Alberta HUB

EATC North Region



Applied Research

Transportation and Logistics

Agriculture in the EATC North Region

Agriculture

• EATC is a joint initiative of Alberta HUB • The Alberta HUB region contains over and Palliser Economic Partnership, representing over 60 communities, educational institutions, and businesses. Alberta HUB represents the EATC North Region.

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3M cultivated acres spread over 9 counties/M.Ds. which is 12% of Alberta's total cultivated acres. Much of the region contains black or dark brown chernozemic soil which is very fertile and produces high agriculture yields.

 Alberta HUB is connected, via high load highways 36 and 41, linking our agriculture products and companies to major markets in the U.S. and Mexico. Our east/west highways provide access to Asian markets.



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Emerging Opportunities in **HEMP**

- The Alberta HUB region is emerging as a global leader in growing industrial hemp for seed, fibre and CBD (cannabidiol) production, processing and manufacturing.
- We have the climate and extensive farming capacity to grow hemp with over 4,000 farms totaling 3,013,441 cultivated acres.
- With the **Northern Advantage** for growing hemp for fibre producing 20-30% higher yields of stalks than in the southern regions, our region is home to InnoTech Alberta where the majority of Hemp research is taking place supporting growers and businesses.

Connected to OPPortunity

- Highways 36 and 41 run through the region and are major North South trade corridors leading to the U.S via the Ports of Wild Horse,Aden/Whitlash and Coutts Sweetgrass.
- Anchored by Highway 16 (Yellowhead Highway), a four lane divided highway running East-West through the region from the saskatchewan border to Edmonton.
- Nine regional airports and the two national rail carriers service the Alberta HUB region.

We Know Agriculture

- Major crops being Canola, Wheat, Field peas, Barley and Oats.
- Alternative crops include Industrial Hemp, Flax, Faba beans and Quinoa.
- Lakeland Agriculture Research Association (LARA) is an applied agricultural research association that serves much of the Alberta HUB region.
- Alberta's first Food Sciences Centre (FSC) is located at Portage College in St. Paul, Alberta. The FSC is a product development facility with a complete Business Incubator Program including fully functional labs, commercial kitchen and office suites for rent.

	Gross Farm Receipts	Number of Farm Operators	Number of Farms	Area Land in Crops (Acres)	Value of Livestock and Poultry
County of Vermilion River	\$405,991,767	1,435	1,052	763,580	\$283,193,398
County of Minburn	\$283,877,909	790	594	496,297	\$157,190,933
Lamont County	\$181,264,477	920	689	398,381	\$95,106,331
County of St. Paul	\$163,658,520	965	680	293,577	\$165,495,317
County of Two Hills	\$138,178,237	685	503	329,226	\$77,290,468
M. D. of Bonnyville	\$102,415,084	960	650	239,816	\$132,832,078
Smoky Lake County	\$91,129,377	565	419	209,995	\$83,835,340
Thorhild County	\$73,844,150	550	382	184,950	\$43,166,027
Lac La Biche County	\$31,802,783	345	238	97,619	\$46,360,069
Total	\$1,472,162,304	7,215	5,207	3,013,441	\$1,084,469,961

Source: Statistics Canada 2016

Did you know?

The Alberta HUB region encompasses over 43,000 sq. kms. and is 6.6% of the area of the province of Alberta. The Alberta HUB region has been named as one of the **TOP 20 "Canada's Best** Locations" by Site Selection Magazine in 2020.

Low combined corporate income tax rate in Alberta of **23%** (15% federal and 8% provincial) for businesses with revenues over **\$500,000**.



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