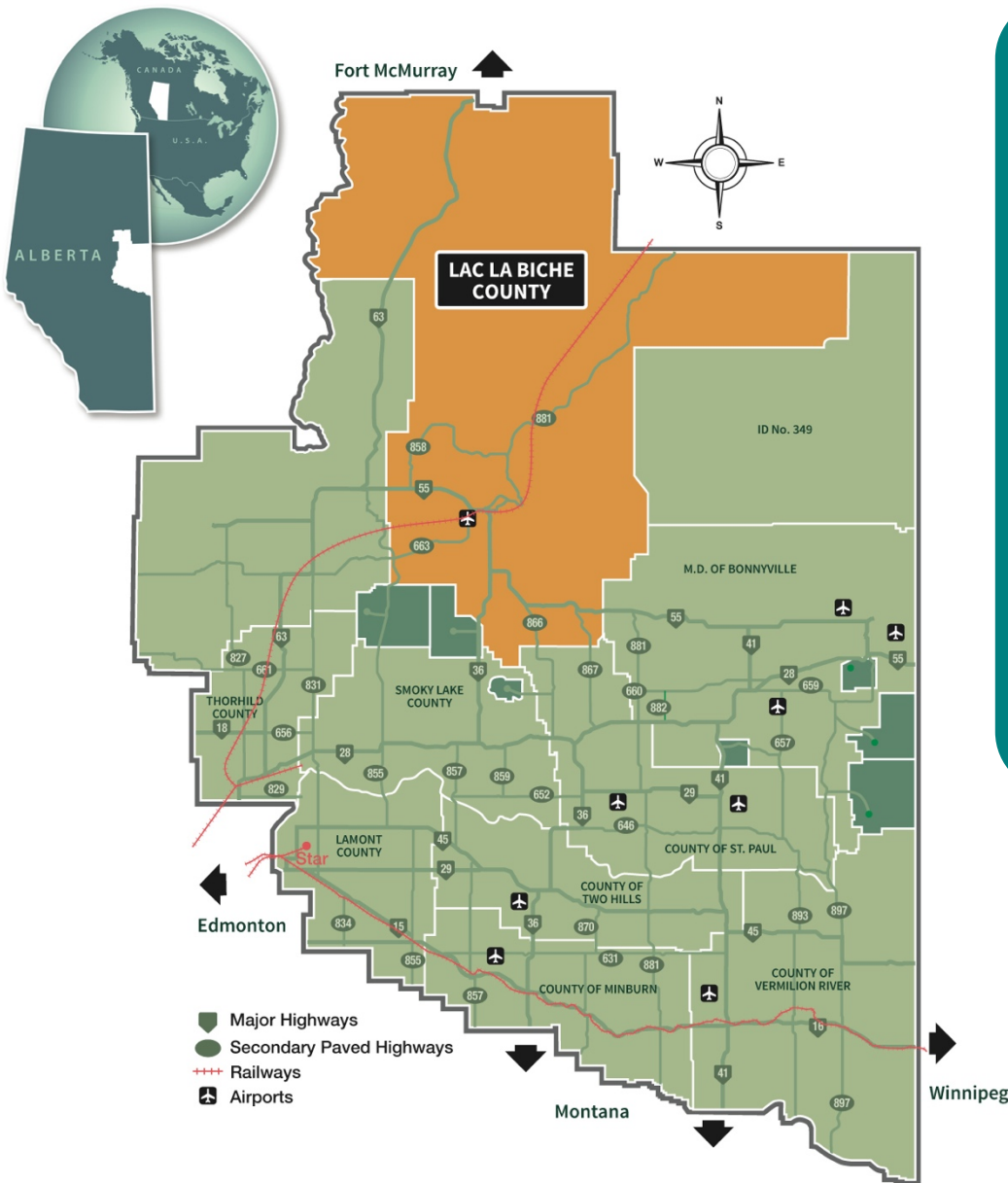




Lac La Biche County

CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



Lac La Biche County benefits from vast agricultural resources including low-cost grazing lands and flat crop lands in the southern region of the county.

Agriculture in the County has seen moderate growth since 2016 seeing increases in the amount of acres of wheat, canola, barley and all other tame hay and fodder crops. Sheep and Lambs saw a 144% increase hitting a total of over 1,475 in 2021.

The Lac La Biche region has the “Northern Advantage” for growing Industrial Hemp for seed and fibre. The global market demand for Hemp fibre is trending up and with the longer days in late spring and early summer the same hemp variety can grow much taller plants and produce 20-30% higher yields

Lac La Biche County is a logistics hub that serves all industries. The County is served by Highways 35, 55, 63, and 881 which reach provincial, national, and international markets. The regional airport has an all-weather 1,765 m paved, lighted runway, fixed wing aircraft and helicopter charter. CN provides rail transport through Lac La Biche County, which offers opportunities for rail-spurs.

Farming Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±
Number of Farms	238	247	3.78%
Total Land Area - km2	12,572	12,572	0.00%
Land in Crops - acres	97,619	101,259	3.73%
Natural land for pasture - acres	94,028	83,143	-11.58%
Number of Farm Operators	345	345	0.00%
Number of Employees	102	76	-25.49%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$31,802,783	\$34,974,290	9.97%
*Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, and community information. Figures are based on number of farms reporting.			

Lac La Biche County has 247 farms with over 101,000 acres in crop land with gross farm receipts estimated at approximately \$35 million in 2021, a 9.97% increase from 2016.

Crop Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±
Canola - acres	18,391	22,336	21.45%
Wheat - acres	12,390	13,314	7.46%
Barley - acres	6,070	6,449	6.24%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	35,960	32,556	-9.47%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	9,110	13,176	44.63%
Oats - acres	12,068	10,019	-16.98%
Dry field peas - acres	1,110	736	-33.69%
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	n/a	2	n/a
Lentils - acres	0	n/a	n/a
Total rye - acres	0	n/a	n/a
Flaxseed - acres	0	n/a	n/a
Vegetables - acres (excluding greenhouses)	n/a	5	n/a
Total greenhouse area in use - square feet	n/a	n/a	n/a
*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			

Livestock Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±
Value of Livestock & Poultry	\$46,360,069	\$33,767,077	-27.16%
Cattle and Calves #	21,192	20,995	-0.93%
Dairy Cows #	n/a	10	n/a
Beef Cows #	n/a	10,122	n/a
Heifers #	2,183	1,809	-17.13%
Calves #	7,953	8,092	1.75%
Steers #	531	420	-20.90%
Bulls #	528	542	2.65%
Pigs #	40	32	-20.00%
Hens and Chickens #	n/a	1,442	n/a
Sheep and Lambs #	604	1,475	144.21%
*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			

The County experienced the largest increases in All other tame hay and fodder crops (acres) and Sheeps and Lambs (number) at 45% and 144%, respectively.



The Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development lists the value of agricultural land in the County as \$2,986/acre in 2021.