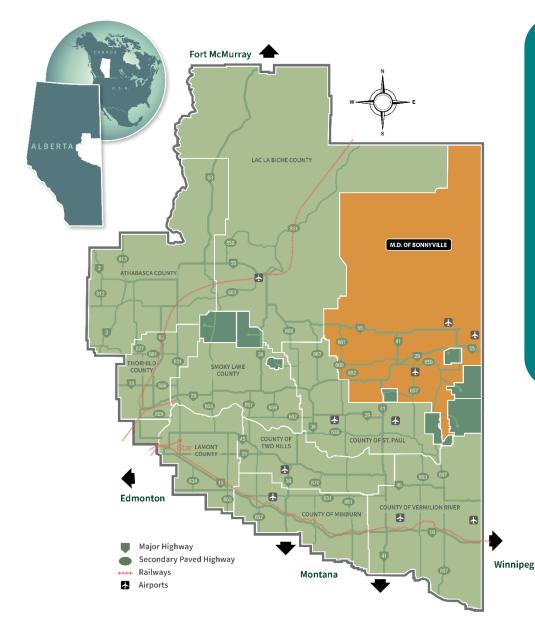


The M.D. of Bonnyville

CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



The M.D. of Bonnyville has a strong diversified agricultural sector producing a variety of oilseed, cereal and pulse crops. Beef cattle and grain crops are now supplemented by forestry, wild game farming and specialty crops. Gross farm receipts were over \$112 million in 2021, close to 10% increase since 2016.

The 2021 federal census shows over 3,400 head of bison are raised in the M.D. The M.D. of Bonnyville also provides excellent soil and climatic growing conditions for Industrial Hemp. Hemp varieties can grow much taller plants and produce 20-30% higher yields.

The M.D. of Bonnyville connects to provincial, national and international markets with Highway 28, a main east/west corridor and highway 41, a north/south corridor. Air service is available at the Bonnyville and Cold Lake Airports.

Farming Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±		
Number of Farms	650	658	1.23%		
Total Land Area - km2	6,065	6,005	-0.98%		
Land in Crops	239,816	226,405	-5.59%		
Natural land for pasture - acres	264,193	232,829	-11.87%		
Number of Farm Operators	960	930	-3.13%		
Number of Employees	197	128	-35.03%		
Gross Farm Receipts	\$102,415,084	\$112,306,467	9.66%		
*Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, and community information					

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Crop Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±		
Canola - acres	37,579	45,705	21.62%		
Wheat - acres	34,710	30,737	-11.45%		
Barley - acres	23,576	22,939	-2.70%		
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	86,459	69,441	-19.68%		
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	19,570	29,854	52.55%		
Oats - acres	17,149	13,375	-22.01%		
Dry field peas - acres	11,984	6,867	-42.70%		
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	30	32	6.67%		
Lentils – acres	2,000	n/a	n/a		
Total rye - acres	n/a	160	n/a		
Flaxseed - Acres	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Vegetables - acres (excluding greenhouses)	7	8	14.29%		
Total greenhouse area in use - square feet	33,632	24,676	-26.63%		
*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					

Agriculture Research: Located outside of Bonnyville is the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), is a research centre for specialty crops. LARA's goal is to conduct applied research, demonstrations and extension programs that provide valuable unbiased information to local producers.

Livestock Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±		
Value of Livestock & Poultry	\$132,832,078	\$104,942,730	-21.00%		
Cattle and Calves #	60,842	65,363	7.43%		
Dairy Cows #	n/a	32	n/a		
Beef Cows #	n/a	28,752	n/a		
Heifers #	7,432	7,801	4.97%		
Calves #	21,237	21,463	1.06%		
Steers #	4,259	5,591	31.27%		
Bulls #	1,787	1,724	-3.53%		
Pigs #	289	150	-48.10%		
Hens and Chickens #	n/a	3,542	n/a		
Sheep and Lambs #	962	1,214	26.20%		
*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					

Canola, Vegetables, Fruits and Berries, and Heads of Steer, Sheep and Lambs saw the most growth from 2016 to 2021.



The Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development lists the value of agricultural land in the M.D. as \$2,261/acre in 2021.



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