



Value Added Agriculture



“The BREOC region is rich in the products the world needs. Come grow with us as we help bring BREOC to the world.”

*~ Matthew Enright,
Battle River Rail*

Who is BREOC?

BREOC, or the Battle River Economic Opportunities Committee is a partnership of seven municipalities taking ownership of driving economic prosperity in their region. It is a partnership of seven municipalities including the County of Paintearth, Flagstaff County, Castor, Coronation, Halkirk, Forestburg, and Heisler.

Sector Overview

The BREOC region has long been the backbone of the agricultural powerhouse that is Alberta. The region’s arable lands, abundance of sunshine and extensive irrigation networks make it an ideal place to produce agricultural products and as a result, a desirable area for value-added agricultural businesses and organizations to thrive.

As national leaders in agricultural production the region’s farmers are innovating and adapting their food processing for the present and the future. BREOC is a convergence point of producers, processors, transporters, and retailers due to the sophisticated transportation infrastructure. This underscores the area’s suitability for investment and long-term growth.

Highlights

BREOC is a **national leader** in cattle, canola, wheat, barley, and pea production

Over 1,000,000 acres of arable cropland, with over 70% classified as highly fertile

Over 1,100 farms in the region, an increase of 6% since 2016

Why BREOC?



A Leader in Production

Alberta is a world leader in production of cattle, canola, wheat, and pulse crops, and is responsible for 71% of Canada’s cattle production



Diverse Production

There are over 1,000,000 acres of cropland:

- 304,237 acres of canola
- 344,722 acres of wheat
- 119,286 acres of barley
- 5,434 acres of corn
- 1,654 acres of rye



Continued Growth

The BREOC region contains 1,108 farms an increase of 6% since 2016, indicating a stable and growing sector



Transportation

Highways 12, 13, and 36 are key transportation networks to Northern and Southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the United States



A Convergence of the Value Chain

The region is a natural convergence point for producers, processors, transporters, and retailers



Extensive Support

Alberta and the BREOC region have extensive support networks and organizations for all realms and needs of agriculture



“More than an industry; the backbone of our region, and a staple of our livelihood.”

Opportunities in BREOC

The region is diverse and innovative when it comes to agriculture and the opportunities are plentiful.

- Meat Processing Plants and Abattoirs
- Full plant utilization of hemp, canola, wheat, and pulse products
- Creation of plant based protein products
- Seed Cleaning and Processing
- Protein Fractionation Facilities
- Transportation of Agricultural Products
- Large animal care and veterinarian services

In Good Company

There is a culture of success in the local agricultural industry. In BREOC, you are in good company amongst:

- Battle River Railway
- MJ Vet Clinic
- Nutrien AG
- Patterson Grain
- Blue Door Butchers
- Coronation Seed Cleaning Plant



Industry Resources

The following are some resources that can be accessed to grow your business, apply for loans, and receive professional support. Contact them today to learn more.

- Agricultural Financial Services Canada
- Flagstaff Crafted
- Canadian Agricultural Loans Act program
- Collaborative Research and Development Grants
- EcoAction Community Funding Program
- Farm Debt Mediation Service
- Livestock Tax Deferral Program
- Price Pooling Program

How BREOC Can Help

BREOC can support your business by:

- Facilitating introductions to investors and companies in the sector
- Providing BREOC specific market information
- Providing insight into major projects planned in the region through our network and events
- Facilitating attraction and retention of workforce

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