



Quick facts

A glance at the BC Greenhouse Growers' Association in 2018

Number of BC greenhouses: 64

- Percentage of B.C.'s total greenhouse vegetables grown by BC Greenhouse Growers' Association members: 96 percent
- Total annual farm gate sales for B.C. vegetable greenhouses in 2017: More than \$295 million
- Estimated value of sector to British Columbia's economy: More than \$699 million
- Number of people employed: More than 3,500
- Total amount of B.C.'s farmland used: 0.01 percent
- Amount of herbicides used in greenhouses: None
- Number of months we produce vegetables: 10 (some are available year-round using lights)
- Size of fields needed to produce the same amount of vegetables grown in our greenhouses: 11,550 acres, more than eleven times the size of Vancouver's Stanley Park
- Types of vegetables grown: many varieties of tomatoes including beefsteak, tomato on the vine and cocktail, sweet bell peppers, hot peppers, mini peppers, long English cucumbers, mini cucumbers, eggplants and butter lettuce
- Distribution of vegetables in production are:
 - Tomatoes: 28 %
 - Long English cucumbers: 12 %
 - Bell Peppers: 56 %
 - Specialty crops: 4 %
- Average number of plants per acre:
 - Tomatoes: 10,000
 - Cucumbers: 6,000
 - Peppers: 14,000
- Average amount of vegetables produced using less space than your bathtub* takes up:
 - Tomatoes: 150 pounds
 - Cucumbers: 160 cucumbers
 - Peppers: 55 pounds
 - Specialty Crops: 30-60 pounds
- Amount of tomatoes produced by one of our greenhouses when setting the world record in 2002: 165 pounds per square metre.

*per square metre