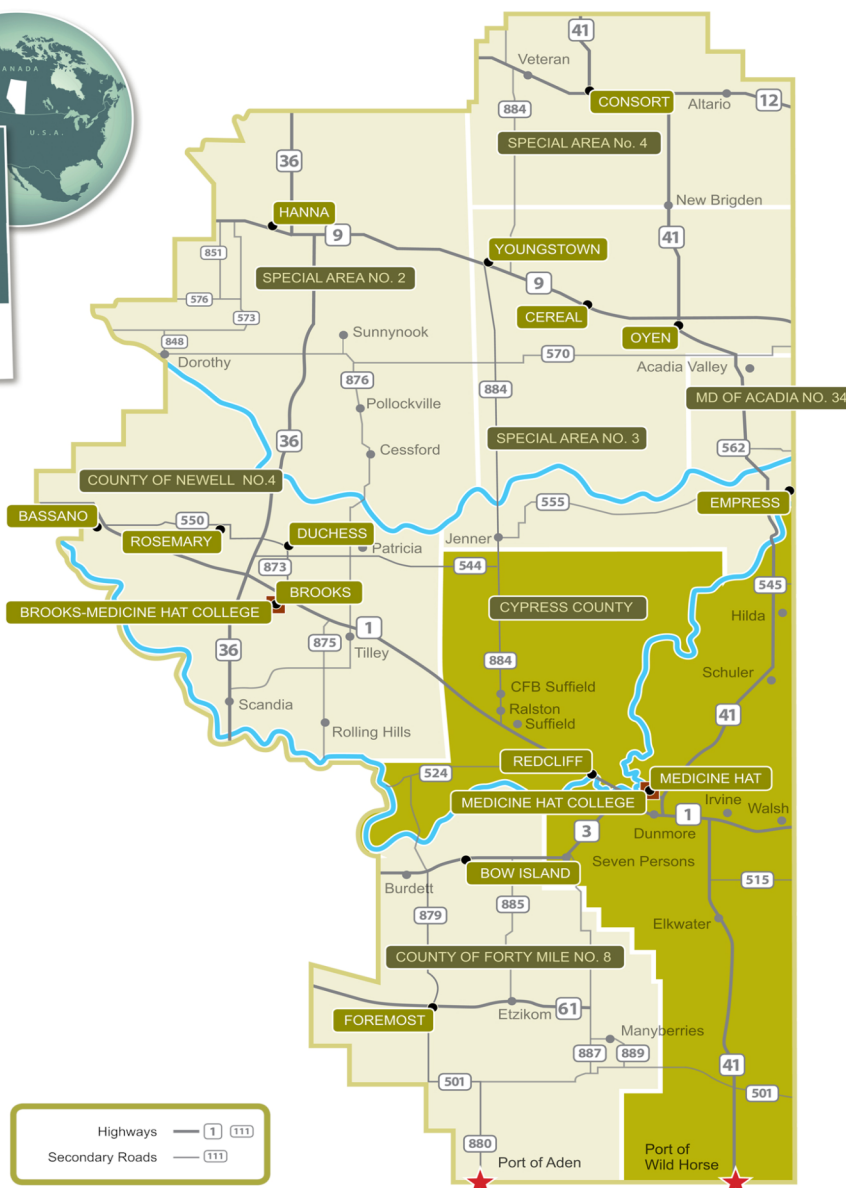


Cypress County

CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



Cypress County strives to encourage a rural lifestyle and retain its agricultural character. The County surrounds a major urban centre in the City of Medicine Hat, with a population over 60,000, and the Town of Redcliff, which is known as "The Greenhouse Capital of the Prairies" with over 75 acres under glass or plastic - cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers are grown in abundance.

Of the 2.3 million acres of pasture in Cypress County, 90% is native prairie and 55% is leased from the provincial government.

Cow-calf herds graze this nutritious grassland all summer and then are processed at feedlots and plants. Abundant crops include wheat, canola, peas, and grass/alfalfa hay on land under both irrigation and dryland conditions. New policies are aggressively supporting diversification opportunities for field and specialty crops and the food processing industry. The region's agricultural economy is diversified with dryland farming, irrigated specialty crops, greenhouse operations, intensive livestock and exotic animal operations. Approximately three percent of the land is irrigated, resulting in larger yields.

The County is served by three main provincial highways. The County is traversed from east to west by Highways 1 and 3, while Highway 41 provides prime access to the north and south parts of the region, including the Canada/USA border crossing at Port of Wildhorse. The CP Railway and Crowsnest lines parallel Highways 1 and 3 providing for east-west transport of agricultural products. The nearest commercial passenger service airport is in Medicine Hat, and air freight facilities are located at Calgary International Airport.

Farming Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Number of Farms	827	805	-2.66%
Total Land Area - km2	13,173.25	13,173.25	0.00%
Total Acreage	2,335,795	2,293,124	-1.83%
Number of Farm Operators	1,175	1,120	-4.68%
Number of Employees	1,090	999	-8.35%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$236,366,183	\$454,408,183	92.25%
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* 2011 and 2016 Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture

Crop Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Canola - acres	53,525	37,417	-30.09%
Wheat - acres	195,307	166,644	-14.68%
Barley - acres	25,115	32,413	29.06%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	84,423	90,401	7.08%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	32,891	22,993	-30.09%
Oats - acres	10,162	5,955	-41.40%
Dry field peas - acres	24,829	51,682	108.15%
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	52	n/a	
Total vegetables (excluding greenhouse vegetables) - acres	n/a	n/a	
Total greenhouse area in use - square feet	4,795,927	5,771,595	20.34%

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n/a - not available from Statistics Canada Census data

Cypress County had 805 farms comprising more than 2.29 million acres, worth \$3.17 billion dollars in total farm capital in 2016.

Livestock Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Value of Livestock & Poultry	\$108,916,169	\$330,436,483	203.39%
Cattle and Calves #	150,008	167,797	11.86%
Dairy Cows #	407	410	0.74%
Beef Cows #	55,331	61,909	11.89%
Heifers #	26,636	19,731	-25.92%
Calves #	48,375	68,475	41.55%
Steers #	16,148	13,462	-16.63%
Bulls #	3,111	3,810	22.47%
Pigs #	14,497	n/a	
Hens and Chickens #	n/a	62,157	
Sheep and Lambs #	2,262	1,671	-26.13%

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The Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Statistics and Data Development Section lists the value of agricultural land in Cypress County as \$2,706/acre in 2015.



The County saw Gross Farm Receipts rise to \$454,408,183 in 2016, and increase of 92.25% over 5 years, and the Value of Livestock & Poultry grow over 200% to \$330,436,483.