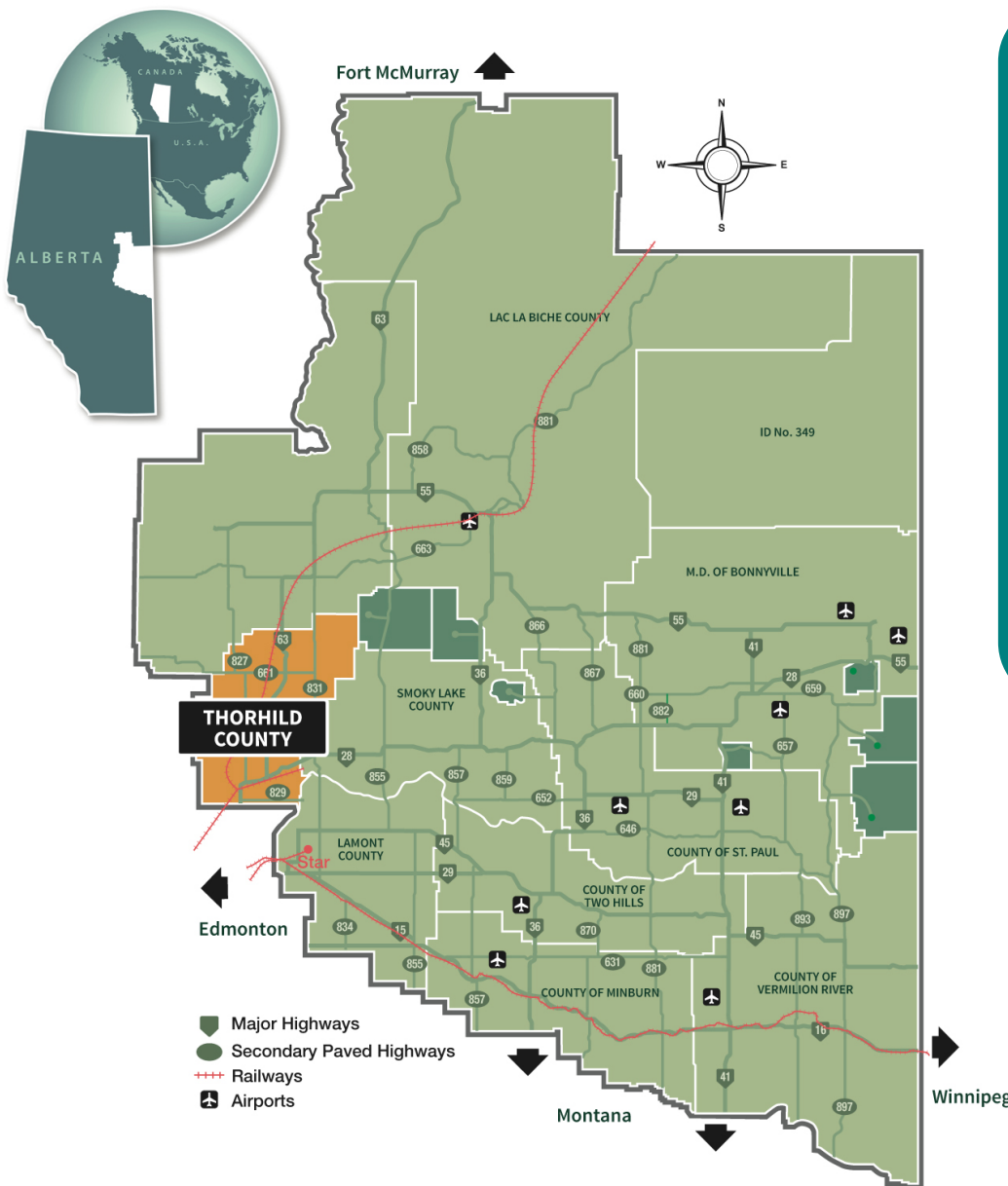


Thorhild County

CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



The Agriculture Industry saw very strong growth from 2011 to 2016 with a 27% increase in Gross Farm Cash receipts hitting over \$73 million. The growing conditions are excellent for pulse crops and seeded acres of dry field peas saw an incredible increase over the last 5 years. The County has an excellent climate for growing Hemp, Quinoa and Faba Beans. Global food trends show these crops are growing in demand.

The poultry category is experiencing significant growth (the number Hens and Chickens up almost 120% in five years), which provides a great opportunity for value-added processing.

Thorhild County's location is ideally positioned to serve provincial, national and global markets. Highways 18, 28, and 63 offer business and industry excellent transportation routes. Highway 63 is the main north route to the Fort McMurray market and south to the capital region of Alberta with a population of over 1 million people. The active CN Railway corridor passes through the Hamlet of Thorhild, connecting the City of Edmonton to the south, and Fort McMurray to the north.

Farming Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Number of Farms	462	382	-17.32%
Total Land - Km2	2,002	2,002	0.00%
Land in Crops - acres	202,273	184,950	-8.56%
Natural Land for Pasture - acres	65,906	59,730	-9.37%
Number of Farm Operators	660	550	-16.67%
Number of Employees	223	167	-25.11%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$58,069,920	\$73,844,150	27.16%

*Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, and community information. Figures are based on number of farms reporting.

Thorhild County has 382 farms with over 184,000 acres of crop land with gross farm receipts estimated at approximately \$73.8 million in 2016, a 27% increase from 2011.

Crop Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Canola - acres	60,378	59,559	-1.36%
Wheat - acres	33,815	43,562	28.82%
Barley - acres	29,643	24,892	-16.03%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	48,500	28,708	-40.81%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	14,911	7,546	-49.39%
Oats - acres	11,280	10,361	-8.15%
Dry field peas - acres	1,660	8,090	387.35%
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	3	n/a	
Lentils - acres	0	0	
Total rye - acres	n/a	n/a	
Flaxseed - acres	0	0	
Vegetables - acres (excluding greenhouses)	16	38	137.50%
Total greenhouse area in use - square feet	13,640	21,200	55.43%

*Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, and community information. Figures are based on number of farms reporting.
n/a - not available from Statistics Canada Census data; **community sourced

Livestock Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Value of Livestock & Poultry	\$22,041,174	\$43,166,027	95.84%
Cattle and Calves #	28,723	19,932	-30.61%
Dairy Cows #	n/a	n/a	
Beef Cows #	n/a	n/a	
Heifers #	2,650	1,793	-32.34%
Calves #	11,736	7,651	-34.81%
Steers #	834	411	-50.72%
Bulls #	672	523	-22.17%
Pigs #	n/a	1,287	
Hens and Chickens #	25,027	55,035	119.90%
Sheep and Lambs #	539	473	-12.24%

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Lower operating costs, excellent market access, available land and a skilled labour force makes Thorhild County an excellent choice for value-added agriculture investment.



The Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development lists the value of agricultural land in the County as \$1,861/acre in 2021.