



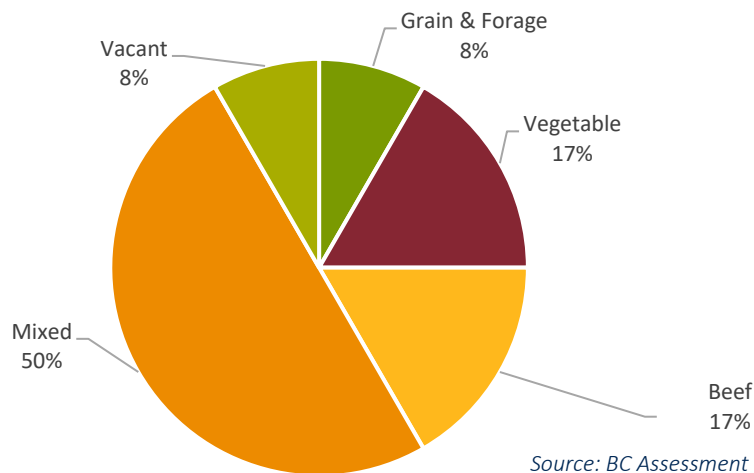
# Area D Community Planning

## COMMUNITY CONTEXT: AGRICULTURE

### What Do We Know About Farming in Area D?

- 7,483 hectares or 1.3% of total lands in Area D are within the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- ALR lands are present in Shutty Bench, Birchdale, Johnsons Landing, Argenta, Howser, Meadow Creek, Cooper Creek and Poplar Creek.
- Only 7% or 493 hectares of ALR land is actually assessed as farmland.
- In the past decade 6 applications have been made to the Agricultural Land Commission resulting in 2 new lots in the ALR & non-farm uses.
- 8% of the labour force works in the natural resources and agriculture industry – the 4th largest sector.

### Agricultural Uses by No. Parcels



### In the Planning Toolkit

Zoning can help preserve farmland and support farmer's by:



- Zoning agricultural land where the best soils are
- Protecting large lot sizes to keep farms viable
- Regulating non-farm uses on agricultural land to keep land costs low for future farmers
- Siting non-farm uses in a way to maximize farmable area
- Allowing uses that support farmer's income



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