

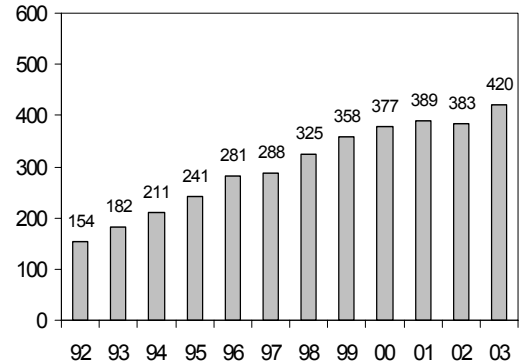
Organic Statistics 2003

BRITISH COLUMBIA

FARMERS

Number certified: 420
 % of total farmers in BC: 2%
 Number in transition: 76
 Estimated gross value of sales: \$20 M
 % less than \$10,000 gross sales: 51%
 % over \$50,000 gross sales: 20%
 % female organic operators: 40%
 % female operators all farms: 36%
 Acreage in Production: 21,735
 Additional acreage in program (crown & wild land): 243,023
 Transitional acreage: 5,686

Certified producers - British Columbia



TYPE OF PRODUCTION

Vegetables

BC is the province with the largest acreage and the most organic farms growing vegetables.
 Acres: 2283; Number of farms: at least 215
 12.7% of total vegetable area in province
 Majority are market gardens with mixed vegetable production.
 70% increase from 2000 to 2003, most of it in lower mainland.
 7 mushroom producers

Crop	Acres	Farms
Mixed vegetables	897	202
Greenhouse	23	54
Large scale misc.	1076	8
Potatoes	>158	25
Garlic	31	13
Misc. other vegetable	97	5

Herbs

Acres: 177; Number of farms: 46
 Wildcrafting acres: 615

Fruit & Nuts

BC is the province with the largest acreage and highest percentage of the total fruit acreage.
 Acres: 1716; % of total in province: 3.5%
 27% increase from 2000 to 2003
 Organic apples are at least 5% of total apple area.
 Organic grapes are 7% of total grape area.

Crop	Acres	Farms
Apples	567	75
Grapes	518	13
Tree fruit unidentified	176	54
Berries & grapes	97	46
Pears	59	24
Peaches	48	34
Apricots	21	23
Nectarines	16	16
Cherries	15	19
Hazelnuts	108	13

Grains & Oilseeds

Total acres: 2534
 Oats: 1573 acres, 5 farms; Barley: 451 acres, 9 farms
 Spelt: 250 acres, 10 farms; Wheat: 140 acres, 1 farm
 Hemp: 30 acres, 1 farm; Rye: 23 acres, 2 farms
 Unidentified: 45

Forages & Green manures

Pasture and Hay: 13506 acres, 108 farms;
 Alfalfa: 327 acres, 3 farms;
 Fallow/green manure: 972 acres, 58 farms

Livestock

Type	Head	Farms
Beef cattle	873	18
Bison	34	1
Dairy	1174	5
Sheep	911	8
Goats	320	7
Pigs	235	5
Deer/elk	120	1

Total number livestock enterprises: 45

PROCESSORS & DISTRIBUTORS

Number of Certified Enterprises:

Processors: 60
Handlers: 13 (7 packing fruit or vegetables)
Livestock Feed: 1
Unidentified: 11

Processing value: at least \$16 million

Types of processed products:

Dairy - fluid milk, cheese, butter, cream, yogurt, ice cream
Grains - breakfast cereals, pasta, flours & mixes
Soy products: tofu, tempeh, miso, soymilk
Nut butters
Oils
Fruit products: juice, chips, bars, spreads, jams, jellies
Frozen vegetables
Herbal- lozenges, extracts
Coffee roasting & tea packaging
Beer & wine
Meats
Pasta sauce, soups & chili,
Relish, chutneys, pickles, vinegar

Retail outlets selling organic food:

297 mainstream grocery stores, 400 other outlets
\$ value unknown

Poultry

Type	Number	Farms
Meat birds	134,000	28
Layers	66089	45
Turkeys	1670	3
Geese	7	1
Ducks	8	1

Estimated egg production:
1,470,840 dozen

EXPORTS

Mainly to United States

Apples: \$3.2 Million
Stone fruits \$50,000
(peaches, plums, apricots,
nectarines & cherries)

Fresh Vegetables: tomatoes,
beans, broccoli, potatoes,
Asian vegetables, beets,
spinach, radish & herbs.
Specialty mushrooms
Frozen beans

Processed products

These statistics were compiled from data provided by the following CBs:
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