
















1. Please choose the area which best describes where you live.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Smithers / Telkwa / Electoral Area A		40.0%	32
Burns Lake / Electoral Area B		2.5%	2
Fort St. James/ Electoral Area C		11.3%	9
Fraser Lake / Endako / Fort Fraser / Electoral Area D		5.0%	4
Ootsa Lake / West Francois Lake / Electoral Area E		7.5%	6
Vanderhoof / Cluculz Lake / Electoral Area F		30.0%	24
Houston / Topley / Granisle / Electoral Area G		1.3%	1
Other (please specify)		2.5%	2
		answered question	80
		skipped question	2













2. How long have you lived in the area?

		Response Percent	Response Count
less than 5 years		16.5%	13
5-15 years		15.2%	12
15+ years		68.4%	54
answered question			79
skipped question			3

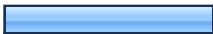





3. Please tell us your age category.

		Response Percent	Response Count
under 19 years		0.0%	0
19-34 years		10.1%	8
35-49 years		22.8%	18
50-64 years		36.7%	29
65+ years		30.4%	24
answered question			79
skipped question			3







4. What agricultural products do you produce? (Check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
fodder		40.3%	31
beef / hogs		70.1%	54
sheep / goats		19.5%	15
poultry / rabbits		11.7%	9
dairy		6.5%	5
grain		3.9%	3
eggs		14.3%	11
honey		3.9%	3
vegetables / fruits		23.4%	18
wildcrafting		1.3%	1
agri-tourism		2.6%	2
Other (please specify)		15.6%	12
		answered question	77
		skipped question	5

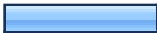









5. What was your gross income from the production of agricultural products in 2010?

		Response Percent	Response Count
under \$10,000		31.1%	23
\$10,001 - \$20,000		9.5%	7
\$20,001 - \$50,000		28.4%	21
\$50,001 - \$100,000		8.1%	6
\$100,001 - \$150,000		8.1%	6
\$150,001 or more		14.9%	11
answered question			74
skipped question			8

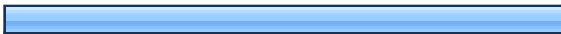





6. What percentage of your net income was from the production of agricultural products in 2010?

		Response Percent	Response Count
under 10%		35.6%	26
11% - 20%		5.5%	4
21% - 40%		9.6%	7
41% - 60%		8.2%	6
61% - 80%		11.0%	8
81% - 100%		30.1%	22
answered question			73
skipped question			9

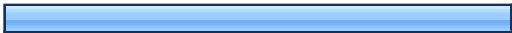









7. With respect to land, which of the following present the greatest challenges you face as an agricultural producer? (please select a maximum of three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
lack of availability		22.4%	15
high land prices		35.8%	24
soil quality		37.3%	25
Crown land procurement		29.9%	20
encroaching development		7.5%	5
zoning		4.5%	3
ALR regulations		25.4%	17
conflict with other land uses		19.4%	13
water supply		19.4%	13
Other (please specify)		16.4%	11
		answered question	67
		skipped question	15

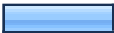





8. With respect to farm operations, which of the following present the greatest challenges you face as an agricultural producer? (please select a maximum of three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
profitability		84.1%	58
government regulations		63.8%	44
succession planning		11.6%	8
lack of skilled labour		17.4%	12
lack of farming knowledge (e.g. new products, methods, etc.)		8.7%	6
Other (please specify)		17.4%	12
		answered question	69
		skipped question	13








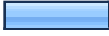
9. With respect to infrastructure, which of the following present the greatest challenges you face as an agricultural producer? (please select a maximum of three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
fencing and construction costs		76.2%	48
availability of equipment maintenance expertise		25.4%	16
access to power		3.2%	2
access to 3 phase power		12.7%	8
access to natural gas		0.0%	0
access to broadband internet service		12.7%	8
irrigation costs		19.0%	12
road access		9.5%	6
access to processing facilities		49.2%	31
access to cold storage facilities		15.9%	10
Other (please specify)		11.1%	7
answered question			63
skipped question			19

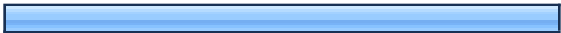





10. With respect to marketing, which of the following present the greatest challenges you face as an agricultural producer? (please select a maximum of three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
lack of training/expertise		16.1%	10
restricted access to markets		50.0%	31
distance to markets		61.3%	38
limited advertizing budget		19.4%	12
limited time		40.3%	25
Other (please specify)		8.1%	5
		answered question	62
		skipped question	20








11. Which markets do you sell to as an agricultural producer? (please select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
local market through a farmer's market		20.0%	13
local market by farm gate sales		64.6%	42
local retail outlets		4.6%	3
local restaurants		3.1%	2
Institutions (hospitals, schools, etc.)		1.5%	1
outside of region by direct sales		35.4%	23
outside of region by auction		41.5%	27
Other (please specify)		15.4%	10
		answered question	65
		skipped question	17

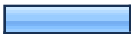





12. Which marketing tools do you use to sell your agricultural products? (please select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
word of mouth		83.6%	51
local newspaper / newsletter		13.1%	8
farmers market		18.0%	11
local producers directory		18.0%	11
community sponsorship		0.0%	0
radio		0.0%	0
internet		19.7%	12
Other (please specify)		24.6%	15
answered question			61
skipped question			21



13. Which resources would most help you as an agricultural producer? (please select a maximum of three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
business development and marketing support		42.2%	27
training opportunities		17.2%	11
strengthened farmer's markets		23.4%	15
assistance with government regulation		37.5%	24
development of innovative farm practices and products		26.6%	17
increased government financial support to local producers		51.6%	33
Other (please specify)		21.9%	14
		answered question	64
		skipped question	18


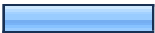




**14. Which areas of education or training would most help you as an agricultural producer?
(please select all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
business skills		18.6%	11
marketing		50.8%	30
basic farm workers skills		6.8%	4
advanced farm practice and product		37.3%	22
government regulations		42.4%	25
Other (please specify)		20.3%	12
		answered question	59
		skipped question	23





15. Do you provide any type of agritourism products?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		10.8%	7
No		89.2%	58
		answered question	65
		skipped question	17

16. If yes, which types of agritourism products do you provide?

		Response Percent	Response Count
sleigh rides		0.0%	0
petting farm / zoo		11.1%	1
horse rentals / trail rides / pony rides		0.0%	0
farm bed and breakfast		22.2%	2
farm tours		66.7%	6
working farm vacation		22.2%	2
farm vacation		0.0%	0
farm weddings / special events		22.2%	2
mazes		0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		33.3%	3
		answered question	9
		skipped question	73

17. What is the primary challenge facing a new farmer?

		Response Percent	Response Count
land costs		29.9%	20
equipment and construction costs		23.9%	16
farming knowledge		4.5%	3
Other (please specify)		41.8%	28
		answered question	67
		skipped question	15

18. In your opinion, what are the primary challenges facing agricultural producers in our region?

	Response Count
	49
answered question	49
skipped question	33

19. In your opinion, what are the best ways the Regional District could support local agriculture?

	Response Count
	42
answered question	42
skipped question	40

20. Any other comments or suggestions?

	Response Count
	17
answered question	17
skipped question	65