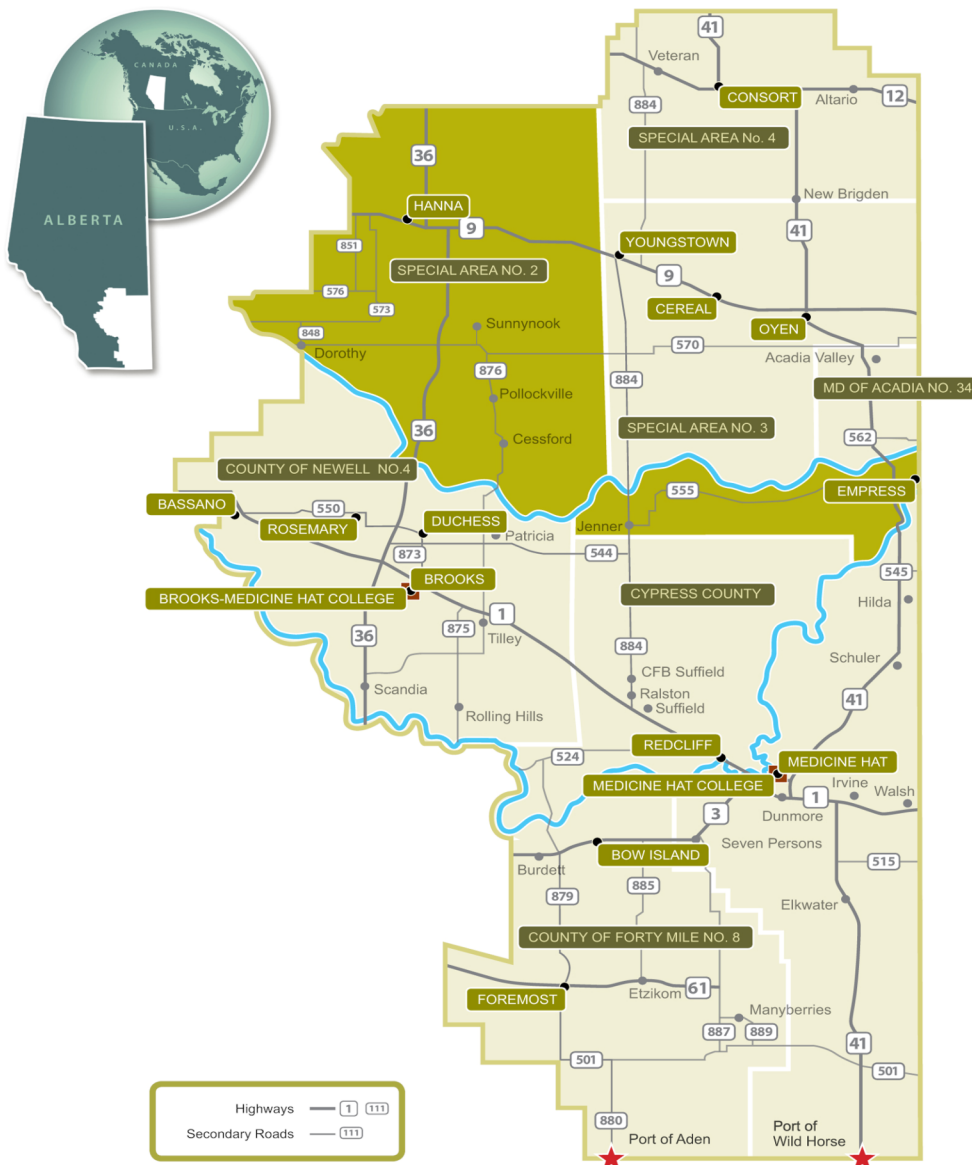


# Special Area No. 2

## CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



Special Area No. 2 has a variety of highly successful farming operations. True mixed farms are now moving more to either farming or ranching as owners become more efficient at these disciplines. Tame pasture and hay make up the majority of acreage, representing the strong cattle industry that supports much of the rural population. Grain production accounts for a light percentage of land use with wheat, barley, canola and oats being the main field crops in the area. In addition to traditional cattle operations, modern hog operations and a growing lamb industry contribute to the agricultural diversity of the region.

The Town of Hanna has an agricultural service center for a trading area of over 10,000 people and is home to: Cervus Equipment, UFA Farm Supply, Prairie Seeds, Hanna Building Supplies and Fox Lake Agro Service.

Special Area No 2 is located in Southeast Alberta and the main east-west route in the region is Highway 9, which is part of Alberta's high load corridor. The main north-south route is Highway 36. These highways are primary provincial routes for trucking and transport. Hanna Municipal Airport has a 3,500-foot runway, and the nearest commercial and air freight services are at Calgary International Airport.

Farming Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Number of Farms	473	460	-2.75%
Total Land Area - km2	9,347.57	9,347.57	0.00%
Total Acreage	2,166,924	2,033,341	-6.16%
Number of Farm Operators	685	675	-1.46%
Number of Employees	446	369	-17.26%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$162,537,127	\$249,749,546	53.66%

\* 2011 and 2016 Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture

*Special Area No. 2 had 460 farms comprising almost 2.03 million acres, worth \$1.88 billion dollars in total farm capital in 2016.*

Crop Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Canola - acres	25,072	30,642	22.22%
Wheat - acres	81,391	68,891	-15.36%
Barley - acres	37,815	26,382	-30.23%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	129,227	108,131	-16.32%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	31,078	23,983	-22.83%
Oats - acres	21,663	23,333	7.71%
Dry field peas - acres	3,562	18,506	419.54%
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	n/a	n/a	
Total vegetables (excluding greenhouse vegetables) - acres	0	0	
Total greenhouse area in use - square feet	0	0	

\*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	\$107,375,295	\$282,310,222	162.92%
Cattle and Calves #	143,357	138,620	-3.30%
Dairy Cows #	350	447	27.71%
Beef Cows #	54,629	55,741	2.04%
Heifers #	24,580	15,168	-38.29%
Calves #	45,526	55,901	22.79%
Steers #	15,232	8,256	-45.80%
Bulls #	3,040	3,107	2.20%
Pigs #	n/a	n/a	
Hens and Chickens #	n/a	80,568	
Sheep and Lambs #	448	1,791	299.78%

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*The Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Statistics and Data Development Section lists the value of agricultural land in Special Areas No. 2 as \$887/acre in 2015.*



*Gross farm receipts in Special Area No. 2 grew from \$162 million in 2011 to over \$249 million in 2016, an increase of 53%.*