

Agricultural Lands

Southwest Interlake IWMP

MAFRD

Agricultural Soil Capability

CLI class	Armstrong	Eriksdale	Coldwell	Woodlands	St. Laurent
1	0	0	0	0.1	0
2	1.7	0.3	0	29.3	0
3	2.0	0.1	1.9	8.7	2.1
4	58.1	65.1	60.2	43.7	57.8
5	6.1	1.9	24.5	7.0	18.0
6	17.1	17.9	0.6	0.1	0
7	2	1.4	9.8	6.9	10.4
Water	2	2.5	2.8	3.7	11.7
Organic	11.2	10.9	0.1	0.6	0

Canada census has reported a significant decline in acres farmed since 1996.

RM	1996	2001	2006	2011	Change since 1996
Woodlands	253,015	255,766	259,551	244,957	-8058
Armstrong	279,252	254,142	248,134	257,567	-21,685
St. Laurent	57,177	57,615	74,754	55,883	-1,294
Coldwell	182,549	175,620	194,260	98,133	-84,416
Eriksdale	124,584	112,165	119,388	137,349	+12,765

Number of Cattle and Calves reported

RM	1996	2001	2006	2011	change since 2006
Woodlands	26998	32369	33116	28816	-4300
Armstrong	27785	23385	23036	20239	-2797
St. Laurent	5214	5125	8474	3058	-5346 (63%)
Coldwell	17491	16934	18789	8447	-10,342 (55%)
Eriksdale	13635	11558	11514	10529	-985

Number of farms reporting

RM	1996	2001	2006	2011	% decline since 1996
Woodlands	311	281	274	236	24
Armstrong	297	240	231	191	36
St. Laurent	66	49	56	49	26
Coldwell	150	126	116	63	58
Eriksdale	125	96	95	17	17

Land Use as a Percent of total area (1995)

Land Use	Woodlands	Eriksdale	Coldwell	Armstrong	St. Laurent
Annual Crop	32.3	5.2	6.4	3.8	2.7
Forage	3.8	1.2	2.7	1.0	1.9
Grasslands	31.1	41.1	40.4	36	45
Trees	16.3	31.2	19.2	38.8	15.3
Wetlands	9.1	14.3	26.6	14.1	22
Water	4.9	5.3	2.7	4.5	11.6
Urban and Trans.	2.4	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.5

Farmland Values (\$/acre) as reported by Canada Census (1996-2011)

RM	1996	2001	2006	2011	% increase since 1996
Woodlands	460	583	806	1189	48
Armstrong	202	225	313	524	67
St. Laurent	196	221	259	367	42
Coldwell	162	178	217	412	89
Eriksdale	180	191	216	352	63

Development Plans

- 1. West Interlake : includes RMs of Eriksdale, Coldwell and St. Laurent**
- 2. Fisher-Armstrong: RM of Armstrong**
- 3. Woodlands DP for the RM of Woodlands**

Recommendations

- Agriculture Policy need to be reviewed/updated
- EG&S funding programs could be enhanced
- High flood risk Class 5&6 lands should be Crown, for annual grazing lease only
- EFP should be required on Ag. Crown Land
- Grazing management plans should be required on Ag Crown Lands

Recommendations

- Surface water retention ponds/areas
- Flood risk exclusion areas
- Wetland and land cover preservation projects
- Ag land use policies to prevent fragmentation and rural residential use need to be strengthened
- Ag land policies to preserve Class 4,5&6 lands specifically need to be included; protect land from fragmentation and inappropriate uses
- Recoding of Crown lands (taking Place)