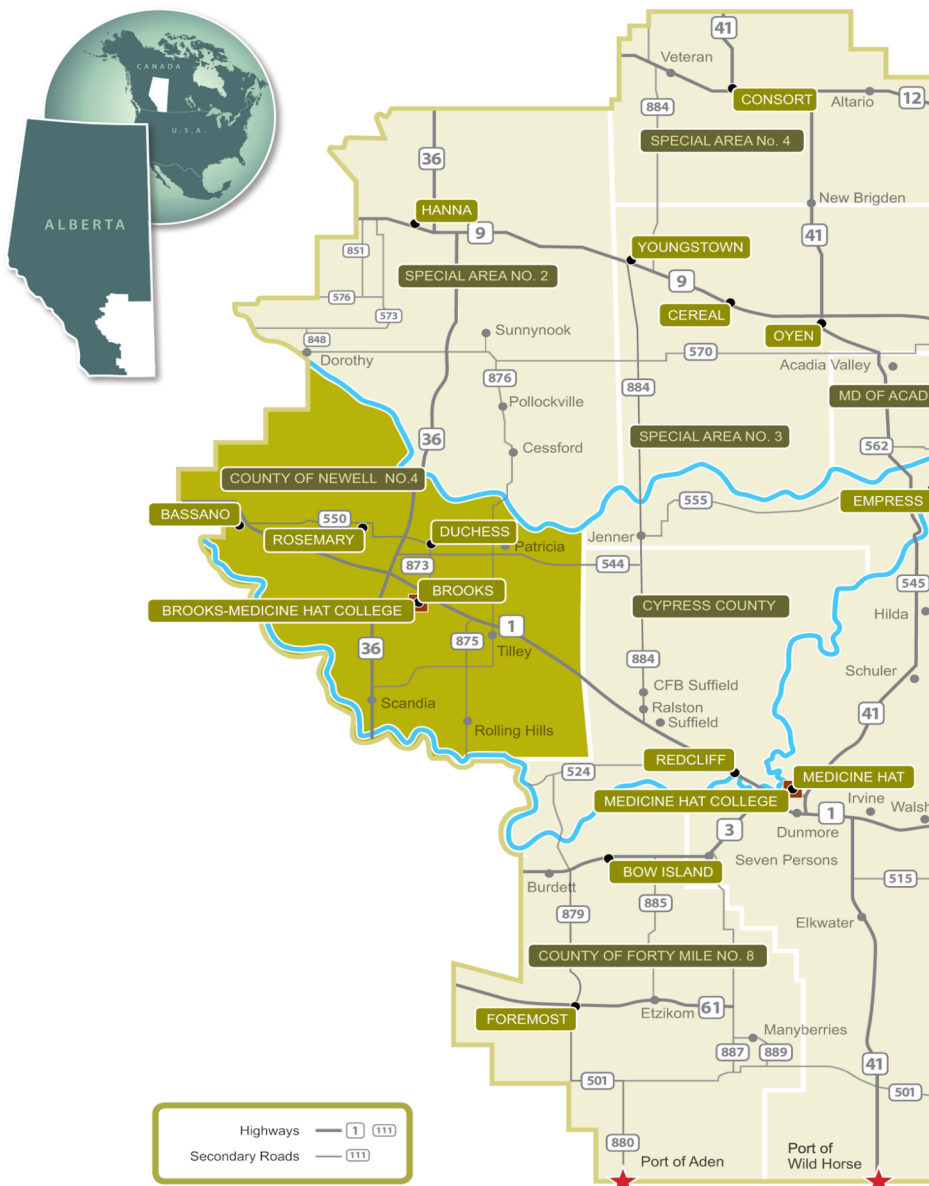


# The County of Newell

## CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



The County of Newell has a thriving agricultural base with ready access to Calgary and its global transportation linkages. With a younger work force and average farm receipts between \$100,000-\$249,999, the region has some of the most profitable farms in Alberta. Opportunities exist in organic foods, horticulture (flowers, bulbs, berry crops, nurseries, specialty crops and processing), food processing, and food production.

The region, which includes the City of Brooks, Town of Bassano, and Villages of Rosemary and Duchess, has an agricultural economy with 60,000 irrigated farmland acres; 600,000 acres of cultivated dry land farming; and 600,000 acres of native and improved rangeland. The agricultural sector is further supported by a number of research and development facilities and the food processing industry is a significant contributor.

Both the Trans-Canada Highway and the Canadian Pacific Railway mainline pass through the center of the County.

The County is part of the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor and is also served by Highway 36 as a main north-south transportation artery. The nearest airports are in Brooks and Bassano with the nearest commercial passenger service in Medicine Hat, and air freight facilities located at Calgary International Airport.

Farming Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Number of Farms	717	668	-6.83%
Total Land Area - km2	5,904.67	5,904.67	0.00%
Total Acreage	1,458,695	1,458,747	0.00%
Number of Farm Operators	1,065	925	-13.15%
Number of Employees	780	991	27.05%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$286,986,982	\$523,056,397	82.26%

\* 2011 and 2016 Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture

*The County of Newell had 668 farms comprising almost 1.45 million acres, worth \$4.11 billion dollars in total farm capital in 2016. Gross farm receipts in the County of Newell grew from \$287 million in 2011 to over \$454.0 million in 2016.*

Crop Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Canola - acres	68,625	53,292	-22.34%
Wheat - acres	103,811	114,047	9.86%
Barley - acres	44,869	44,051	-1.82%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	58,918	54,720	-7.13%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	18,303	13,875	-24.19%
Oats - acres	3,811	4,342	13.93%
Dry field peas - acres	10,715	22,262	107.76%
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	17	22	29.41%
Total vegetables (excluding greenhouse vegetables) - acres	300	88	-70.67%
Total greenhouse area in - square feet	n/a	n/a	

\*2011 and 2016 Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture  
n/a - not available from Statistics Canada Census data

Livestock Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Value of Livestock & Poultry	\$125,930,418	\$443,543,869	252.21%
Cattle and Calves #	146,139	197,411	35.08%
Dairy Cows #	1,164	1,404	20.62%
Beef Cows #	47,590	45,843	-3.67%
Heifers #	21,366	20,670	-3.26%
Calves #	43,167	45,692	5.85%
Steers #	29,959	80,647	169.19%
Bulls #	2,893	3,155	9.06%
Pigs #	23,656	37,470	58.40%
Hens and Chickens #	242,164	327,721	35.33%
Sheep and Lambs #	1,883	2,429	29.00%

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*The Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Statistics and Data Development Section lists the value of agricultural land in the County of Newell as \$4,134/acre in 2015.*



*The Brooks Crop Diversification Centre is considered by many to be the most technologically advanced greenhouse in North America. It features a production greenhouse, a technologically advanced header house and a research greenhouse.*