Date of Request: October 28, 2026
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NAME: MAILSTREETADDRESS:

MAILCITY: MAILPROVINCE:

MAILPOSTALCODE:

RE: CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AS "FARMING OPERATIONS" FOR 2027 TAX YEAR
(Roll: «Roll» **Legal:** «RURALLEGAL» **Short Legal:** «URBANLEGAL»**)**

Hello,

Property assessments are prepared each year by Lacombe County as required by the Province. Assessments are the basis for all property owners to share the municipal, education, RCMP, and seniors housing portions of the overall property tax levy.

The Province sets out the authority, requirements, and guidelines for the County to prepare assessments in the *Municipal Government Act* and the associated Regulations. Each assessment must reflect the physical characteristics and conditions of the property as of December 31st of the year prior to taxation. Assessors complete this work by entering on and inspecting your property, by reviewing sales, building permit information, and/or by requesting other information from you necessary to prepare the assessment. We do this to ensure the assessment is as accurate and fair as possible within the stated Provincial framework.

Part of preparing the assessment is classifying the property as 'residential', 'non-residential', 'farmland' or 'machinery and equipment', or some combination of these classes. Each class is defined by characteristics, including the property's usage. For instance, to be classed as 'farmland' that portion of the property must be land only and used for 'farming operations'. 'Farming operations' are defined in Regulation as the growing, production, and sale of an agricultural product. To qualify for the Alberta Farm Fuel benefit, the Province uses an income amount of $10,000; although income as low as $5,000 may qualify the property as a farming operation for assessment purposes. Residential portions include a portion of the land and any buildings used for personal purposes such as storage or shelter (e.g. garage, shop, etc.) or living accommodation (e.g. house, manufactured home, cabin, cottage, etc.). Any land area or structure used for commerce or industry will be classified as 'non-residential'. Buildings used in the farming operation will be considered for farm.

Lacombe County Assessors are currently preparing the 2027 assessment; updating the physical characteristics and condition and confirming the use of properties using information from a variety of sources. Previously, this property was assessed "as if" farming operations were occurring. It may be difficult to earn the minimum $5,000 annual income from the sales of agricultural products grown and/or produced on this property based on the amount of land owned, as stated on the Certificate of Title.

Currently, the proposed property assessment for 2027 will not consider the property as being used for farming operations. If this is correct there is no need to respond. If you are growing, producing, and selling more than $5,000 in agricultural products on the property would you please provide a response to the questions below.

☐ I confirm and can verify (if asked) that I did grow, produce, and sell at least $5,000 of agricultural products prior to December 31, 2026 on the property described by **Roll:**

☐ The agricultural product I grew, produced, and sold is best described as:

- ☐ Un-processed/raw Dairy or Honey
- ☐ Meat/Poultry
- ☐ Un-processed/raw crops grass/hay/trees/cereal crops/canola, etc.
- ☐ Un-processed/raw vegetables/fruit
- ☐ Other, please briefly describe:

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An Assessor may contact you if further clarification is necessary, please provide a daytime phone number and/or email address below.

Print name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Your response options include:

1. **Email:** assessment@lacombecounty.com
2. **Mail:** Lacombe County RR 3
   Lacombe County, AB T4L 2N3
3. **Drop off:** at the Lacombe County Administration Building ATTN: Assessment – Farm RFI.

We need to receive your response prior to **December 28, 2026** for the information to be captured for 2027 taxation. Information received after this date may not be reflected in the property assessment for 2027 taxation.

Please contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding your property assessment.
We can be reached by phone at 403-782-6601 or e-mail at assessment@lacombecounty.com.

Regards,

Angel Svennes, AMAA
Manager of Assessment Services, Lacombe County

The personal information collected through the Assessment Request for Information process is collected for the purposes of property tax assessment under MGA Parts 9-12. This collection is authorized by section 4 of the Protection of Privacy Act subsection (a) the collection of the personal information is expressly authorized by another enactment of Alberta, Municipal Government Act, subsection (c) that information relates directly to and is necessary for an activity of Lacombe County, including a common or integrated program or service, and the Municipal Government Act Parts 9-12. For questions about assessment, please contact Lacombe County Assessment Services at: 403-782-6601 or assessment@lacombecounty.com. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact Lacombe County's Privacy and Access Coordinator at: 403-782-6601.