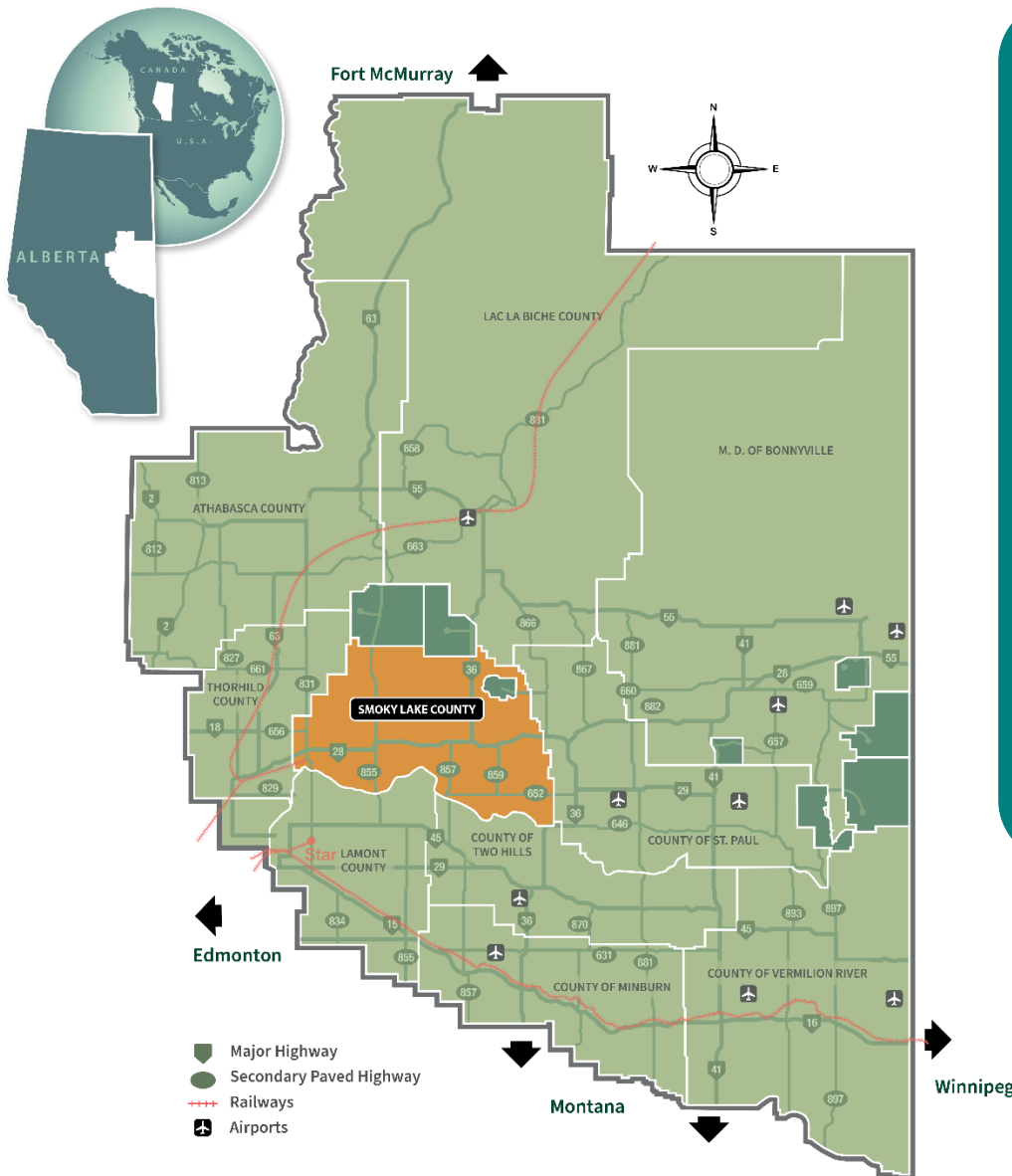


Smoky Lake County

CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



Smoky Lake County's agriculture sector strength supports opportunities for investment in value-added Agriculture. Our regional climate and microclimates support specialty and common commodity crops. There are a variety of agricultural resources including low-cost grazing lands, high productive crop lands, ready access to processing facilities, a large Alberta market and a growing local food economy. Lower operating costs support this primary industry in the County.

The Smoky Lake region has seen moderate growth with gross farm cash receipts increasing 16% since 2016, hitting over \$105 million in 2021. The Agriculture sector is supported by businesses located across the Region and highway and rail services in close proximity.

Smoky Lake County has an excellent highway transportation network, which includes direct connections to U.S. and Mexico markets and to western ports. Air service is available via the Edmonton International Airport, 120 km southwest. Both CN Rail and daily bus, freight and couriers serve the County.

Highway 36 is the high load corridor defined as the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor, connecting to U.S. and Mexican markets.

Farming Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±
Number of Farms	419	398	-5.01%
Total Land Area - km2	3,413	3,396	-0.50%
Land in Crops - acres	209,995	198,553	-5.45%
Natural land for pasture - acres	159,478	145,464	-8.79%
Number of Farm Operators	565	535	-5.31%
Number of Employees	238	125	-47.48%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$91,129,377	\$105,887,536	16.19%

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

Smoky Lake County has strong greenhouse infrastructure for food, flower and forest products. The value-add and local food economies are growth industries for the County.

Crop Overview	2016*	2021*	% ±
Canola - acres	65,327	61,728	-5.51%
Wheat - acres	38,508	37,702	-2.09%
Barley - acres	21,149	25,676	21.41%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	38,680	40,185	3.89%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	14,016	12,962	-7.52%
Oats - acres	10,466	8,667	-17.19%
Dry field peas - acres	15,944	6,120	-61.62%
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	n/a	6	n/a
Lentils - acres	501	0	-100.00%
Total rye - acres	738	170	-76.96%
Flaxseed - acres	n/a	0	n/a
Vegetables - acres (excluding greenhouses)	n/a	5	n/a
Total greenhouse area in use - square feet	173,240	2,500	-98.56%

*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	\$83,835,340	\$61,473,236	-26.67%
Cattle and Calves #	39,031	41,506	6.34%
Dairy Cows #	n/a	23	n/a
Beef Cows #	n/a	19,160	n/a
Heifers #	4,193	4,390	4.70%
Calves #	14,803	15,535	4.94%
Steers #	1,646	1,353	-17.80%
Bulls #	1,039	1,045	0.58%
Pigs #	137	132	-3.65%
Hens and Chickens #	n/a	41,106	n/a
Sheep and Lambs #	756	746	-1.32%

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The County has experienced a 16% increase in Gross Farm Receipts with the strongest growth seen in Barley (acres) and heads of Cattle and Calves.



The Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development lists the value of agricultural land in the County as \$2,153/acre in 2021.