

AGRICULTURE

2024 review and 2025 moving forward



Lac La Biche County
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Province of Alberta

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD ACT

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SOIL CONSERVATION ACT

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Who Governs Agriculture?

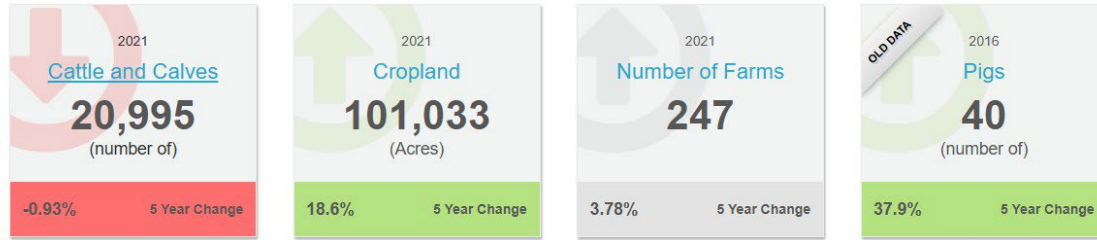
Layers of Legislation and so many Acts!

Federal - Provincial - Municipal

What we are focused on per provincial direction:

- Agricultural Service Board Act
- Animal Health Act
- Soil Conservation Act
- Weed Control Act
- Agricultural Pests Act

Agriculture



Our Producers

01

Our Farms

Lac La Biche County has approximately 247 farms with over 101,000 acres in crop land with gross farm receipts estimated at approximately \$35 million in 2021. Primary production is livestock, canola, wheat, barley, hay and oats.

02

Municipal Overview

Farmland Tax Revenue from 2024: \$252,485.

Total Agricultural Zoned Acres: 279,881.7 acres.

Approximate Revenue from Grazing Leases: \$101,025.



Agricultural service board duties per the ASB Act:

The duties of an agricultural service board are (a) to act as an advisory body and to assist the council and the Minister, in matters of mutual concern, (b) to advise on and to help organize and direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs, (c) to assist in the control of animal disease under the Animal Health Act, (d) to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer, and (e) to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.

The Agricultural Service Board:

Chairman Sterling Johnson
Vice-Chair Jolene Yackimec
Councillor Darlene Beniuk
Travis Ailsby
Debbie Burdek



2024 Events

Whether we are hosting or supporting, we are passionate about promoting agriculture in Lac La Biche County.



1. Ag Drone Course
 2. Grant Workshop
 3. Ag Appreciation Day
 4. Environment Week
 5. 4H Achievement Day Annual Cheque Presentation
 6. Agri-Tourism Series
 7. External Events
- Attended: Beef Industry Conference, U of A Crop Tour, 2024 Provincial ASB Conference, Regional ASB meeting, 2024 Ag Expo, 2024 Agri-Equipment Expo





2024 New Programs

**Forage
Testing**

**Ag Safety
&
Education**

**Plot
Variety
Trials**

**Chemical
Rebate**

**Aerial
Spray**



2024 Programs Overview

- There were 83 chemical sales in 2024 with VisionMax being the most popular with 20 jugs being sold.
- There were 114 rentals for a total of 327 days – most popular items being: post pounders, corral panels and the loading chute.
- In 2024 there was 765 tree seedlings sold.
- Community Garden: 20 Raised bed plots were utilized in 2024. 28 out of 35 in ground plots were utilized.
 - Chemical Sales Revenue: \$9,179
 - Tree Seedlings Revenue: \$4,701
 - Equipment Rentals: \$12,204
 - Raised Garden Beds (\$20 ea): \$362
 - Received the 2024 provincial ASB Grant of \$166,247.
- 1 new case of Clubroot identified.
- Awarded the Rural Beautification Award.
- Awarded 2 X 100 Year Farm Family Awards.
- Awarded 2 X Bursaries in 2024.
- 12 Forage Samples completed.
- In 2024 there were 188 registered and active producers in the Veterinary Services Incorporated program which offers a cost sharing initiative for producers in the County for certain procedures and livestock.
- The Agricultural Department has sprayed 225.37 kms of municipal roadside for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds. 217 weed inspections were completed around the County with residents being contacted about their weed infestations. Sow thistle, Canada thistle, Oxeye Daisy, Scentless Chamomile, Tansy and Tall Buttercup were prevalent weeds identified in the County.

Ongoing Programs:

1. Equipment Rentals
2. Tree Seedling Sales
3. Community Garden
4. Weed Control
5. Fenceline Spraying Program
6. ASB Bursary
7. 100 Year Farm Family Award
8. Rural Beautification Award
9. Chemical Sales
10. Veterinary Services Inc. Program
11. Riparian Resource Education
12. Clubroot Control
13. Wolf and Predator Control
14. Environmental Awards

Operational Programs



New Equipment

1. Tubeline Silage Bale Wrapper
2. Solar Waterer
3. Razer Grazer Electric Fencer
4. Boomless Sprayer
5. Wire Roller
6. Ag Plastic Roller

Thank you Council for supporting our producers.



Weather Stations



Rich Lake Weather Station

Image obtained from: <https://acis.alberta.ca/acis/app/weather-station/10909/details#photos>

Locations have been selected:

- 1. Hylo Transfer Station**
- 2. Plamondon Co-op**
- 3. Owl River Transfer Station**

In process of ordering materials and meeting with Government of Alberta to confirm site locations.

Project budget: \$80,000

March 7, 10 and 11, 2025

Welding for Farming

What To Expect:

3 hours per night of instruction on welding (GMAW, FCAW, or SMAW) and metal fabrication including non pressure pipe cutting, coping, and welding which can be applied for cattle gates, corrals, or heavy duty fencing.

A great course for those looking to learn more about welding and metal fabrication and anyone wanting to sharpen their skills and learn some tips of the trade. Practical knowledge and guidance from Portage College with practice time and all materials provided.

Contact Us

Register

Call: (780) 623-6739

More Information

Email: agriculture@laclabichecounty.com



\$125 per person.

6:00 p.m. start.

Held at Portage College.

Must be 16 years of age or older.



WATER WELL MANAGEMENT FOR WELL OWNERS

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Well protected.

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Get information and resources on how to manage and protect your water well.

HOSTED BY:



The key to a safe, secure water supply is proper well management. Learn how at this free in-person workshop.

JOIN US. REGISTER ONLINE TODAY.

HOSTED BY: Lac La Biche County

DATE: February 5, 2025

START TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: McArthur Place, 10307 100 St, Lac la Biche

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://shorturl.at/PtAbD>

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:



ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP) WORKSHOP

cArthur Place Tea Room
February 24, 2025
7 p.m.

Free!

Register by February 21 to save your spot!

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CATTLE NUTRITION

For optimum livestock performance

WORKSHOP

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF LEARNING WITH BARRY YAREMCO, AN INDEPENDENT BEEF NUTRITIONIST, ON CATTLE NUTRITION AND HOW TO OPTIMIZE YOUR HERD GAINS AND HEALTH. IT WILL BEGIN WITH A 60 MINUTE PRESENTATION, THEN QUESTIONS & ANSWERS. FOLLOWING THAT WILL BE A HANDS ON SESSION ON HOW TO USE COWBYTES, A RATION BALANCING SOFTWARE.

MARCH 6, 2025 | 10 AM

MCARTHUR PLACE, LAC LA BICHE, AB

REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH PROVIDED

COST: FREE

REGISTER: CALL (780) 623-6739 OR

EMAIL: AGRICULTURE@LACLABICHECOUNTY.COM

MUST REGISTER BY: March 4, 2025

PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A LAPTOP. YOUR COWBYTES PROGRAM. ANY FEED AND WATER TEST RESULTS, ALONG WITH ANY MINERAL AND SALT LICK TUB LABELS. WE CAN ARRANGE FOR A COMPUTER FOR YOU WITH PRIOR NOTICE.

HOSTED BY:



Plans for 2025

- Already we have carried out 5 workshops and events!
- We will continue to work with the ASB and local producers on providing opportunities that they value and want to see moving forward.

Drone Spraying Clinic

Learn how to spray and spread by drone - efficient, effective, and farm-ready!



- Product Application by Drone
- Spray Quality & Drift
- Aviation & Pesticide Regulations
- Multispectral Mapping for Prescriptions
- Pesticide Safety
- Flight & Mission Planning
- Calibration of Application Parameters
- Hands-on Spraying & Spreading Missions

Lac La Biche

March 31- April 1

Residents of the County pay reduced registration of \$200. Registration is \$590 for anyone from outside the County.



Register at landview.com or give us a call at (780) 448-7445

2025 In The Works

HOW TO CARE FOR CHICKENS



Agricultural Services

2025 - Newsletter

Clinic March 31 and April 1, 2025

An innovative and valuable opportunity to learn about the upcoming Drone Spraying Clinic. This two-day event at Craigend Hall and is designed to provide essential knowledge about the growing role of drone spraying.

Lac La Biche County are offered a special discounted rate for those outside the County can join us for a rate of \$100. An excellent opportunity for anyone involved in agriculture to learn more about how drone spraying can increase productivity on farms and ranches.

A range of important topics, including the latest in drone spraying, as well as how to obtain the necessary permits for operating drones in agricultural areas.

Drone

Learn how to spray
spread by drone
effectively, and safely



- Product Application by Drone
- Spray Quality & Drift
- Aviation & Pesticide Regulations
- Multispectral Mapping
- Prescriptions
- Pesticide Safety

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES



PROGRAMS & SERVICES CATALOGUE

- Succession Planning for Farms.
- Taxes and Farms 101 workshop.
- Ag Video/Photo Contest.
- Slides for Cattle Sales Lunch & Learn (A "price slide" is often used to adjust for the differences between the actual weight of the cattle and the base weight on which a base price is established. These two factors affect the final price the seller (buyer) would receive (pay) for the finished cattle).
- Mushroom Workshop/Tour.
- Welding for Farmers #2.
- Environmental Farm Plan Workshop #2.
- Richardson Ground Squirrel Program/education.
- Chicken workshop.
- Soil Health Workshop.
- Feedlot tour.
- Internal Agriculture Education.
- Grant support.
- Continue to educate about Clubroot and equipment cleaning.
- Waiting on 2025-2029 Grant Application status.

A wide-angle photograph of a lush green field, possibly a cornfield, with rows of crops visible. The field stretches towards a horizon under a dramatic sky with orange and yellow clouds from a setting or rising sun. A few trees and a utility pole are visible on the left side of the field.

Thank You

We are an open door, ready to receive suggestions and questions.

Reach out to:
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