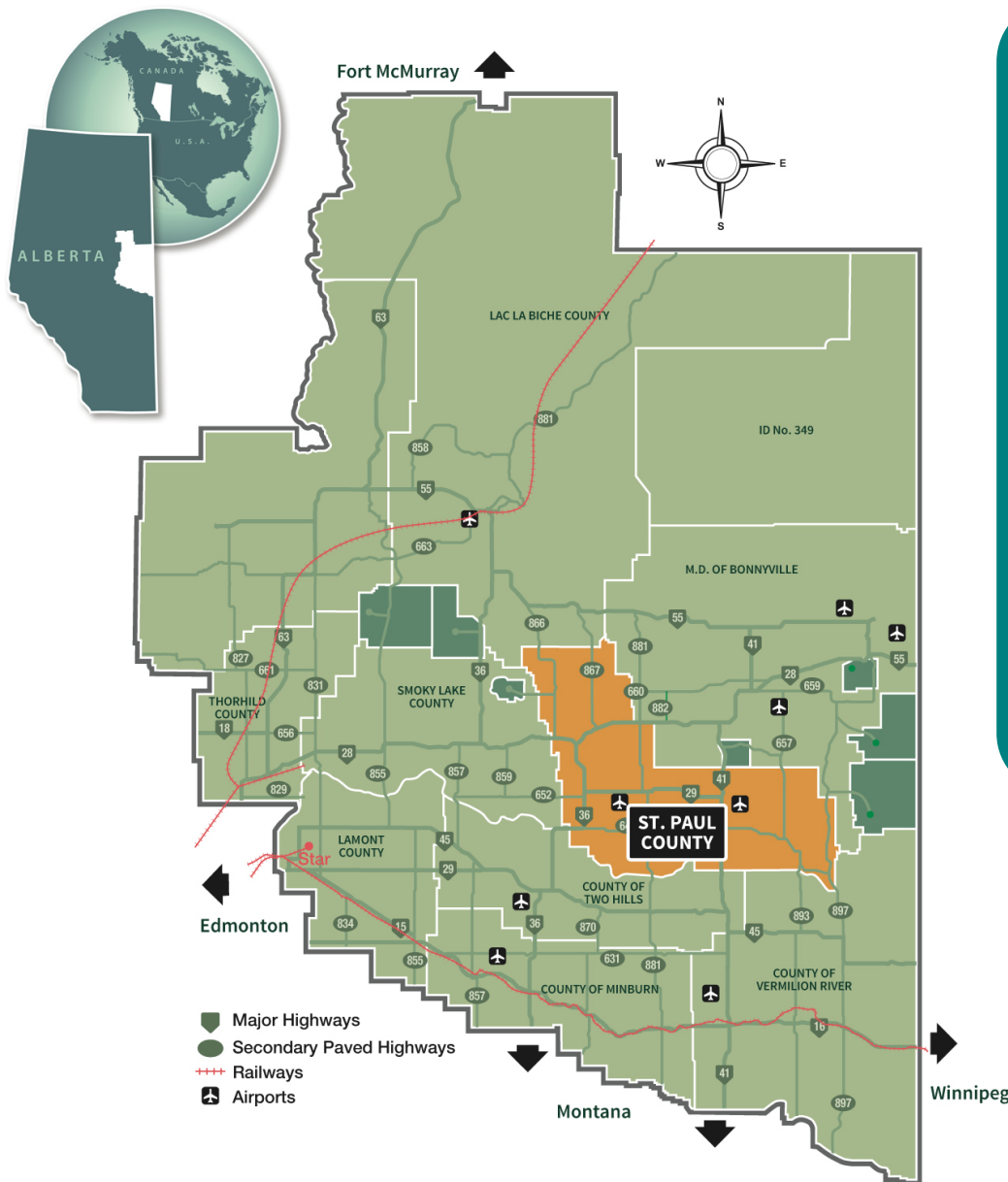


St. Paul County

CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MARKETS



The County of St. Paul is part of the Aspen Parkland Region and it's known for the most fertile soil in the province. The County is home to many cattle, dairy, hog and poultry farms. The Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point support the Agriculture industry with agriculture suppliers, including major farm equipment dealers and suppliers serving grains and livestock producers.

The County's agriculture sector is growing: 680 farms produce coarse grains such as wheat, barley and canola. Pea field acreages are also increasing, reaching close to 6,000. And in 2016, Gross Farm Receipts exceeded \$160 million, a 52% increase from 2011. The value of livestock & poultry exploded to over \$165 million, a 150% increase since 2011.

The County of St. Paul offers global market access with its highway system. Highways 36 and 41 run north/south through the County accessing U.S. markets to the south. Highway 28, a main east/west highway connects County of St. Paul to the Edmonton market. The St. Paul and Elk Point Airports offer excellent air services. Rail access is gained 90 km south to the CN main line.

Farming Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Number of Farms	788	680	-13.71%
Total Land Area - km2	3,309.44	3,309.44	0.00%
Land in Crops - acres	330,077	293,577	11.06%
Natural land for pasture - acres	253,116	247,298	-2.30%
Number of Farm Operators	1,085	965	-11.06%
Number of Employees	478	324	-32.22%
Gross Farm Receipts	\$107,679,940	\$163,658,520	51.99%
*Source: Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, and community information. Figures are based on number of farms reporting.			

Crop Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Canola - acres	71,989	63,380	-11.96%
Wheat - acres	39,446	41,869	6.14%
Barley - acres	48,671	50,866	4.51%
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures - acres	106,712	73,194	-31.41%
All other tame hay and fodder crops - acres	28,177	22,582	-19.86%
Oats - acres	21,780	24,887	14.27%
Dry field peas - acres	5,839	5,949	1.88%
Hemp - acres	n/a	1,000	
Honey - producers	n/a	12	
Faba Beans - acres	n/a	1,000	
Flaxseed - acres	0	0	
Vegetables - acres (excluding greenhouses)	n/a	29	
Total greenhouse area in use - square feet"	67,597	n/a	
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*St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Plant provides quality seed processing, cleaning cereals, pulses and pedigreed seed. **International sales** consist of dry green peas, canola and oats, with green peas reaching global markets of India, the United States, Philippines, China, Singapore, Venezuela and Hong Kong. Exports accounts for 60% of annual processing.*

Livestock Overview	2011*	2016*	% ±
Value of Livestock & Poultry	\$66,329,461	\$165,495,317	149.50%
Cattle and Calves #	87,338	78,674	-9.92%
Dairy Cows #	213	121	-43.19%
Beef Cows #	33,322	30,312	-9.03%
Heifers #	13,255	10,720	-19.12%
Calves #	32,369	27,836	-14.00%
Steers #	6,303	7,936	25.91%
Bulls #	1,876	1,749	-6.77%
Pigs #	n/a	532	
Hens and Chickens #	32,630	21,086	-35.38%
Sheep and Lambs #	1,306	1,082	-17.15%
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Value-Added Agriculture at Regional Colleges:

Portage College Food Sciences Center St. Paul Campus: This state of the art learning facility provides research and can produce/market new products....Lakeland College Vermilion Campus: Specializes in crop/livestock applied research with industry partners and research scientists.



LARA (Lakeland Agricultural Research Association) located in the County of St. Paul conducts applied research and demonstrations that provide valuable information to producers. LARA is a member of the Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta.