

Land Use

Land Use Changes in the Upper Athabasca Region

Table 1a: Conversion – Land Use in the Upper Athabasca Region.

Year	Area by Land Use Class (hectares)			
	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural	Rural Residential	Urban
2011	1,844,470	5,638,400	24,130	21,550
2012 ¹	1,844,390	5,637,340	24,940	21,550
2013	1,843,000	5,638,370	25,180	21,610
2014	1,840,390	5,640,200	25,530	21,610
2015	1,837,040	5,613,090	25,950	21,610

Table 1b: Conversion – Land Use Change in the Upper Athabasca Region.

Year	Net Change in Area by Land Use Class (hectares)			
	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural	Rural Residential	Urban
2011-2012	-80	-1,060	810	0
2012-2013	-1,390	1,030	240	60
2013-2014	-2,610	1,830	350	0
2014-2015	-3,350	-27,110	420	0
Total (2011-2015)	-7,430	-25,310	1,820	60

Table 2a: Conversion – Area of Agricultural Land in the Upper Athabasca Region by Land Suitability Rating System Class.

Year	Area by LSRS Class (hectares)						
	2	3	4	5	6	7	0
2011	225,540	994,440	238,210	87,500	75,090	222,260	1,420
2012	225,330	994,410	237,400	87,460	74,840	223,500	1,440
2013	225,210	993,370	237,610	87,570	75,000	222,800	1,440
2014	225,160	991,300	237,390	87,510	74,920	222,700	1,410
2015	225,210	989,680	237,760	86,650	74,410	221,930	1,410

¹ 2012 land use/conversion data was revised on February 15, 2016.

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Table 2b: Conversion – Change in Area of Agricultural Land by LSRS Class in the Upper Athabasca Region.

Net Change in Area by LSRS Class (hectares)							
Year	2	3	4	5	6	7	0
2011-2012	-210	-30	-810	-40	-250	1,240	20
2012-2013	-120	-1,040	210	110	160	-700	0
2013-2014	-50	-2,070	-220	-60	-80	-100	-30
2014-2015	50	-1,620	370	-860	-510	-770	0
Total (2011-2015)	-330	-4,760	-450	-850	-680	-330	-10

Table 3a: Fragmentation – Parcel Size Distribution in the Upper Athabasca Region.

Parcel Size (acres) Distribution in Alberta (number of parcels)						
Year	Total Parcels	>240	160-240	80-160	10-80	% < 80
2011	59,560	0	3,735	24,082	9,705	16.3
2012	62,909	0	3,557	24,140	10,131	16.1
2013	60,847	0	3,677	24,041	10,141	16.7
2014	61,039	0	3,637	24,018	10,290	16.9
2015	61,283	0	3,609	23,979	10,423	17.0

Table 3b: Fragmentation – Annual Change in Parcel Size Distribution in the Upper Athabasca Region.

Annual Change in Parcel Size (acres) Distribution in Alberta (number of parcels)						
Year	Total Parcels	>240	160-240	80-160	10-80	% < 80
2011-2012	3,349	0	-178	58	426	-0.2
2012-2013	-2,062	0	120	-99	10	0.6
2013-2014	192	0	-40	-23	149	0.2
2014-2015	244	0	-28	-39	133	0.1
Total (2011-2015)	1,723	0	-126	-103	718	0.7

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.