The combination of farmer ingenuity, protection from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), a moderate climate, exports and proximity to urban markets, enables farms in Metro Vancouver to generate over $954 million (26% of BC’s gross annual farm receipts) on only 1.5% of the province’s agricultural land.

**METRO VANCOUVER TOTAL**
- $954,575,981 Gross Farm Receipts 2015*
  - 2,412 farms
  - 3,525 farm operators
  - 38,380 hectares farmed land
  - 16 ha average farm size

**FARM OPERATORS**
Farm operators are the persons that make the management decisions on a farm. In 2016, there were 3,525 farm operators in the Metro Vancouver region.

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*Gross Farm receipts are before expenses related to farming are deducted.
FARM MANAGEMENT

LAND USE ON FARMS IN 2016

- Crops: 65%
- Managed Pasture: 4%
- Summerfallow land: 1%
- All other uses: 14%
- Woodlands and wetlands: 3%
- Unmanaged pasture: 13%

Other uses on farms includes buildings and greenhouses.

- 73% of the total farm area is owned by farmers
- 29% of the total farm area is leased or rented from others

The number of farms using beneficial land management practices has increased over the last 5 years:

- 17% percent of farms practice rotational grazing
- 15% percent of farms use windbreaks or shelterbelts
- 8% percent of farms are plowing down green manure
- 8% percent of farms use winter cover crops

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND CROP FARMS

Farms in Metro Vancouver produce a wide variety of crops and livestock:

- 416 Egg Production
- 586 Chicken + Hen
- 189 Turkey + Other Poultry
- 471 Horse + Pony
- 384 Cattle (Beef + Dairy)
- 170 Bee Colonies
- 189 Sheep + Lamb
- 721 Fruit, Nut and Berry
- 656 Hay and Field Crops
- 388 Vegetable
- 238 Nursery and Sod
- 225 Greenhouse Products
- 88 Potato
- 20 Mushroom

For further information see the 2016 Census of Agriculture bulletin on the Metro Vancouver website.