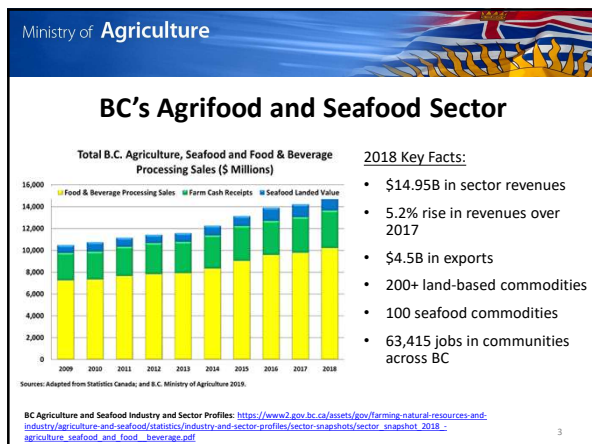




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BC's Agrifood and Seafood Sector

- **Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)**
 - 5% of land base
 - 4,613,162 hectares
 - 2.7% Ag suitable
 - 1.1% prime farmland
- **17,500 farms; 44,500 workers**
- **High geographic variability, diverse production**

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The Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP)

- \$3B federal-provincial-territorial agreement
- Replaced Growing Forward 2
- \$400.5M to BC to advance strategic programming and support sub-sectors (funding unchanged from GF2)
- CAP priority areas:
 - Markets & Trade
 - Science, Research & Innovation
 - Risk Management
 - Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change
 - Value-added Agriculture and Food Processing
 - Public Trust

Canadian Agricultural Partnership: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/en/about-us/key-departmental-initiatives/canadian-agricultural-partnership/?id=1461767369693>

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Minister's Legislative Responsibilities

<p>Key Acts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agricultural Land Commission Act</i> • <i>Animal Health Act</i> • <i>Farm Practices Protection Act (Right to Farm)</i> • <i>Fish and Seafood Act</i> • <i>Food and Agricultural Products Classification Act</i> • <i>Natural Products Marketing Act</i> • <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act</i> • <i>Veterinarians Act</i> <p>Shared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Food Safety Act</i> (as it relates to slaughter) • <i>Milk Industry Act</i> (as it relates to milk processing) • <i>Local Government Act</i> (Right to Farm regulation) • <i>Ministry of Forests and Range Act</i> (as it relates to ranching) • <i>Special Accounts Appropriation and Control</i> (as it relates to government insurance payments under the Insurance for Crops Act) 	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agrologists Act</i> • <i>Farm Income Insurance Act</i> • <i>Farmers and Womens Institutes Act</i> • <i>Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act</i> • <i>Insurance for Crops Act</i> • <i>Livestock Act</i> • <i>Livestock Identification Act</i> • <i>Livestock Lien Act</i> • <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Food Act</i> • <i>Plant Protection Act</i> • <i>Seed Potato Act</i> • <i>Veterinary Drugs Act</i>
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Ministry Mandate and Priority Areas: Grow, Feed, Buy B.C.



<p>growBC</p> <p>Build sustainable production and help BC producers expand local food production</p>	<p>feedBC</p> <p>Build the value of and access to BC food</p>	<p>buyBC</p> <p>Build consumer awareness and demand and help local producers market their products to grow their business</p>
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Service Plan: <https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2019/sp/pdf/ministry/agri.pdf>

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Ministry Mandate and Priority Areas: Grow, Feed, Buy B.C.

Building a Better B.C. through Agriculture		
GROW BC	FEED BC	BUY BC
Building Sustainable Production from Land and Sea	Building the Value of and Access to B.C. Food	Building Consumer Awareness and Demand
KEY FOCUS AREAS		
Primary Agriculture and Seafood Producers Agricultural Land Reserve	Public Sector Institutions Food and Beverage Processors Agri-technology	Consumers Grocery Retailers Restaurant and Food Service Establishments
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE'S MANDATE LETTER COMMITMENTS		
<p>Establish Grow BC to help young farmers access land, and support fruit and nut growers and processors to expand local food production</p> <p>Revitalize the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission</p>	<p>Initiate Feed BC to increase the use of B.C.-grown and processed foods in hospitals, schools, and other government facilities</p> <p>Work with growers, processors, colleges and universities, as well as the Minister of Advanced Education and the Minister of State for Trade, to develop a B.C. Food Innovation Centre to innovate in the processing, packaging and marketing of B.C. food products, linking local food producers with new technology, and expanding exports and access to world markets</p>	<p>Bring back an enhanced Buy BC marketing program to help local producers market their products, and work with local producers to expand market access in the rest of Canada and abroad</p>

Ministerial Mandate Letter: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/ministries/organizations/prime_cabinet_office/minister_letter/2019ham_mandate.pdf

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Innovation and Adaptation Services Branch

Mandate: Works to enhance agriculture, food and seafood sector growth, competitiveness, sustainability and adaptability. Provides expertise and support for innovation, domestic and international marketing, management practices that promote agriculture and food systems that are environmentally sustainable and productive, climate change adaptation, traceability, and creating and maintaining a positive regulatory climate with local government.

Units and Programs:

- Market Development**
 - Buy BC, International Trade
- Resource Management**
 - Soil, Air, Water, Environmental Farm Plan & Best Management Practices
- Strengthening Farming**
 - Climate Action, Land Use Planning, Traceability, Land Use Inventory, Premises ID
- Innovation**
 - Agri-Innovation, Food Hub Network, Agritech



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Business Risk Management Branch

Mandate: Improves access to capital and enables investment by helping producers manage risks that cause income losses and lead to financial instability, including weather hazards, natural disasters, wildlife, diseases, pests and market declines.

Units and Programs:

- AgriStability
- AgriInvest
- Wildfire Recovery (AgriRecovery)
- Production (Crop) Insurance Program
- Agriculture Wildlife Program
- BC Bred Heifer and Feeder Loan Guarantee Program
- Western Livestock Price Insurance Program



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Sector Development Branch

Mandate: Works directly with the agriculture, food and seafood sectors in all areas of B.C. to build industry capacity by supporting: business development, First Nations agriculture, youth development, farm succession, new entrants, and agroforestry. Provides in-depth knowledge of the opportunities, challenges and needs of various sectors, and the emergency preparedness and coordination required for the agriculture and food sector in B.C.

Units and Programs:

- Regional Agrologists
 - Network of regionally-based professionals providing technical expertise, outreach, land-use planning, emergency response services
- Partnerships and Outreach
 - Provide business advisory services, community engagement, training and resources
- Industry Development Specialists
 - Professionals providing commodity and system based technical expertise
- Client and Administrative Services
 - Provide client services through AgriService BC
- Business Development Programs
 - Funding programs and knowledge transfer



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Food Safety and Inspection Branch

Mandate: Supports the sustainability and prosperity of the agri-food, meat and seafood industries, while serving to protect the well-being of the people of the province; accomplished through education and awareness, inspection and regulatory compliance, surveillance, risk assessment, and development of policy, programs and strategies to address identified risks.

Units and Programs:

- Agri-food Safety and Quality (Abbotsford)
- Seafood Safety and Quality (Courtenay)
- Meat Inspection
- Policy, compliance and enforcement



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Plant and Animal Health Branch

Mandate: To diagnose, monitor, and assist in the prevention, control and management of plant and animal pests and diseases in B.C. through surveillance, regulatory compliance, risk assessment, and the development of strategies to address identified risks.

Units and Programs:

- Animal Health Centre
 - Provides world class veterinary diagnostic services
- Plant Health Unit
 - Addresses plant health risks and issues that affect production
- Livestock Health Management and Regulatory Unit
 - Involved in control, licensing, inspection and monitoring



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Corporate Governance, Policy and Legislation

Mandate: Leads the ministry's policy and legislative development, assesses industry research and market trends, leads intergovernmental relations, and evaluates the success of initiatives.

Units and Programs:

- Policy
- Legislation
- Intergovernmental Relations, Seafood and Trade
- Corporate Statistics and Research
- Technology and Transformation
- Program and Performance Evaluation



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Farm Industry Review Board

Mandate: Government appointed independent administrative tribunal responsible for supervising BC's eight regulated marketing boards under the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act (NPMA), and hearing appeals and complaints under the NPMA, Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supervise BC's marketing boards and commissions
- Signatory to federal-provincial agreements
- Hear appeals of marketing board and commission decisions
- Hear appeals of BCSPCA animal custody and cost decisions
- Hear farm practices nuisance complaints
- Conducts farm practices studies

Organization overview:

- Up to 10 part-time members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council supported by full-time staff.

FIRB Website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/boards-commissions-tribunals/the-farm-industry-review-board>

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Agricultural Land Commission

Mandate: Government appointed independent administrative tribunal responsible for administering the Agricultural Land Commission Act, which governs the use of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve, and is dedicated to preserving agricultural land and encouraging farming in British Columbia.

Key Responsibilities:

- Considers applications to include & exclude ALR land; and for subdivision and non-farm use in the ALR
- Ensure local government plans & bylaws are compatible & encourage farming in the ALR
- Enforce complaints of non-compliant activities in ALR

Organization Overview:

- Executive Committee includes an appointed Chair and six Vice Chairs
- Six appointed regional panels include a Chair and two members

Provincial
Agricultural
Land Commission

ALC Website: <https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/alc/content/home>

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Key Issues for BC's Agrifood Sector

Trade:

- Key benefit for B.C.'s agriculture sector is elimination of tariffs.
 - For example, B.C.'s fresh, frozen and sweetened cranberries are eligible for the elimination of tariffs of up to 30% in Vietnam.
 - B.C.'s pork sector is eligible for the graduation elimination of tariffs of up to 20% in Japan.

Animal Activism:

- Since 2017, twelve on property protests, and multiple other anti-livestock agriculture campaigns relating to animal activists (in the regulated sectors of poultry, hog, and dairy).

Animal Welfare Codes of Practice

- The Animal Care Codes of Practice Regulation (the Regulation) came into force on June 1, 2019, under the PCA Act, to provide further protection for farm animals by establishing reasonable and generally accepted practices of animal management

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Marketing Boards in Agriculture

- The Minister is responsible for recommendations to Lieutenant Governor in Council for public appointment positions.
- What is CABRO?
 - Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office
 - CABRO is a government group that oversees the open, transparent and merit-based public appointment process.
- Government is especially focused on:
 - Board diversity
 - Governing in the Public Interest

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