.

2 Source: Statistics Canada, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division, Annual Survey of Manufacturing for 2002, 2003 and 2004 data.

3 Source: Statistics Canada, Manufacturing, Construction & Energy Division.

n/a – not available at time of printing

Food Service

	2002	2003
Number of Locations*	8,172	8,231
Value of Sales (\$ millions)	5,101	5,389
Number of Employees	129,600	123,900
Average Weekly Earnings (\$/week)	286.74	273.08

*Includes restaurants, taverns, caterers, take-outs
(Excludes sales in the accommodation, recreational and institutional sectors).

Sources: Statistics Canada, Service Industries Division; Labour Statistics Division.

Total Value of B.C. Agri-Food Sales (\$ Millions)

	2002	2003
Food Eaten at Home	10,205	10,707
Food Eaten Away from Home*	6,826	7,012
Total Domestic Agri-Food Sales	17,031	17,719
Interprovincial Agri-Food Exports	2,200	2,300
International Agri-Food Exports	2,471	2,360
Total Value of Agri-Food Sales	21,702	22,379

* Includes all expenditures within the province by British Columbians and non-residents.

Source: Statistics Canada, National Accounts and Environment Division; BC STATS

Agriculture & Related Manufacturing, GDP Contribution: 2003 - 2004 (Current \$ Million)

	2003	2004
Agriculture	1,205	1,325
Food & Beverage	n/a	2,112
Total Agri-food GDP*	n/a	3,437
% Change in Agri-food GDP	-	-
Total BC Goods Sector GDP	32,484	39,556
Agri-food Percent	-	8.69
Total British Columbia GDP**	133,687	143,718
Agri-food Percent	-	2.39

* Excluding primary fishing

** GDP at factor cost

Source: BC Stats, British Columbia Economic Accounts 1984-2005

Employment in the B.C. Agri-Food Chain

	2002	2003	2004
Agriculture and Related Services	28,500	31,200	35,200
Fisheries	4,100	5,400	4,500
Food and Beverage Processing	27,000	31,100	31,000
Food Service	123,100	123,900	133,900
Retail Food*	65,400	74,300	68,800
Specialized Retail (Health Food)**	2,764	2,645	2,313
Floral and Garden Retail	4,700	4,700	4,200
Wholesale Trade	17,000	16,500	15,000
Transportation and Storage	1,531	1,765	1,662
Other Support Services***	684	681	697
Total	274,779	292,191	297,272

* Includes vending machine operators.

** For 2002, 2003 & 2004 this figure also includes vitamin/nutrition sections of pharmacies. The figures are based on a BCMAFF 2004 survey of health food stores in 33 significant urban centers in British Columbia.

***Based on a BCMAFF survey of banks, credit unions, realtors, fertilizer/chemical manufacturers and leather/hide tanners.

Source: Except where noted, data are from the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) coded industry statistics benchmarked to the 1996 Census that are produced by Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey.

Agriculture – Employment by Gender (in thousands)

	2003	2004
Men	17.5	19.4
Women	11.5	12.9
Total	29.0	32.3
Men:Women Ratio	1.5	1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey

Food and Beverage Manufacturing Industry – Employment by Gender (in thousands)

	2003	2004
Men	18.7	17.7
Women	11.1	13.2
Total	29.8	30.9
Men:Women Ratio (%)	1.7	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Division, Labour Force Survey

Establishments* by type in the B.C. Agri-Food Chain (at year end)

	2002	2003	2004
Food Manufacturing Industry	906	861	850
Beverage Manufacturing Industry	170	171	179
Farm Products Industry Wholesale	149	163	153
Food Wholesale Industry	974	1,028	991
Beverage Wholesale Industry	92	91	81
Food Retail Industry	2,786	2,836	2,908
Beverage Retail Industry +	57	77	104
Food & Beverage Service Industry	9,491	9,636	9,586

+ Includes only establishments and not retail locations. The largest beverage establishment, The B.C. Liquor Distribution Board, has several hundred retail locations. The establishment count is the number at December 31.

*The establishment counts are NAICS (as of 1998)

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register

Agri-Food Price Indexes

	2003	2004
Farm Input Price Index Western Canada (1992=100)	137.4	131.7
Farm Product Price BC (1997=100)	109.5	106.5
CPI All Items (1992=100)	120.4	122.8
CPI Food BC (1992=100)	122.8	124.4
CPI Food in Restaurants BC (1992=100)	127.6	129.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Prices Division; BC STATS

Annual Capital Investment (\$ millions)

	2003	2004	%chg
Total Food Chain Industries	826.7	908.6	9.9
Total Agri-Food Industries	341.6	401.3	17.5
Primary Agriculture	206.5	201.7	-2.3
Food & Beverage Manufacturing	135.1	199.6	47.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Investment & Capital Stock Division

Farm Investments in Environmental Protection, by Province, 2001

	Avg investment in environmental protection (\$)	% of farms reporting environmental investments	Environmental protection investments as a % of total investments
Canada	1,091	5.7	2.1
British Columbia	883	5.7	2.1
Alberta	391	5.6	0.7
Saskatchewan	295	4.0	0.6
Manitoba	465	3.1	0.9
Ontario	841	6.6	1.5
Quebec	4,146	7.8	7.2
New Brunswick	1,000	6.5	1.7
Nova Scotia	1,726	10.2	3.9
Prince Edward Island	3,731	15.0	6.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	615	2.4	1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Farm Financial Survey, 2002

Farm Investments in Environmental Protection, by Farm Type, 2001

	Avg investment in environmental protection (\$)	% of farms reporting environmental investments	Environmental protection investments as a % of total investments
Hogs	6,224	10.5	5.0
Dairy	3,433	10.0	3.4
Poultry	2,445	11.0	2.3
Potato	1,789	8.0	1.8
Horticulture	1,186	5.2	2.1
Beef	568	5.9	1.5
Grain and Oilseeds	286	3.3	0.7

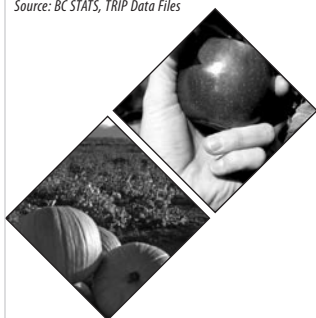
Note: Horticultural sales include sales of fruits, nuts, vegetables, melons, and greenhouse and nursery products (including floriculture)

Source: Statistics Canada, Farm Financial Survey, 2002

Out of Country Exports of Agri-Food Products to all countries (\$'000)

	British Columbia		Canada	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Cattle and Calves	44,528	0	596,051	0
Hogs	5,658	3,831	559,970	702,831
Other Live Animals	6,236	6,961	115,978	152,342
Beef	2,090	1,882	1,470,194	1,938,989
Pork	77,268	54,277	2,262,680	2,557,714
Poultry	19,144	8,492	173,617	205,343
Other Meat	12,871	10,011	122,706	129,205
Dairy Products	10,689	9,703	311,691	261,428
Eggs	5,718	3,706	55,910	51,884
Animal Fats	66,315	88,425	118,960	183,949
Other Animal Products	7,795	8,100	202,608	183,325
Plants, Bulbs, Flowers	98,989	96,550	480,610	453,303
Vegetables	249,779	300,105	2,822,849	2,990,847
Fruit and Nuts	205,287	252,134	509,502	594,131
Coffee, Tea, Spices	9,623	16,277	269,986	269,676
Grains and Oilseeds	45,577	198,530	6,756,733	8,074,250
Other Plant Products	30,890	24,956	298,638	294,766
Livestock Feeds, Forages	92,502	63,452	635,423	611,493
Cereal Preparations	119,701	131,187	1,934,478	2,000,069
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	69,353	39,949	493,787	406,691
Alcoholic Beverages	40,843	55,230	873,810	853,522
Other Agrifood Commodities	142,403	232,468	3,272,959	3,567,741
Total Agrifood Exports	1,363,259	1,606,226	24,339,140	26,483,499
Fish (including Processed)	996,246	984,296	4,534,086	4,427,311
Total Exports	2,359,505	2,590,522	28,873,226	30,910,810
Total Raw Exports	560,889	736,048	9,222,321	9,768,355
Total Processed Exports	1,798,616	1,854,473	19,650,904	21,142,455

Source: BC STATS, TRIP Data Files



Agri-Food and Fish International Exports – B.C. as a share of Canada

		2003	2004
Raw Exports	British Columbia (\$)	560,889,087	736,048,352
	Canada (\$)	9,222,321,096	9,768,354,714
	per cent (%)	6.08	7.54
Processed Exports	British Columbia (\$)	1,798,616,231	1,854,473,324
	Canada (\$)	19,650,904,282	21,142,455,512
	per cent (%)	9.15	8.77
Total Exports	British Columbia (\$)	2,359,505,318	2,590,521,676
	Canada (\$)	28,873,225,378	30,910,810,226
	per cent (%)	8.17	8.38

Source: BC STATS, Trip Data

B.C.'s Top Five Export Markets* (\$'000)

Rank	Country	British Columbia		Canada
		2003	2004	2004
1	U.S.	1,646,747	1,579,646	18,761,725
2	Japan	337,718	357,317	2,980,717
3	China	61,128	140,826	1,538,780
4	Taiwan	35,300	87,431	233,638
5	Hong Kong	63,625	79,913	332,910

* Ranked by 2004 B.C. export value with a Canada comparison for 2004

Source: BC STATS, Trip data

B.C. Farm Product Price Index (1997=100)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Grains	89.8	88.2	104.1	125.6	128.8	103.0
Oilseeds	70.9	64.1	78.1	96.0	95.0	97.5
Specialty Crops	69.7	56.6	80.3	108.6	86.4	86.4
Fruit	95.8	94.8	81.3	93.3	101.8	105.0
Vegetables (excl. potatoes)	93.6	98.1	97.7	114.2	117.8	111.8
Potatoes	129.3	120.7	140.2	179.7	149.5	167.8
Total Crops	95.5	96.5	92.0	107.3	111.6	109.9
Cattle and Calves	116.5	140.8	142.4	123.7	120.2	102.7
Hogs	73.4	97.0	100.5	77.8	76.6	97.0
Poultry	88.9	86.9	91.4	87.4	91.4	93.4
Eggs	99.2	99.2	102.5	104.2	110.0	115.0
Dairy	102.3	103.3	106.0	110.1	114.0	108.4
Total Livestock And Animal Products	100.2	107.7	110.5	105.1	107.0	102.8
Total Index	98.1	102.7	102.1	106.5	109.5	106.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Prices Division

B.C.'s Top 25 Agricultural Commodities and National Ranking, 2004

	Commodities	2004 BC Receipts (\$'000)	2004 Canada Receipts (\$'000)	BC Share (%)	National Ranking
1	Dairy Products	391,731	4,591,194	8.5	3
2	Floriculture	303,687	1,313,914	23.1	2
3	Hens & Chickens	205,443	1,577,706	13.0	3
4	Tomatoes (greenhouse)	156,411	413,426	37.8	2
5	Nursery Products	154,958	506,619	30.6	2
6	Cattle	153,401	4,513,203	3.4	6
7	Sweet Peppers (greenhouse)	71,707	132,552	54.1	1
8	Calves	67,466	556,998	12.1	3
9	Blueberries	64,200	127,913	50.2	1
10	Apples	57,000	144,355	39.5	1
11	Potatoes	55,660	891,508	6.2	8
12	Mushrooms	54,524	251,727	21.7	2
13	Hogs	47,067	4,263,152	1.1	6
14	Eggs	46,699	565,941	8.3	4
15	Grapes	26,730	80,772	33.1	2
16	Cranberries	24,336	49,965	48.7	2
17	Turkeys	22,988	267,638	8.6	4
18	Raspberries	21,940	32,106	68.3	1
19	Ginseng	20,223	64,309	31.4	2
20	Sweet Cherries	19,330	22,880	84.5	1
21	Cucumbers (greenhouse)	17,961	131,477	13.7	2
22	Canola	13,962	2,135,819	0.7	4
23	Hay & Clover	11,743	138,759	8.5	6
24	Honey	7,007	144,482	4.9	5
25	Sod	6,720	107,701	6.2	4

Choice of commodity set is based on current sales.

Receipts and ranking are based on the 2004 value of marketings from Statistics Canada, May 2005 revision.

Forest products grown on farm (included in the past) have been excluded as they are not strictly agricultural products.

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, Farm Cash Receipts Unit.

Notes: In 2004, British Columbia, led the nation in the production of blueberries, sweet peppers (greenhouse), raspberries, apples and sweet cherries, and ranked second to Ontario in the production of floriculture, ginseng, grapes, greenhouse cucumbers, greenhouse tomatoes, mushrooms, cranberries, and nursery products. Among all the provinces, thirteen of British Columbia's top commodities ranked in the top two in their contribution to national production.

Four of British Columbia's top 25 agricultural commodities - sweet cherries, sweet peppers (greenhouse), raspberries and blueberries - in 2004 accounted for more than 50 percent of Canadian marketed production, and 10 products accounted for more than 25 percent of Canadian marketed production.

B.C. Farm Debt Outstanding (\$'000)

	2003r	2004p	5yr avg 1999- 2003r	2004p 5yr avg % Change
Chartered Banks	1,441,111	1,514,472	1,450,630	4.4
Federal gov't agencies	595,796	717,679	436,985	64.2
Provincial gov't agencies	3,495	2,520	6,433	-60.8
Credit unions	1,394	1,534	1,219	25.9
Insurance, trust co. & other	71,062	84,549	45,113	87.4
Supply companies and private indiv.	304,944	344,042	287,371	19.7
Adv. Payment programs	13,101	14,720	12,922	13.9
Total debt outstanding	2,430,903	2,679,516	2,240,674	19.6

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Economic Statistics Cat.21-603

Income Taxes Paid By Revenue Class, B.C. (Incorporated & Unincorporated Farms*): 2003

Gross Receipts Class	Average Net Federal Tax \$	Average Net Provincial Tax (\$)	Average Total Payable (\$)	Average Total Paid (\$)	Farm Operators (No.)**
\$10,000 - \$24,999	4,975	2,184	7,373	7,316	4,310
\$25,000 - \$49,999	5,992	2,718	8,935	8,837	2,960
\$50,000 - \$99,999	4,812	2,163	7,464	7,391	2,400
\$100,000 - \$249,999	3,928	1,747	6,423	6,378	2,460
\$250,000 - \$499,999	7,127	3,253	11,297	11,253	1,590
\$500,000 and over	11,199	5,203	16,932	16,839	2,310
All Classes \$10,000 and over	6,089	2,754	9,297	9,228	16,030

* Incorporated farms include only those farms with agricultural sales of \$25,000+ and unincorporated farms include only farms with gross farm revenues of \$10,000+.

**These are distinct from farms in the foregoing revenue classes of which there are a total of 10,415 in B.C.

Source: Statistics Canada, Whole Farm Database



Income Taxes Paid By Farm Type, B.C. (Incorporated & Unincorporated Farms*): 2003

Farm Type	Average Net Federal Tax (\$)	Average Net Provincial Tax (\$)	Average Total Payable (\$)	Total Paid (\$)	Farm Operators (No.)**
Dairy Cattle and Milk Production	4,418	1,857	7,081	7,057	1,400
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming, including feedlots	4,736	2,173	7,209	7,130	4,240
Hog and Pig Farming	X	X	3,303	3,237	150
Poultry & Egg Production	X	X	21,420	21,332	1,150
Other Animal Production	10,371	4,953	15,717	15,620	1,730
Oilseed & Grain Farming	7,651	3,325	11,626	11,572	770
Vegetable and Melon Farming	3,804	1,633	5,966	5,925	710
Potato Farming	5,793	2,515	8,908	8,894	150
Other Vegetable (Except Potato) and Melon Farming	3,286	1,404	5,200	5,153	560
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	5,546	2,459	8,434	8,367	1,300
Other Crop Farming	4,093	1,731	6,149	6,096	1,420
All Farm Types	6,089	2,754	9,297	9,228	16,030

X = unavailable

* Incorporated farms include only those farms with agricultural sales of \$25,000+ and unincorporated farms include only farms with gross farm revenues of \$10,000+.

**These are distinct from farms in the foregoing revenue classes of which there are a total of 10,415 in B.C.

Source: Statistics Canada, Whole Farm Database



B.C. Farms Using Computers (number)

		1991	1996	2001
By Gross Receipts Class	Under \$10,000	940	2,073	3,238
	\$10,000 to \$49,999	589	1,165	2,121
	\$50,000 to \$99,999	239	397	654
	\$100,000 to \$499,999	715	999	1,380
	\$500,000 and over	262	510	753
	Total	2,745	5,144	8,146
By Farm Type	Dairy	350	406	497
	Cattle	539	830	1,647
	Pigs	67	84	85
	Poultry	98	214	312
	Eggs	65	157	220
	Grains/Oilseeds	72	110	109
	Forages	112	280	608
	Tree Fruit	270	582	708
	Berry and Grape	121	233	458
	Field Vegetables (inc. Potatoes)	93	222	267
	Greenhouse Veg. & Mushroom Farms	46	80	188
	Floriculture & Nursery	286	484	796
	Other	626	1,462	2,251
		Total	2,745	5,144
By Region	Cariboo	166	350	664
	Kootenay	132	295	515
	Lower Mainland/Southwest	1,046	1,751	2,513
	Nechako	102	171	377
	North Coast	15	28	44
	Peace River	182	341	590
	Thompson/Okanagan	727	1,411	2,242
	Vancouver Island/Coast	375	797	1,201
	Total	2,745	5,144	8,146

Source: Statistics Canada, 1991, 1996 & 2001 Census of Agriculture



B.C. Organic Farming

		Fruit	Vegetable
Estimated Number of Farms*	B.C.	175	135
	Quebec	55	75
	Ontario	85	140
	Canada	365	415
Estimated Area (acres)*	B.C.	1,350	1,340
	Quebec	515	600
	Ontario	995	2,025
	Canada	4,300	4,200
		Organic (acres)	Total (acres)
B.C. Vegetable Area – selected crops**	Broccoli	124	1,440
	Carrots	75	785
	Leeks	8	40
	Lettuce	46	760
	Shallots	33	90
	Spinach	27	135
	Radish	19	120
	Squash & Zucchinis	43	345
	Tomatoes	19	185
B.C. Fruit Area – selected crops	Apples	719	15,750
	Peaches	66	1,195
	Pears	60	825
	Raspberries	100	4,985
	Strawberries	53	1,600

* Organic farms producing both fruits and vegetables are included in each column. The numbers have been rounded to the nearest five farms or acres.

** Crop selection based on an organic component of five per cent or more of total cultivated area.

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division, May 2000 Spring Fruit and Vegetable Survey.

Organic Products in B.C. and Canada (2001) (number of farms reporting)

	British Columbia	Canada
Fruits, vegetables or greenhouse products	267	614
Field crops (grains, oilseeds, etc)	70	1,442
Animals or animal products (meat, milk, eggs, etc)	53	381
Other (maple syrup, herbs, etc)	45	340

Source: Census of Agriculture 2001

Number of Non-Organic Farms for Every Organic Farm Direct Sales (2002)

Province	Fruit	Vegetables
British Columbia	12 to 1	14 to 1
Quebec	23 to 1	16 to 1
Ontario	62 to 1	82 to 1

Price Differential between Organic and Non-organic Sales of Fresh Fruit directly to the Public, 2001-2002

Crop	British Columbia		Ontario		Quebec	
	2001 \$/lb.	2002 \$/lb.	2001 \$/lb.	2002 \$/lb.	2001 \$/lb.	2002 \$/lb.
Apples	0.19	0.06	0.01	0.03	-0.01	-0.06
Blueberries	0.45	1.37	0.73	n/a	0.22	-1.64
Peaches	0.38	0.20	-0.04	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pears	0.28	0.20	-0.19	0.52	0.48	n/a
Plums/Prunes	0.15	0.03	-0.41	0.28	0.33	-0.05
Raspberries	1.22	0.92	-0.9	2.91	-0.41	0.33
Strawberries	0.02	-0.39	-0.24	1.07	0.69	0.88

Note: The non-organic price was subtracted from the organic price to establish a price differential.

A negative indicates that the non-organic price was greater than the organic price.

Price Differential between Organic and Non-organic Sales of Fresh Vegetables directly to the Public, 2001 - 2002

Crop	British Columbia		Ontario		Quebec	
	2001 \$/lb.	2002 \$/lb.	2001 \$/lb.	2002 \$/lb.	2001 \$/lb.	2002 \$/lb.
Asparagus	-0.53	-0.43	0.50	n/a	-0.19	1.63
Beans	0.86	0.44	0.22	0.19	-0.07	1.35
Broccoli	0.28	0.04	0.18	0.33	0.08	0.06
Sweet Corn	0.88	-0.02	0.11	0.34	0.02	-0.08
Regular Cabbage	0.06	0.05	0.06	-0.01	0.11	0.17
Baby Carrots	0.26	0.20	-0.54	n/a	n/a	-0.10
Cauliflower	0.33	0.20	-0.01	-0.16	-0.02	0.38
Celery	-0.06	0.00	0.02	n/a	0.11	0.83
Head Lettuce	0.04	-0.57	-0.06	-0.19	0.69	0.08
Shallots	-0.09	-0.09	-0.64	0.18	0.27	-0.52
Green Peas	0.35	0.61	0.04	0.19	-0.47	0.84
Peppers	0.20	-0.18	0.12	0.04	0.02	-0.01
Radishes	-0.01	-0.06	-0.15	0.01	-0.06	0.96
Squash/Zucchini	0.33	-0.10	0.07	0.28	-0.06	0.36
Tomatoes	0.46	0.69	-0.42	0.31	0.05	0.56

Note: The non-organic price was subtracted from the organic price to establish a price differential.

A negative indicates that the non-organic price was greater than the organic price.

Source: Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 21-004-XPB

B.C.'s Top 20 High Growth* Farm Commodities

	Per cent Growth 1995-2004
Tomatoes (greenhouse)	804.1
Peppers (greenhouse)	538.4
Blueberries	333.5
Beans	268.4
Grapes	170.7
Nursery Products	130.7
Sweet Cherries	120.0
Floriculture	110.7
Calves	109.3
Honey	82.7
Cucumbers (greenhouse)	78.1
Strawberries	65.2
Cabbage	60.7
Potatoes	54.6
Dairy Products	34.0
Hens & Chickens	29.7
Pears	25.7
Corn	20.4
Sheep & Lambs	18.2
Mushrooms	13.1

*Based on a 10 year growth of the value of marketings

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division.

Precipitation, 2003 and 2004 (mm)

	Vancouver Int'l Airport		Victoria Int'l Airport		Prince George		Kamloops	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
January	150.5	161.4	177.5	112.9	65.4	47.6	18.8	32.4
February	27.1	83.4	24.4	52.0	37.7	30.0	3.0	13.4
March	133.7	101.2	125.4	56.0	51.4	29.0	19.3	11.2
April	139.8	15.0	52.8	4.2	25.4	13.6	43.4	11.5
May	49.3	60.8	22.1	30.4	50.4	53.6	26.5	52.1
June	12.8	22.8	4.3	23.4	42.0	64.6	38.5	23.4
July	19.8	16.6	14.4	13.5	42.8	41.4	1.8	39.6
August	4.1	75.0	0.8	98.5	41.8	65.8	1.6	55.5
September	40.2	169.4	21.2	71.3	74.6	107.0	16.0	38.9
October	248.2	117.2	318.8	107.3	108.2	73.2	15.1	30.8
November	167.4	199.6	163.7	116.9	24.4	83.4	26.0	39.1
December	113.2	188.2	96.4	164.2	25.6	51.6	3.9	31.0
Total	1,106.1	1,210.6	1,021.8	850.6	589.7	660.8	213.9	378.9

Source: Environment Canada

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