



# City of Burnaby Agriculture in Brief

- The **City of Burnaby** was incorporated in 1892 and is located in the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

- **Population**<sup>1</sup> = 193,954 (2001)  
*Population increase 1971 to 2001 = 68,294*

**Burnaby is the third largest municipal jurisdiction in B.C.**

- **Jurisdictional Area**<sup>2</sup>

Land	=	9,860	ha.
Water	=	814	ha.
<b>Total</b>	=	<b>10,674</b>	<b>ha.</b>

- **Agricultural Land Reserve**<sup>3</sup> = 260 hectares

*The ALR, designated in 1974, accounts for about 3% of the land area of the City of Burnaby.*

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>
➤ <b>Total Area Farmed</b> <sup>4</sup> (hectares)	546 <sup>5</sup>	292
➤ <b>Percentage of Farmland: Owned-</b>	96%	86%
<b>Leased-</b>	4%	14%
➤ <b>Number of Farms</b> <sup>6</sup> Reporting	54	51
➤ <b>Average Farm Size</b> (hectares)	10.1	5.7
➤ <b>Farmland Use:</b> (hectares)		
• Crops	286	144
• Summerfallow	0	0
• Pasture (managed)	x <sup>7</sup>	5
• Pasture (unmanaged)	x	15
• <u>Other</u> <sup>8</sup>	<u>210</u>	<u>128</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>292</b>



<sup>1</sup> Source: <http://www.statcan.ca/>

<sup>2</sup> Source: Ministry of Municipal Affairs; Municipal Statistics, 1996.

<sup>3</sup> ALR as of January 1, 2001 – Source: files of the Agricultural Land Commission

<sup>4</sup> Source of agricultural statistics – *Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture Profile Data - British Columbia, 1996 and 2001.*

<sup>5</sup> **Note:** The figure for "Total Area Farmed" appears somewhat high given that it is over double the land estimated to be in the ALR. There may be some land outside the ALR that is in farm use, however, it is possible that this was also due to the "Headquarters" rule employed by Statistics Canada where farmland outside Burnaby is counted as being in the City if the headquarters of the farm is located in Burnaby.

<sup>6</sup> A census farm was defined (in 1996) as an agricultural operation that produces at least one of the following products intended for sale: crops, (field crops, tree fruits or nuts, berries or grapes, vegetables, seed) livestock, (cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, exotic animals, etc.) poultry, (hens, chickens, turkeys, exotic birds, etc.) animal products, (milk or cream, eggs, wool, furs meat) or other agricultural products (greenhouse or nursery products, Christmas trees, mushrooms, sod, honey and maple syrup products.

<sup>7</sup> 'x' indicates that farms reporting but further information not provided due to confidentiality.

<sup>8</sup> "Other": includes 'Unimproved Land', 'Other Improved Land', 'Woodland' and land not included due to confidentiality.

