



AGRICULTURE CAPABILITY & THE ALR FACT SHEET

Table 1: ALR Area by Region

Region	ALR Area (hectares)*	ALR Area (percent)
Okanagan	224,977	5
Island	116,207	2
South Coast	148,207	3
Interior	1,528,968	33
Kootenay	392,557	8
North	2,210,783	49
Total	4,621,699	100

* ALC GIS Database as of April 2013

Table 2: Total Canada Land Inventory (CLI) Agriculturally Classified & ALR Lands in British Columbia (hectares)

CLI Agricultural Classification	Total Area Classified (hectares)	Land in the ALR	ALR as a Percent of Land Classification
Class 1	69,989	52,920	75.6%
Class 2	397,634	289,079	72.7%
Class 3	999,644	692,090	69.2%
Class 4	2,131,581	1,409,080	66.1%
Class 5	6,137,470	1,468,100	23.9%
Class 6	5,357,781	431,560	8.1%
Class 7	14,898,572	167,540	1.1%
Water		88,890	
Total	29,992,071	4,599,259	

Source: Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, 1978, Inventory of Agricultural Land Reserves in British Columbia, Phase 'I' Research Report.



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Table 3: Agriculture Capability (BC Land Inventory) by Region

Committee Region (Current Region)	Total ALR Area	BCLI Class 1-4 Lands (hectares)	BCLI Class 1-4 Lands (percent)
Cariboo (Interior)	947,000	335,000	37
Island (Island)	112,000	83,000	74
Kootenay (Kootenay)	429,000	232,000	54
Mainland (South Coast)	175,000	130,000	74
Okanagan (Okanagan)	238,000	140,000	59
Omineca (North)	504,000	217,000	43
Peace (North)	1,336,000	960,000	72
Skeena (North)	277,000	147,000	53
Thompson (Interior)	580,000	181,000	31
British Columbia	4,599,000	2,425,000	53

Source: Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, November 1978, Land Productivity in BC; Phase 1 Research Report,

**Table 4: British Columbia Agricultural Capability
(Percent of BC's Land Base)**

	Percent of BC's Land Base
Land Capable of a Range of Crops (CLI Class 1-4)	2.70%
Prime Agricultural Land (CLI Class 1-3)	1.10%
Class 1 Agricultural Capability	0.06%
Land Suitable for Tree Fruit Production in the ALR	0.04%

Source: Smith, B.E. 1998. Planning for Agriculture - Resource Materials, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, Burnaby