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Headline Article:

The Western Canadian Crop Protein Supercluster

SouthGrow Regional Initiative | Updated: July 17, 2018



The Western Canadian Crop Protein Supercluster is getting ever nearer to being officially launched. The parent organization, Protein Innovations Canada (PIC) has launched their website and is finalizing arrangements for the release of supercluster funding. There's a lot of excitement around this initiative, particularly since we know that the supercluster is specifically looking to locate a lot of investment in the SouthGrow region. If you want to find out more about the initiative, visit: <https://www.proteinindustriescanada.ca/>

SouthGrow will continue to keep you updated as we learn more ourselves.

Weekly Economic Briefing

From the Ministry of Economic Development & Trade | Week of July 9, 2018

Indicators Updated this Week

Housing Starts

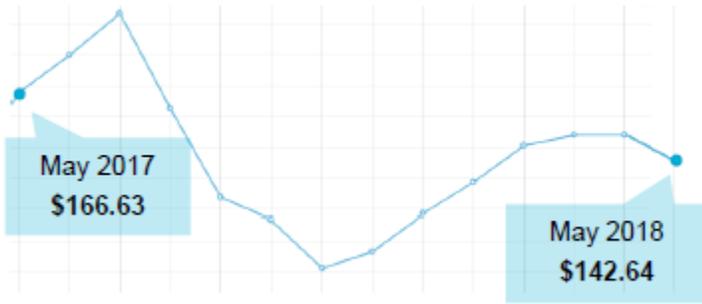
In Alberta, urban housing starts totalled 2,208 in June 2018, a year-over-year decrease of 15.5%. Canadian starts increased 15.4% over the same period. In Alberta, single-detached (-19.2%), semi-detached (-11.6%) and row units (-44.7%) decreased, while apartments (+3.2%) increased.



Cattle Price

Cattle prices in Alberta decreased 14.4% in May 2018 compared to the same time period a year earlier, to \$142.64 per hundredweight, the highest price in Canada. Hog prices decreased 12.1% in May 2018 compared to the same period a year earlier, to \$72.51.

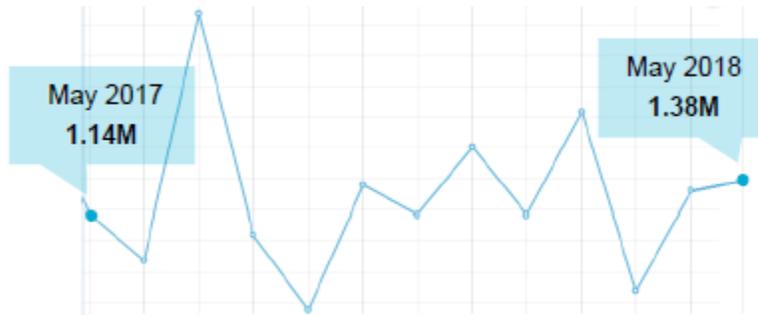
-14.4%
\$142.64
(\$/hundredweight)



Grain Deliveries

Grain deliveries in Alberta increased 21.0% between May 2017 and May 2018, to 1.38 million tonnes. Canadian grain deliveries increased 32.4% over the same time period. In Alberta, non-durum wheat, which made up 47.9% of grain deliveries, increased 19.8%, while canola, which made up 39.6% of grain deliveries, increased 33.9%.

+21.0%
1.38M
(tonnes)



Markets & Currencies

International markets

🕒 At last close

DJIA	25,019.41	-	0.00%
S&P 500	2,801.31	-	0.00%
FTSE 100	7,661.87	-	0.00%
DAX	12,540.73	-	0.00%
Nikkei 225	22,597.35	-	0.00%
Hang Seng	28,539.66	14.22	0.05%
Crude Oil (WTI)	70.41	- 0.17	-0.24%
Gold	1,244.90	3.10	0.25%

Exchange rates

🕒 Last updated: 09:50 (GMT)

EUR → USD	1.1705	< 0.001	0.427%
GBP → USD	1.3267	< 0.001	0.264%
USD → JPY	112.427	0.087	0.077%
AUD → USD	0.7438	< 0.001	0.202%
USD → CAD	1.3145	< 0.001	-0.160%
USD → CHF	0.9997	< 0.001	-0.200%
EUR → GBP	0.8823	< 0.001	-0.238%

Key Economic Indicators

Period	Indicator	Latest Update	Change	Last Updated
2017	GDP yr/yr	\$304.7B	+4.9%	May 2018
Q1 2018	Population yr/yr	4.3M	+1.4%	March 2018
June 2018	Unemployment yr/yr	6.5%	-1.0%	July 2018
July 9-13, 2018	WTI Oil Price wk/wk	\$71.01	-3.8%	July 13, 2018 Closing
Apr 2018	Retail Trade yr/yr	\$6.8B	+2.2%	June 2018

Looking Ahead

Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20
Indicator Releases: Manufacturing Sales		Indicator Releases: Employment Insurance	Indicator Releases: Retail Trade, CPI	

Things You Need To Know

From the SouthGrow Office



Alberta Environment & Parks Annual Report 2017-2018 Now Available

The annual report of the ministry of Environment and Parks contains the minister's accountability statement, the audited consolidated financial statements of the ministry and a comparison of actual performance results to desired results as set out in the ministry business plan, which was published as part of the previous year's budget. The report also includes financial statements for the entities making up the ministry and for which the minister is responsible. [Read more & download report.](#)



All One Sky Foundation

ALL ONE SKY FOUNDATION is a not-for-profit, charitable organization established by the former Climate Change Central in 2010 to help vulnerable populations at the crossroads of energy and climate change. We do this through education, research and community-led programs, focusing our efforts on adaptation to climate change and energy poverty. Our vision is a society in which ALL people can afford the energy they require to live in warm, comfortable homes, in communities that are able to respond and adapt to a changing climate. [Learn more.](#)



Agriculture Entrepreneur in Residence (AgENT) Program

We are looking for industry partners to bring our students real-world challenges and act as mentors as they work to find innovative solutions.

Lethbridge College student-entrepreneurs are ready and eager to find solutions to the challenges you are facing in your business or industry.

As an industry partner in AgENT, you will guide student-entrepreneurs as they innovate and problem solve. The student-entrepreneurs will work under your mentorship throughout the academic year.

At the end of the year, the student-entrepreneurs will participate in a competition, where they will pitch their solutions in a quest to win prizes and see their solutions funded. [Learn more & sign-up.](#)

Stories We're Following

From the SouthGrow Office

Government Affairs

Spectrum auction pits rural internet customers against 5G tech development

Globe & Mail | July 9, 2018

A federal's auction of cellular airwaves crucial to 5G mobile technology is raising concerns that hundreds of thousands of rural internet customers could be cut off or have their service reduced ...

Tax credit supports jobs and investment in Alberta

Government of Alberta | July 10, 2018

The first two rounds of the government of Alberta's Capital Investment Tax Credit (CITC) saw per capita private-sector investment in the province rise to more than twice the national average.

Blood Tribe still seeking full compensation

Lethbridge Herald | July 16, 2018

In regard to a letter written by Dale Brooks, July 8 Lethbridge Herald. This man stated the Blood Tribe was in court suing for "more compensation." 1. The Blood Tribe was never compensated for the land that was swindled. 2. In 1877 during treaty negotiations ...

Economic Affairs

Bank of Canada raises benchmark interest rate to 1.5%, noting trade tensions

CBC News | July 11, 2018

Every six weeks, the bank meets to decide on what its interest rate will be, based on what it sees happening in the economy. This time, the bank has decided to raise its rate by 25 basis points — 0.25 percentage points — to 1.5 per cent. It's the fourth time the central ...

Alberta cannabis production courses proving potently popular

Calgary Herald | July 7, 2018

With rapidly budding interest, some institutions are already looking to expand the scope of that education. "Obviously, it's a hot topic area — as soon as we opened it up on May 1, it was sold out and we have a waiting list," said Tanya McDonald, director of Olds College ...

Alberta to hire trade specialist in United Arab Emirates

Calgary Herald | July 11, 2018

The provincial government said Wednesday it will spend \$600,000 on a three-year-contract to hire a trade specialist in the country, likely based out of Abu Dhabi or Dubai. The move comes as Alberta strives to attract more investment from the UAE, as well as open new ...

Job vacancy rates in Alberta

The Owl: ATB Financial's Economics & Research Team | July 16, 2018

Economists track a series of labour market indicators, the most important being the Labour Force Survey, which provides a snapshot of labour market supply. A less frequent and lesser-known report from Statistics Canada looks at labour market demand ...

Social Affairs

Lethbridge, other areas of southern Alberta under heat warning

Global News | July 11, 2018

A heat warning was issued by Environment Canada on Wednesday afternoon, which included Lethbridge and parts of southeastern Alberta. Beginning ...

The cowboy way is still alive and well in southern Alberta

Calgary Herald | July 11, 2018

Born to buck, the horses that call the Calgary Stampede Ranch home are some of the best rodeo stock in the world. The ranch sprawls across 23,000 acres of ...

Helen Schuler looking to engage young artists with new Inspired by Nature exhibit

Lethbridge News Now | July 14, 2018

The Helen Schuler Nature Centre is inviting young artists to participate in the next community art gallery exhibition “Inspired by Nature.”

Fusarium alarm sounded in Sask.

The Western Producer | July 14, 2018

Farmers in northeastern Saskatchewan should stay alert for fusarium head blight, according to the province's forecast map. "There are some other areas over by Hudson Bay and around the Melfort area that are high and that's because they were wetter ...

Big Ideas

Canada needs to rethink its approach to economic development

Macleans | March 15, 2018

When the Liberals announced their “Innovation Superclusters Initiative”—a federal program that will see \$950 million invested in five separate regions across the country over the next decade—critics immediately questioned if such a program was in fact designed ...

Staples: New lamp that mimics the sun has major impact on cannabis growing

Edmonton Journal | July 14, 2018

A high-tech lighting system that mimics the huge variety of sunlight — manufactured by Edmonton company G2V and developed in a University of Alberta lab by research scientist Michael Taschuk — is now being tested in four cannabis grow operations across ...

Upcoming Events

Hosted by SouthGrow & Our Partners

Sep. 26 | 2018 Alberta Climate Summit

Host: **Pembina Institute**

Time: **8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

Location: **BMO Centre | Calgary**

The Alberta Climate Summit brings 500+ thought leaders from industry, government, environmental NGOs, and Indigenous and rural communities together to learn about global trends with implications in Alberta, hear diverse local success stories and explore the potential in Alberta's energy evolution. The full-day event showcases a range of perspectives, opportunities for Alberta, informs and connects decision makers, and inspires participants to play an active role in the province's energy future.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Sep. 26 - 28 | 2018 AUMA Convention & AMSC Trade Show

Host: **AUMA/AMCS**

Time: **7:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Location: **Westerner Park | Red Deer**

Registration is now open for the 2018 AUMA Convention and AMSC Trade Show, which takes place from September 26-28 at the Westerner Park, in Red Deer! This year's convention will include dialogue sessions with provincial Ministers, and breakout session topics such as the opioid crisis, impact of autonomous vehicles, cyber security, municipal rights-of-way, what the upcoming provincial election means for municipalities, and more.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Oct. 3 | 2019 Economic Outlook

Host: **Calgary Economic Development & ATB**

Time: **10:15 AM – 1:30 PM**

Location: **Calgary TELUS Convention Centre**

Confidence in the economy is rising - how will this transform your business in 2019? Join us at the 2019 Economic Outlook and hear about current economic trends and forecasts in your industry to get an edge up on 2019 planning. Learn how local, provincial, national and international economic forecasts for next year may influence your business.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Employment Opportunities

[AUMA | Association of Urban Municipalities of Alberta](#)

[RMA | Rural Municipalities of Alberta](#)

[Government of Alberta](#)

Tech For Your SouthGrow Team

At SouthGrow's main office, we are working hard to further improve our implementation of technology and data to improve our organization and service. Here's what we are using, as well as some other tools we think would help the businesses within our communities.

What We Use

[G Suite – Gmail, Docs, Drive, Calendar and More for Business](#)

Do your best work with Google's suite of intelligent apps (formerly Google Apps). Get business email, video conferencing, online storage and file sharing.

[Google Maps Platform - Geo-location APIs](#)

Choose Google Maps Platform to create immersive location experiences and make better business decisions with accurate real-time data & dynamic imagery

[Workplace by Facebook: A Work Collaboration Tool](#)

Workplace is already the place for teams to connect and collaborate. Now get even more productive with integrations. Connect to the apps and services you ...

[Economic Dashboard - Government of Alberta](#)

Welcome to the Alberta Economic Dashboard. The dashboard compiles the Alberta economy's most important indicators for businesses in one place.

[Trello](#)

Infinitely flexible. Incredibly easy to use. Great mobile apps. It's free. Trello keeps track of everything, from the big picture to the minute details.

[Wix.com: Free Website Builder | Create a Free Website](#)

Create a free website exactly the way you want. With Wix, you get the whole package - sophisticated website builder, complete customization, reliable web ...

Other Resources

[Community \(Local\) Economic Development - Government of Alberta](#)

Tools and resources to help support local economic development. ... Alberta's communities need qualified workers and professionals to drive their local ...

[Fundingportal - Government Grants, Tax Credits ... - The Funding Portal](#)

Canada's bilingual one-window gateway to improve access to 7000+ sources of government funding and private financing for business, hospitals, universities, ...

[SAP Software & Solutions | Technology & Business Applications](#)

Get software and technology solutions from SAP, the leader in enterprise applications. Run simple with the best in cloud, analytics, mobile and IT solutions.

[xarvio Digital Farming Solutions](#)

xarvio™ Digital Farming Solutions makes you feel more confident, reduces your risks and gives you more security in all your plannings and decisions.

[Farmers Edge - Grow.More.Precisely.](#)

Empowering growers and ag professionals with data-driven solutions Farmers Edge is the best option for making data-driven decisions on the farm. We help ...



How to keep people living in small towns: Noah Fleming TED Talk

How the "addiction" of organizations to continuously attracting new customers applies to the economies of small towns.

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