

Agricultural Objectives and Policies

Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (2017), Policy Area 6: Agriculture Objectives:

- 6.1: Identify and conserve an adequate supply of prime agricultural lands to provide a secure local food source for future generations
- 6.2: Minimize the fragmentation and conversion of prime agricultural lands for non-agricultural uses
- 6.3: Promote diversification and value-added agriculture production and plan infrastructure to support the agricultural sector and regional food system

EMRB Regional Agriculture Master Plan (2021), Policy 5.2.1:

- The policies and outcomes of the Regional Agriculture Master Plan and all other policies in the growth plan to achieve responsible growth, will be considered, as part of the EMRB 5-year interim review of the growth plan, specifically to:
 - a. Complete a regional growth study to update and inform the rate of land consumption. The results of the regional growth study will consider the alignment of the metropolitan area policy line in conjunction with Regional Agriculture Master Plan policy area 3. The resulting analysis should strive for a no net increase in land within the metropolitan area policy tier of the regional growth plan to 2044;
 - b. The regional growth study should inform the identification of thresholds for per cent build out of area structure plans and infill development before new lands (unplanned /greenfield) are considered for development to conserve agricultural lands for as long as possible and ensure responsible growth. (Includes both residential and non-residential); and
 - c. The regional growth study should inform the direction of future growth in the Region, in all policy areas, to protect prime agricultural lands identified through the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Land Evaluation and Site Assessment analysis, for as long as possible, and in accordance with the objectives for each policy area.