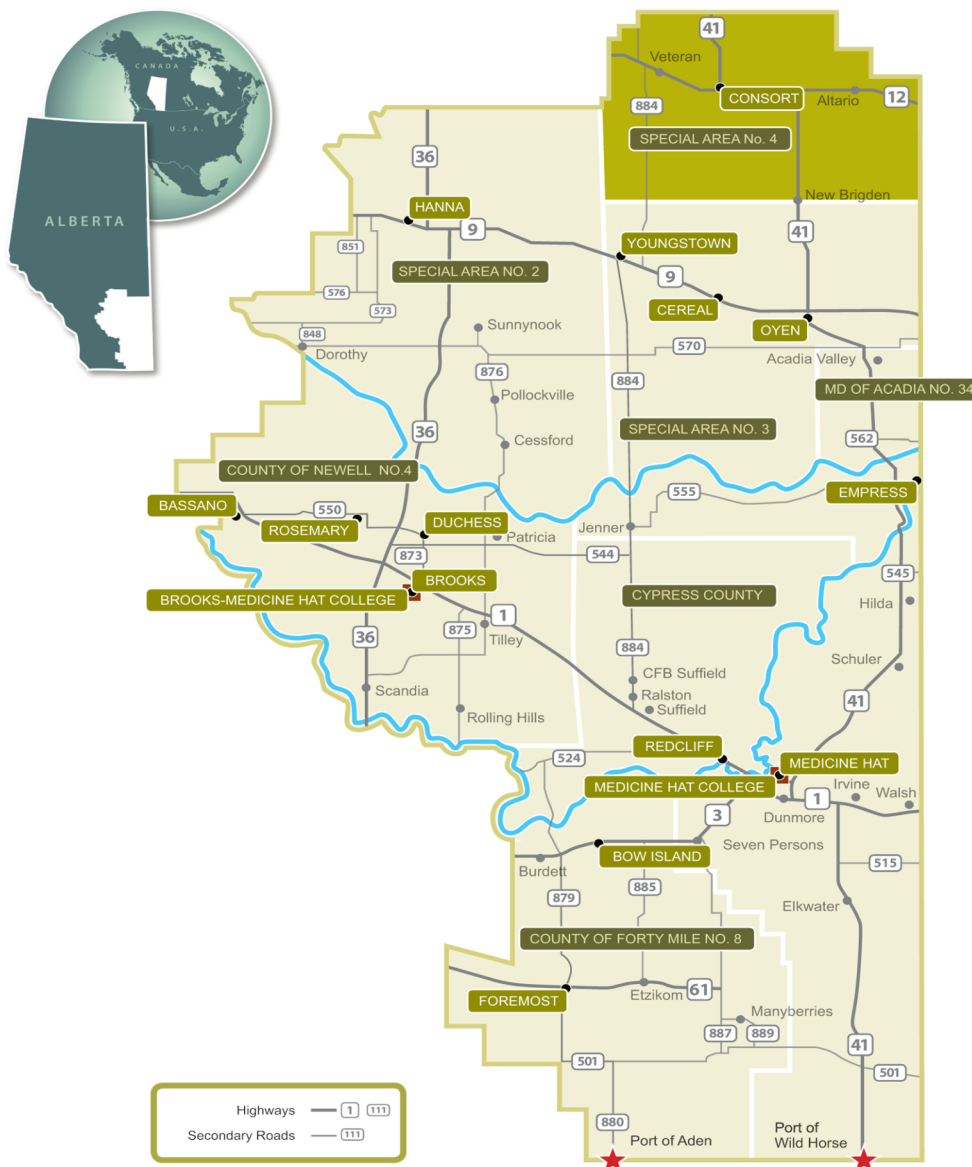


Special Area No. 4

CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



Agriculture diversity in the Special Area No. 4 region offers many opportunities in mixed ranching and grain production. Many regional farms have one operator and are considered family farms. The average farm has approximately 1,500 acres and 193 head of cows. Grain production accounts for a large percentage of acreage usage; this production is generally done using a summerfall/crop rotation due to the climate. Dryland farming techniques and maximizing moisture retention have transformed the area into a region conducive for field crops.

The region, which includes the Village of Consort, is home to 650 farm families and a total farm area of over 1 million acres. Consort features a number of services, including 16 farm supply companies.

Special Area No. 4 is located in Southeast Alberta with access to primary connecting highways including Highway 12, leading west and east, and Highway 41, leading north and south. It is near the Highway 36 High Load Corridor is served just to the south by CN Railways. The local air strip in Consort has a 3,000-foot paved and lighted runway. The nearest commercial passenger services are in Medicine Hat, and air freight services are at Calgary International Airport.

Farming Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Number of Farms	279	284	1.79%
Total Land Area - km2	6,625.58	6,625.58	0.00%
Total Acreage	1,023,312	1,017,378	-0.58%
Number of Farm Operators	395	405	2.53%
Number of Employees	272	272	0.00%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$90,137,383	\$166,030,169	84.20%

* 2011 and 2016 Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture

Special Area No. 4 had 284 farms comprising more than 1.07 million acres, worth \$1.18 billion dollars in total farm capital in 2016.

Crop Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Canola - acres	43,868	50,934	16.11%
Wheat - acres	98,006	94,319	-3.76%
Barley - acres	34,874	26,618	-23.67%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	70,354	51,341	-27.02%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	21,332	14,342	-32.77%
Oats - acres	20,736	20,615	-0.58%
Dry field peas - acres	12,312	19,646	59.57%
Fruits, Berries and Nuts - acres	0	0	
Total vegetables (excluding greenhouse vegetables) - acres	0	n/a	
Total greenhouse area in - 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	\$60,469,573	\$191,581,463	216.08%
Cattle and Calves #	88,953	90,272	3.02%
Dairy Co ws #	386	n/a	
Beef Cows #	19,447	n/a	
Heifers #	12,207	12,196	-9.36%
Calves #	42,246	27,640	-17.07%
Steers #	13,599	11,075	105.02%
Bulls #	1,068	1,941	-7.26%
Pigs #	8,159	n/a	
Hens and Chickens #	74,358	8,769	
Sheep and Lambs #	4,770	n/a	

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n/a - not available from Statistics Canada Census data

Gross Farm Receipts rose to \$166,030,169 in 2016, an 84% increase from 2011. Special Areas No. 4 value of Livestock & Poultry rose 216% to \$191,581,463 in 2016.



The Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Statistics and Data Development Section lists the value of agricultural land in the County as \$570/acre in 2015.