

Land Use

Land Use Changes in Alberta

Table 1a: Land Use in Alberta.

Land Use Class	Area by Year (ha)			
	2011	2012	2013	2014
Agricultural	21,013,670	21,010,840	21,037,100	21,045,480
Rural Residential	210,440	220,370	217,910	218,840
Urban	428,850	437,280	437,240	437,890
Other	38,130,450	38,103,380	38,076,320	38,057,400
Exclusions	5,839,378	5,839,378	5,839,378	5,839,378

Table 1b: Land Use Change in Alberta.

Land Use Class	Area by Year (ha)			Total Net Change 2011-2014 (ha)
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	
Agricultural	-2,830	26,260	8,380	31,810
Rural Residential	9,930	-2,640	930	8,400
Urban	8,430	-40	650	9,040
Other	-27,070	-27,060	-18,920	-73,050

Table 2a: Area of Agricultural Land in Alberta by Land Suitability Rating System Class.

Land Suitability Rating System Class	Year			
	2011	2012	2013	2014
2	4,158,700	4,154,950	4,155,390	4,153,520
3	8,120,890	8,112,000	8,117,480	8,122,340
4	4,083,070	4,084,210	4,091,600	4,090,670
5	2,111,790	2,113,690	2,123,880	2,122,940
6	1,755,460	1,762,320	1,762,290	1,769,850
7	749,760	749,590	751,760	751,610
Not Rated	33,990	33,090	34,370	34,560

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Table 2b: Change in Area of Agricultural Land by LSRS Class in Alberta.

Land Suitability Rating System Class	Area by Year (ha)			Total Net Change 2011-2014 (ha)
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	
2	-3,750	440	-1,870	-5,180
3	-8,890	5,480	4,860	1,450
4	1,140	7,390	-930	7,600
5	1,900	10,190	-940	11,150
6	6,860	-30	7,560	14,390
7	-170	2,170	-150	1,850
Not Rated	-900	1,280	190	570

Table 3a: Parcel Size Distribution in Alberta.

Year	Number of Parcels by Size (acres)									% of parcels less than 80 acres
	Total Parcels	>240	160-240	80-160	60-80	40-60	20-40	10-20	10-80	
2011	611,561	13	54,951	265,189	25,288	13,370	23,548	28,641	90,847	14.9
2012	639,044	13	53,742	266,036	25,707	13,378	23,678	30,234	92,997	14.6
2013	619,354	16	54,390	265,843	25,863	13,518	23,961	29,703	93,045	15.0
2014	622,723	15	54,319	265,920	26,038	13,589	24,121	30,198	93,946	15.1

Table 3b: Annual Change in Parcel Size Distribution in Alberta.

Year	Net Change in Number of Parcels by Size (acres) (2011-2014)									Net change in % of parcels less than 80 acres (2011-2014)
	Total Parcels	>240	160-240	80-160	60-80	40-60	20-40	10-20	10-80	
2011-2012	27,483	0	-1,209	847	419	8	130	1,593	2,150	-0.3
2012-2013	-19,690	3	648	-193	156	140	283	-531	48	0.5
2013-2014	3,369	-1	-71	77	175	71	160	495	901	0.1
Total (2011-2014)	11,162	2	-632	731	750	219	573	1,557	3,099	0.2

Note that the data has been rounded to the nearest 10 in Tables 1a, 1b, 2a, and 2b and to the nearest tenth in the percentage column of Tables 3a and 3b.