SERC 2 Bibliography

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- Universities

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  - University of Calgary Department of Economics [http://econ.ucalgary.ca/]
  - University of Lethbridge Department of Economics [http://www.uleth.ca/fas/eco/]
  - McGill University Department of Agricultural Economics [http://www.agrenv.mcgill.ca/agrecon/index.htm]
  - Nova Scotia Agricultural College Business and Social Science [http://www.nsac.ns.ca/bss/]
  - University of Guelph Food, Agriculture and Resources [http://fare.uoguelph.ca/]
  - Université Laval Faculte des sciences de l’agriculture et de l’alimentation [http://www.eac.ulaval.ca/]
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  - University of British Columbia Food Resource Economics Group [http://www.landfood.ubc.ca/fre/index.htm]

- Government and Institutional Online Resources

  - 2006 Census of Agriculture
    Agriculture Contact: Sharon Jensen (780)495-6022 / sharon.jensen@statcan.ca
  - Economics Society of Northern Alberta
  - Canadian Agricultural Economics Society
  - CAFRI Canadian Agricultural Economics Association
  - American Agricultural Economics Association
  - EDIRC: Economics Departments, Institutes and Research Centers in the World
  - Alberta Institute of Agrologists
  - AIA Edmonton Branch
  - AIA Calgary Branch
  - AIA Red Deer Branch
  - Agricultural Institute of Canada
  - Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
  - Agriweb Canada: directory of online resources in Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food
At ARC we apply smart thinking to technological challenges. Then we deliver powerful solutions that help our customers and partners develop their products, processes and services and get them to market faster. We focus on innovation for sustainable development and an improved quality of life.

**Canadian Rural Partnership**

http://www.rural.gc.ca/research/profile/ab_e.phtml


**Rural Team Alberta**


*Executive Summary:* The Rural Alberta Survey is part of an ongoing Rural Dialogue initiated by the federal government. The Survey was designed to collect information on rural Albertans’ views of and experiences with the 11 priorities for action and related areas. The results will be used by federal departments in their program and policy decisions and by representatives of the five participating Alberta regions in their Rural Dialogue workshops.

**Natural Resources Canada: Statistics on Natural Resources**

http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/statistics/intro_e.html

Canada’s natural resource sectors – our forests, energy, minerals and metals, and Earth sciences – are a vital part of Canada’s economy and society. Canada enjoys extraordinary economic and social benefits thanks to its rich endowment of natural resources. The natural resource sectors and related industries have been an engine of economic growth and job creation for generations. As a leading exporter of natural resources and resource-based technology and knowledge, Canada contributes to the well-being of people in many countries. Canada shares information and knowledge globally to promote the sustainable development of natural resources in a competitive investment climate. This brochure provides a statistical snapshot of the importance of Canada’s natural resources. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), a department of the Government of Canada, has a mandate to ensure the sustainable development and responsible use of Canada’s natural resources. Through innovation and partnership, the department plays a pivotal role in helping shape the enormous contributions of the natural resource sectors and
related industries to the high quality of life of Canadians. Through its expertise in Earth sciences, science and technology, the department develops policies and implements programs for the well-being of all Canadians.

- **Natural Resources Canada – Sustainable Communities Initiative**
  

**BACKGROUNDER: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE — PILOT PHASE PROJECTS**

http://www.geoconnections.org/en/newsmedia/newsrelease/id=966

GeoConnections' Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) provides funds to improve the ability of Canadian communities to plan, make decisions and create partnerships by increasing their capability to obtain, generate, use and discuss geographical information, using the Internet where economically feasible. **Natural Resources Canada**

http://nrcan.gc.ca/media/archives/newsreleases/2000/200027b_e.htm

- **Indigenous Cooperative on the Environment**
  
  http://www.icenetwork.ca/about_us/

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**Local and Organic Food Systems**

- **Environmental Research and Study Centre**
  

**Making Environmentally Friendly Purchases**

These stores, restaurants, and organizations offer more environmentally friendly products or services. This list is by no means complete, as there are surely many stores that sell environmentally friendly products. This is simply a brief list of the most notable.

- **Farmers' Markets**

These markets are venues for fresh, locally-produced, and often organic produce. Crafts and other products are also available. Profits go to the farmer or craftsperson, supporting local and sustainable economies. Call the Farmers' Markets for times and dates, or visit their website.

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<th>Edmonton Markets</th>
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<td>Downtown</td>
<td>10153-97 St.</td>
<td>424-9001</td>
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<td>Old Strathcona</td>
<td>103 St. &amp; 83 Ave.</td>
<td>439-1844</td>
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<td>Millwoods</td>
<td>7207 - 28 Ave.</td>
<td>450-1751</td>
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<tr>
<td>Westmount</td>
<td>Westmount Centre</td>
<td>459-6082</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beverley Towne</td>
<td>3945-118 Ave.</td>
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• **Organic Grocery Stores and Bakeries**

Go organic to reduce your chemical and pesticide intake, and to promote environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture. These stores offer primarily organic and natural food products. Roots Organic Market, close to the U of A, includes an organic restaurant with many vegetarian and vegan options.

**Edmonton Stores**

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<tr>
<td>Big Fresh Organic Market</td>
<td>12120 Jasper Ave</td>
<td>433-7374</td>
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<td>Buns and Roses Organic Wholegrain Bakery</td>
<td>6519 - 111 St.</td>
<td>438-0098</td>
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<td>Excel Food Market</td>
<td>6523 - 111 St.</td>
<td>434-1020</td>
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<td>Organic Roots Food Market</td>
<td>8225 - 112 St</td>
<td>413-1730</td>
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<td>Planet Organic Market</td>
<td>7917 - 104 St</td>
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• **Restaurants with Good Vegetarian & Vegan Options**

Growing the food for vegetarian and vegan diets requires lower energy inputs, uses less water, and causes significantly less water pollution. You can help the planet and eat healthier at the same time. This is a sample of restaurants that are vegetarian or offer a significant variety of vegetarian and/or vegan dishes. For a more complete listing, visit [Vegetarians of Alberta](#) and follow the link "Dining Out."

**Edmonton Restaurants**

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<td>Asian Hut Café</td>
<td>4620 - 99 St.</td>
<td>436-8267</td>
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<td>Café Mosaics</td>
<td>10844 - 82 Ave. (Whyte Ave)</td>
<td>433-9702</td>
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<tr>
<td>High Level Diner</td>
<td>10912 - 88 Ave.</td>
<td>433-0993 or if busy, 433-1317</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max's Light Cuisine</td>
<td>7809 - 109 St.</td>
<td>432-6241</td>
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<tr>
<td>New Asian Village</td>
<td>10143 Saskatchewan Drive</td>
<td>433-3804</td>
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<td>Organic Roots Food Market</td>
<td>8225 - 112 St.</td>
<td>413-1730 or if busy, 414-0788 or 430-0377</td>
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<tr>
<td>Oriental Veggie House</td>
<td>10586 - 100 St.</td>
<td>424-0463</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Padmanadi (Indonesian)</td>
<td>10626 - 97 St.</td>
<td>428-8899</td>
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<tr>
<td>Upper Crust Café</td>
<td>10909 - 86 Avenue</td>
<td>433-0810</td>
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Surrounding Areas
The Veggie House  10850 St. Thomas Street, St. Albert  418-8366

- **Round River General Store**
  This store exists as an internet market service to connect customers with agricultural producers and crafters of useful goods produced in an environmentally sustainable manner within Alberta. Embracing the ecological principle of the never-ending circle of life, and land stewardship philosophy, the Round River General Store was created in 1998.

- **Alberta Food Bank Network**
  [http://www.afbna.ca/](http://www.afbna.ca/)

  **Our Mission**
  The purpose of the Alberta Food Bank Network Association is to provide support and leadership to food banks in Alberta in their efforts to provide short term relief in the area of food insecurity while working on long term solutions for hunger and poverty. The AFBNA exists to serve Food Banks in the province of Alberta.

- **BioProducts Alberta**

  BioProducts Alberta has been established as a federal not-for-profit corporation to be a catalyst for the growth of a vibrant bioproducts industry across western Canada. Industry led, BioProducts Alberta will drive economic development by promoting and facilitating collaboration in bioproducts research, technology commercialization, information exchange, and industry development.

**Bioeconomy in Resource-rich Alberta**
In a province abundant in fossil fuels, the idea of a bioeconomy might seem a foreign, distant concept. But Alberta is well positioned to take advantage of this global push to use agricultural and forestry biomass as feedstocks to produce everything from biodiesel to plastics and cosmetics.

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**Social Purchasing**

- **Calgary Social Purchase Portal**
  [http://www.sppcalgary.org/home.cfm](http://www.sppcalgary.org/home.cfm)

  The Social Purchasing Portal (SPP) is a listing of socially progressive businesses in Calgary. Our directory highlights businesses engaged in innovative workplace practices in the Calgary community, and encourages social purchasing.

  The SPP is a program of Momentum [http://www.momentum.org/](http://www.momentum.org/)
Momentum is a Community Economic Development (CED) organization that offers hope and opportunity to people living in poverty. Momentum is a not-for-profit society that has been partnering with low-income Calgarians to develop their productive futures since 1991.

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**Foundations and Centres**

- **Canada West Foundation**

  **The Next West Project**: This captures the challenge for public policy: to figure out where the world is going to be so that the right policies are in place at the right time. The NEXT West Project is engaging a wide variety of western Canadians to generate and debate the public policy strategies best able to promote economic prosperity and quality of life in the region over the long-term.


- **Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation**
  [http://crrf.concordia.ca/](http://crrf.concordia.ca/)

  The mission is to revitalize rural Canada. Strong rural economies across Canada are needed by the rest of Canadians for the 2000s. CRRF achieves its mission through education and research for rural leaders in the community, the private sector and in government. CRRF seeks to broker mutually beneficial relationships built on improved understanding of common interest at all levels, to advance the fortunes of all partners and reduce rural dependency.

- **Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Leadership (CIEL)**

  CIEL is a Canadian centre of excellence in community, entrepreneurial and economic leadership. We provide tools, training and innovative solutions, allowing communities and organizations to realize their potential. The strength of these tools and of the CIEL team is that we link research to action. Our tools and services are applicable to a wide range of communities: rural and urban, First Nations, communities of interest, and organizations. Throughout Canada, CIEL has provided expert advice, guidance and assistance on community, entrepreneurial and economic development as well as a leadership training, conceptual design and tool development.

- **Centre for Rural Studies and Enrichment**

  The Centre for Rural Studies and Enrichment was established in 1997 at St. Peter’s College, Muenster, SK. to research and understand the issues and needs of rural people and small
communities. Most of our research projects directly involve rural people and communities as experts. By working closely with rural people and communities we hope our research projects reflect their priorities and aspirations and offer useful solutions to rural issues.

- Publications
  [http://www.stpeterscollege.ca/crse/publications.html](http://www.stpeterscollege.ca/crse/publications.html)

- Rural Canada Bibliography and Research Inventory [www.crse](http://www.crse)

The Canadian Rural Secretariat through the Canadian Rural Partnership Research Fund contributed resources in 2002-03 to further develop the Research Inventory attached to the Rural Canada Bibliography Site. The Research Inventory was expanded to include almost 1000 entries of research on Rural Canada and the website was moved to St. Peter’s College. Work continues to update the research inventory when resources are available.

- Canadian Rural Information Service: Rural Research and Education Directory [http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/education_e.phtml](http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/education_e.phtml)

Federal government website to rural research in Canada.

1-888-757-8725


The Centre provides an international network for information, research, technical services and training in social development. It is a small, lean and virtual non profit distributing Section 30 Company registered in Scotland

*Publications: Cooperatives and social economy* [http://www.caledonia.org.uk/cooperatives.htm](http://www.caledonia.org.uk/cooperatives.htm)

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**Cooperative Information and Resources**

- The Business Link Alberta’s Business Information Service: Co-operatives (Alberta) Info-Guide  

The following Info-Guide is a document designed to help you navigate through the different government programs, services and regulations which deal with cooperatives, and identify those of interest. Although many questions will be answered in the Info-Guide, the list is by no means exhaustive. The selected items provide a helpful overview of programs, services and regulations relating to cooperatives. This blended product of both federal and provincial information is developed to answer a growing demand for strategic information by business people.
• Calgary Coop Grocery Stores
  http://www.calgarycoop.com/

Locally owned and operated, Calgary Co-op is one of the largest retail co-operatives in North America, with 413,000 members, 4,000 employees, $314 million in assets and annual sales of $884 million. Calgary Co-op has 22 retail shopping centres, 26 gas bars, 11 travel offices and 15 liquor stores located in Calgary, Airdrie, Strathmore, and Okotoks, Alberta. The continuing development of Calgary Co-op is a priority for its board of directors, management and employees. Guided by a comprehensive vision and strategic direction, Calgary Co-op has a dynamic five-year development and enhancement plan that will see existing stores renovated and new centres built in emerging markets.

• Growing Food Security Alberta
  http://www.foodsecurityalberta.ca/content.asp?RootID=2&CatID=2

Engaging Albertans – groups, organizations, business, governments and individuals - in strategies to ensure secure access to adequate amounts of safe, nutritious, culturally appropriate food for everyone, produced in an environmentally sustainable way and provided in a manner that promotes human dignity (adapted from OPHA Food Security Workgroup 2002). Growing Food Security in Alberta (GFSA) strives to enhance the health of impoverished children and their families in Alberta through its provincial food security network actions. The network has been built on a broad base of intersectoral partnerships and public participation and promotes and supports policies and initiatives that reduce the prevalence of food insecurity in children and their families. The GFSA Network is seeking ways to address the disparities that are the root cause of food insecurity in Alberta.

Local and Organic Food Systems and Movements

• Organic Consumers  http://www.organicconsumers.org/linkpage.cfm?memid=16196

• Blue Mountain BioDynamics  http://members.shaw.ca/bluemtnbio-dynamics/csainfo.htm

Community Supported Agriculture: This will be the sixth year that Blue Mountain has run a CSA since 1998, and the largest project yet. We believe that good food is not only delicious, but also always political. For how can any society blossom and bear fruit, physically, socially, intellectually or spiritually, if it has no roots? Surely, what we eat, this most fundamental necessity (with clean air and water), and how our food is produced define the depth and vigour of the root of our civilizations.

Your farmers are: Henry Vester, Erika Vester, Kris Vester, Amy Sallenbach and James Edwards
Mail: Blue Mountain Bio-Dynamic Farms, Community Supported Agriculture Program
RR#2 Carstairs, AB TOM ONO  
**Phone:** 337-3321 (local from Calgary)  
**Fax:** 337-2496 (call first before sending fax)  
**Website:** [http://members.shaw.ca/bluemtnbio-dynamics](http://members.shaw.ca/bluemtnbio-dynamics)  
**E-mail:** BlueMtnBio-Dynamics@shaw.ca

- **Sparrow’s Nest Organics** [http://www.organicconsumers.org/linkpage.cfm?memid=5818](http://www.organicconsumers.org/linkpage.cfm?memid=5818)

**Community Supported Agriculture:** Sparrow's Nest Organics farm is 45 minutes north of Edmonton, Alberta, located between Redwater and Gibbons. We are a certified organic market garden and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm.

The goals of Sparrow's Nest Organics are to:
- Provide Edmonton consumers with wholesome, fresh, certified organic food
- Provide Edmonton consumers with a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm
- Provide land to create an Intentional Community
- Maintain nature's diversity
- Improve ecology of local land and water

Sparrow's Nest Organics  
Box 52  
Opal AB T0A 2R0  
Ph: 780-942-2259  
Cell: 267-2259  
mail@sparroworganics.com

- **City Farm-Edmonton** [http://www.city-farm.org/](http://www.city-farm.org/)

Cityfarm Edmonton is an organization currently made up of a coalition of government agencies, Non-Government organizations, and private business to connect urban children and their families in the greater Edmonton area with the natural world while allowing them an insight into the rural lifestyle. This coalition is currently made up of champions from Alberta Agriculture Food & Rural Development, City of Edmonton Community Services, Legacy Land Conservation, Personal Community Support Association, Riverbend Gardens and Voices of the Soil.

- **Voices of the Soil** [http://www.voicesofthesoil.org/page3.html](http://www.voicesofthesoil.org/page3.html)

Phone: 780-447-9600  
Email: info@voicesofthesoil.org  
Website: www.voicesofthesoil.org  
101-15334-123 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5V 1K8

- **Dine Alberta: Savour Regional Flavour**

• Dine Alberta Consumer Information
  http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/apa10857

• Alberta Regional Cuisine Sourcing Directory
  http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app68/dinealberta

• Agricultural Policy Framework (APF)
  http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/ppe10298

• Alberta Beekeepers http://www.albertabeekeepers.org

• Alberta Elk Commission http://www.albertaelk.com

• Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association http://www.albertafarmfresh.com

• Alberta Farmers' Market Association

• Alberta Lamb http://www.albertalamb.com

• Alberta Pork http://www.albertapork.ca

• Alberta White-tail and Mule Deer Association http://www.albertadeer.com/

• Big Rock Breweries http://www.bigrockbeer.com

• Bison Producers of Alberta http://www.bisoncentre.com

• Chomp Around Alberta http://www.chomparoundalberta.com

• Fruit Growers Society of Alberta http://www.albertafruit.com

• Growing Alberta http://www.growingalberta.com/about/

• Potato Growers of Alberta http://www.albertapotatoes.ca

• 2007 Dine Alberta Restaurants
  http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/apa11388

• Alberta Farm Direct Marketing
  http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/apa549

• Ryerson University Centre for Studies in Food Security
  http://www.ryerson.ca/foodsecurity/
Established at Ryerson University in 1994, the Centre for Studies in Food Security (CSFS) works to promote food security through research, dissemination, education, community action and professional practice. We take an interdisciplinary and systemic approach to the social justice, environmental sustainability, health and socio-cultural aspects of food security. For information on recent and on-going projects supported by the Centre, click http://www.ryerson.ca/foodsecurity/projects/index.html

The Centre shares information and facilitates dialogue among civil society organizations, universities and governments through our web site and associated mailing lists. We have hosted several national and international conferences and we are engaged with food security initiatives at local, regional and global levels.

Projects
The Centre for Studies in Food Security is committed to research, education and dissemination initiatives that inform policy development and community action. Click on the links below to find information on recent and on-going projects supported by the Centre:
Aboriginal Peoples & Food Security Africa Connections Brazil Connections Civil Society Environment Gender Urban Agriculture Urban Design

Research and Popular Pieces

- Mapping the Social Economy in Bristol
  http://www.socialeconomybristol.org.uk/content/chapter7.pdf

This 2 page article provide information about the research on social economies in Bristol. Good example of how to present and describe SEE information.

- McKibben, Bill. Deep Ecology

Commentary: McKibben's 'Deep Economy' stresses community, localism August 21, 2007
Daniel Hecht The Green Grapevine

Book Review
McKibben challenges the prevailing economic paradigm and describes a movement that has been quietly growing at the local level worldwide. The last century was marked by a contest between American-style capitalism and state-centric communism. McKibben suggests that another economic theory is emerging to redress some of the shortcomings of both. This community-based economics is characterized by a concern for shared social benefits in preference to the concentration of individual wealth; an emphasis on smaller-scale, local economic development rather than large-scale, global corporatism; and the recognition that environmental impacts must
be considered in every kind of economic activity. Our economy is based on the premise of perpetual growth that assures everyone of ever-increasing personal wealth, and for 200 years it has indeed provided considerable material improvement to many millions of people.

- **The New Economy Development Group (Consultants)**
  
  [http://www.neweconomygroup.ca/expertise_e.html](http://www.neweconomygroup.ca/expertise_e.html)

The New Economy Development Group Inc. (New Economy) is a pan-Canadian team of experienced consultants who help voluntary and community organizations and governments build organizational capacity and conduct research. Committed to a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach, NEDG seeks to maximize the lessons learned from community-driven initiatives to contribute to the development of effective government, as well as private sector policy, program and project initiatives. The firm stresses the meaningful involvement of all affected stakeholders in a respectful and transparent manner.

NEDG is a national firm founded in 1990, headquartered in Ottawa, but with a network of regionally-based team members located across Canada. The team is equipped to work in both official languages. Its members have worked in senior positions in government, as well as within the private and not-for-profit sectors in Canada and overseas. The team has a longstanding commitment to working in marginalized communities with a view to assisting local people to create sustainable and environmentally responsible livelihoods.

**Areas of Particular Interest**

- Community economic development and the social economy
- Aboriginal, northern, rural, agricultural and cooperative issues
- Underdevelopment, poverty and marginalization
- Participatory policy development and evaluation
- Sustainable development and the environment
- Citizen participation and the voluntary sector


- **Canadian Agricultural and Rural Communities Initiative Evaluation**, prepared for the Rural Secretariat, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (2004)


• Strengthening the Community Economic Development Program (CEDP): Revised Program Elements and Program Framework, for Economic Development Branch, INAC and CEDP Advisory Committee (2004)


• Evaluation of the Community Rural Partnership Program (CRP), for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (2002-2003)


New Economy Development Inc.
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Dal Brodhead: dbrodhead@neweconomygroup.ca
Doug Kane: dkane@neweconomygroup.ca

• Mobilizing Human and Natural Resources in Rural Communities: By Pliny Fisk III M.Arch.,M.Larch. Director of Research Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems Austin, Texas Presented At American Planning Association Annual Meeting San Antonio, Texas.
  http://www.cmpbs.org/publications/AD3.5-Mobil_Human.pdf

• Natural Resources Institute: Pro-poor rural economic and enterprise development: A framework for analysis and Action http://www.nri.org/projects/reed/docs/NRI-REED.pdf

The New Rural Economy in Canada

Bill Reimer and Peter Apedaile The Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation
http://nre.concordia.ca reimer@vax2.concordia.ca July 4, 2000 Prepared for the Canadian Employment Research Forum Sudbury, Sept. 8-9, 2000
http://www.cerforum.org/conferences/200009/papers/thenrece.pdf
NR2 Building Rural Capacity in the New Economy: The New Rural Economy Project (Canada)


New Rural Economy Reports and Documents
http://nre.concordia.ca/nre_reports.htm

The New Rural Economy Project (NRE) is a five-year research and education program underway in rural Canada. It is a collaborative undertaking bringing together rural people, researchers, policy-analysts, the business community, and government agencies at all levels to identify and address vital rural issues. It is conducted at the national level with historical and statistical data analysis, and at the local level with case studies involving community and household surveys.


Final Activity Report: A Forum to Explore Best Practices, Policy and Tools o Build Capacity in Aboriginal Business and Economic Development Brian Calliou Printed at The Banff Centre Banff, Alberta, Canada April 007

Co-operative Research Inventory Project Overview of English-Language Literature
November 2003 A National Joint Project of Co-operatives Secretariat (CS) – Albert Daoust Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan (CSC) – Brett Fairbairn and Carol Shepstone Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche et d’Information sur les Enterprises Collectives (CIRIEC-Canada) and Centre de recherche sur les innovations sociales (CRISES) – Marie Bouchard and Michelle Champagne British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies, University of Victoria (BCICS) – Ian MacPherson Coordinated by Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan

Bill Whitelaw “The Ascendancy of Albertanness: Neoliberalism, Political Identity and the Cowboy Citizen”

Co-operatives Secretariat - The Co-operatives Secretariat of the Government of Canada is dedicated to economic growth and social development of Canadian society through co-operative enterprise. The Secretariat works to ensure that co-ops are considered in the development and implementation of policies and programs. It also plays a coordinating role within the government for interaction with the co-operative sector. Since 2003, the Secretariat has also managed the Co-operative Development Initiative, which provides assistance for Canadians developing co-ops, and researches and tests innovative ways of using the co-operative model. (www.agr.gc.ca/rcs-src/coop/index_e.php).

Center for the Study of Co-operatives - Serves as a focal point for linking interdisciplinary academics to study the issues surrounding co-operatives and co-operation (www.usaskstudies.coop/)

Community University Institute of Social Research (CUISR) - The overall goal of CUISR is to build the capacity of researchers, community-based organizations and citizenry to enhance community quality of life. (www.usask.ca/cuisr/)

Canada Rural Economy Research lab (CRERL) - undertakes research on issues that affect the growth of rural communities in Canada (www.crerl.usask.ca)
**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)** - promotes and supports university-based research and training in the social sciences and humanities. ([www.sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca))

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**Associations**

*The Alberta Agricultural Economic Association (AAEA)*
http://www.aaea.ab.ca/about.shtml

The Alberta Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) was formed in 1984 and is comprised of individuals with an interest in the Agricultural Economy of Alberta. The AAEA brings together Alberta's Agri-Industry professionals and the sector's leaders from across the industry. Participation in the AAEA is the forum for those working in the different sectors of our Agri-Industry throughout Alberta for the focussed interaction and exchange of ideas on economic, social, and environmental issues which are at the forefront of this industry and the Alberta economy's sustainable future.

**Objectives of our Association**

- To provide avenues for continuing education and professional development.
- To provide an opportunity for communication among those interested in the Agricultural and Rural Social Sciences.
- To encourage research and dissemination of research results and other information relating to Alberta's rural economy.
- To provide a forum for the discussion of issues affecting the rural economy.
- To promote academic study and scholarship in the rural social studies.

**Contact:** AAEA Department of Rural Economy  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA  
T6H 2H1  
Email: [info@aaea.ab.ca](mailto:info@aaea.ab.ca)

*The Alberta Farm Plan Company*
http://www.albertaefp.com/program/progWhy.html

**Intermediary Function**
The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (AEFP) Company is a non-profit company that helps farmers and ranchers identify environmental opportunities and challenges on their own land. The AEFP Company was created in April 2002 because Alberta producers identified the need for delivery of an environmental farm plan program to be arm's-length from government.
The AEFP Company is comprised of a team of industry, government and other stakeholders working together to develop and implement the program. The company has a nine-member board of directors and four staff. The Vision of the EFPC - Agricultural producers committed to environmental stewardship. The Mission -To facilitate the awareness and adoption of environmental stewardship practices by Alberta farmers and ranchers and to do so by continuously advancing the Environmental Farm Plan program in response to new opportunities and risks facing production agriculture. Guiding Principles - Producers' interests first, Practical, Inclusive, Industry partnerships, Whole farm approach, Collaborative, Voluntary, Confidential, Science based, Delivery flexibility and Responsive.

Aboriginal Initiatives

Do any of these initiative have a non-profit corporate structure? Are profits reinvested in community initiatives?

Alberta-Pacific
http://www.alpac.ca/index.cfm?id=abrelations_partnerships

Creating mutually beneficial partnerships that build economic capacity is a cornerstone of Alberta-Pacific’s commitment to Aboriginal stakeholders. This includes working with communities to identify business development and contract opportunities that will create jobs in their community. Two examples of successful partnerships are Bigstone Forestry Inc. and JHL Forestry Inc.

Bigstone Forestry Inc.

Bigstone Forestry Inc. (BFI) is a logging company that was created in partnership with Alberta-Pacific, Weyerhaeuser Canada and the Bigstone Cree Nation, a First Nation located near the community of Wabasca. BFI has grown exponentially since it began operations in 2000, and has more than doubled its employment of local people from 11 to 24. BFI is one of Al-Pac’s premier harvesting companies.

JHL Forestry Inc.

JHL Forestry Inc. is another logging company established in partnership with two of Alberta-Pacific’s neighbouring First Nations, Chipewyan Prairie First Nation and Heart Lake First Nation, as well as the federal government. JHL started operations in 2004 and currently employs 11 people.

Contracting Opportunities

Alberta-Pacific provides contract opportunities for Aboriginal people and companies in all areas of our Woodlands operations. This includes logging, tree planting, reclamation, monitoring animal populations and road construction. Since 2004, the company has awarded more than $22 million in Woodlands operations contracts to local Aboriginal businesses. For information on
contracting opportunities with Alberta-Pacific, please contact one of our Community Liaison offices.

Aboriginal Partnerships with Business Aboriginal Partnerships with Business and Industry and Industry Marlene Marlene Poitras Poitras, CEO, , CEO, Athabasca Athabasca Tribal Council Tribal Council Working Together Working Together Mining Association of Canada AGMConference Mining Association of Canada AGM Conference June 18, 2002

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

Grassroots First Nations Businesses in Alberta
http://www.aincinac.gc.ca/ab/pubs/gr04b_e.html

Economic development for First Nations is a priority of the Government of Canada and, as such, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) remains committed to establishing partnerships with other levels of government such as the Province of Alberta, regional municipalities and private industry in Aboriginal economic development projects.

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Preamble: This document includes a series of annotations for recent reports produced by governmental or non-governmental organizations that explore the relationships between social and economic development. The range of content includes: business involvement in poverty reduction strategies; social and economic inclusion; social economy; critiques of economic-driven development; corporate social responsibility; social investing; strategic philanthropy; sustainable development; the relationships between social justice and economic growth; community economic development; and the societal costs of homelessness. As a living document, this resource welcomes improvement through your suggestions. Please feel free to contact us to make a recommendation at cde@sparc.bc.ca.

Annotated Bibliography


Summary: This paper offers a guided process for effectively seeking to engage businesses in local efforts for poverty reduction. It describes a systematic procedure to clarify the following:
(1) the needs of a business; (2) the features of a poverty reduction initiative; (3) the benefits of the initiative to the business; and (4) evidence to demonstrate the likelihood of anticipated outcomes. These steps can help people to develop an effective strategy prior to contacting prospective businesses. The paper also provides a case study from a large retailer in the U.K. and an annotated appendix of business involvement in poverty reduction initiatives.


Summary: This paper discusses five areas of activity within social development: corporate social responsibility; social enterprise; social investing; strategic philanthropy; and sustainable development. For each area, key issues, organizations, and ideas for improvement are identified and discussed. The paper seeks to demonstrate areas of overlap and commonality, drawing particularly on shared interests and challenges in each area of activity. The need for appropriate capital, effective and universal metrics, leadership and organizational development, and government policies are identified as common challenges. The paper argues that an international architecture to enable participants to collaborate is needed. A brief discussion of recommendations and projects to facilitate this process of dialogue and networking is included.


Summary: This paper begins with a brief discussion of the concepts of social and economic inclusion and exclusion in European public policy. It traces the evolution of these concepts in the experience of France, the United Kingdom, and the European Union. The European experience offers Canada an understanding of the cost and problems associated with social exclusion and the need to publicize this knowledge. It also emphasizes the necessity to collaborate with diverse groups throughout the process of policy formation. The paper concludes with a discussion of the social and economic conditions in Atlantic Canada, and how the concepts of social and economic exclusion may be adapted to this region to offer new insights. A comprehensive annotated list of primary sources used in the paper is provided.


This study seeks to dispel the belief that equality within a nation comes at the cost of economic efficiency. A cross-country analysis compares the experience of liberal states (in particular, the U.S. model) with social democratic states (Scandinavian countries, particularly the Netherlands and Denmark). Statistical measures from the 1990s of GDP growth, employment, tax shares, wages and income distribution, public spending and welfare programs are examined. The study concludes that economic growth is possible despite, and perhaps even because of, greater equity. It highlights key factors in social and economic success: macroeconomic policies, public consumption, taxation, investment in human and social capital, and social cooperation. Finally, the paper discusses the context of the global economy and argues that equity may still
be pursued in this competitive environment.


This paper takes a theoretical and empirical approach to understanding the social economy. It begins with a theoretical discussion of sociological issues related to the social economy. A summary of conceptual terms used in the study of social economy is also provided. Quebec’s social economy serves as a model for empirical analysis. This model demonstrates an intricate support structure of enterprises, private and non-profit sectors, cooperatives, and committees working together to offer technical assistance to foster development. The development of the social economy for the rest of Canada is discussed, including various social economy models. The paper suggests a trend of increasing non-governmental sector responsibility in issues of social welfare. European and American models of social economy are briefly considered. The role of the community in integrating social, environmental and cultural development is emphasized. The paper identifies critical elements of successful social economies and implications for policy.

“Part of the solution: Leveraging business and markets for low-income people (Lessons learned from the Ford Foundation’s corporate involvement initiative),” *Ford Foundation: 1-72, (2004).*

This report presents a thorough summary of the fundamental lessons learned from the Corporate Involvement (CI) Initiative of the Ford Foundation. This program seeks to demonstrate how business and communities could collaborate in economic development. The paper argues that there exists a need to address market barriers and to transform markets to better meet social needs and increase wealth for low-income people are discussed. This argument is supported by an analysis of several case examples. The report also outlines a process framework for evaluating market barriers and developing effective intervention strategies, and discusses factors for success. The role of foundations in supporting CI strategies, and future challenges of the CI Initiative are also discussed.


This document is an argumentative paper that critiques the current structure of economic-driven development. It describes social injustices on a global level, including income, health, and public services. Despite ideological declarations for reform in the development discourse, global inequities continue. Profit-driven conquests have had direct and adverse effects on health, bio-safety and food security among other areas. The paper suggests that these problems stem from the separation of social development from economic development. It points to the decline of social programs in Canada, and the failure of liberalization as an economic model to
serve as a solution for social problems. The paper also discusses the role of the Bretton Woods institutions in driving these changes by promoting the current global economic model. The author argues for a new economic model, with a commitment to equality and social development, which entails both responsibilities and rights.

This paper assesses the economic aspects of poverty in Calgary, Alberta. It estimates the public spending costs of poverty incurred by those who do not live in poverty. Areas of resource use affected by the level of poverty are identified and examined in depth: additional heath care spending, reduced high school completion rates, early childhood education services, additional demands on the criminal justice system, and costs of administering income provision and social support. The results show that poverty has a significant impact on the economy. Under the most conservative assumptions, poverty in Calgary costs $8.25 million per year in public funds. Some speculators suggest this amount reaches $56.8 million per year. These costs represent potential savings that could be realized with an effective and sustained program of poverty reduction. The paper offers several low-cost suggestions for such programs.

In Atlantic Canada, social and economic exclusion and inclusion have become the focus of attention among those who are concerned about poverty and its many negative effects on people. The Inclusion Lens provides a way of looking at social and economic exclusion and inclusion. The Lens is a tool for analyzing legislation, policies, programs and practices to determine whether they promote social and economic inclusion of individuals, families and communities.

The Lens provides a set of values that underlie the use of this tool, definitions for social and economic exclusion and inclusion, and an explanation of the relationship of social and economic exclusion to the determinants of health. It illustrates the Inclusion Lens and its eight dimensions - economic, political, structural, cultural, spatial, functional, relational and participatory. It also describes many of the elements of each dimension. Worksheets are included that ask questions about social and economic exclusion and inclusion. Examples of the application of the Lens in policy and community settings are presented.

This paper draws on research conducted in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta, to quantify the direct societal costs of homelessness. Three components were considered in the calculation:
service provision costs; cost avoidance (reduction in government expenditures); and emergency shelter costs. Questions were directed to 68 local community agencies which provided data for the budget and costs of their homeless service and shelter provisions. Data and calculations are shown in the report. Specific issues are identified with recommendations for resolving them. Most notably, there is a need for greater emphasis on preventive rather than reactive responses to homelessness.

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**Journals, Reference Papers, Books, Popular Pieces**

**Canadian Farm Journal of Economics**


**CULTIVATING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND RURAL PROSPERITY IN A DYNAMIC AND UNCERTAIN ENVIRONMENT** Co-Leaders: Charles Cleland and Sally Maggard. Team Members: Mark Bailey, Larry Biles, Hongda Chen, Jerry DeWitt, Richard Hegg, Patricia Hipple, David Holder, Fen Hunt, Anna Mae Kobbe, Patricia McAleer, Mary Ann Rozum, Dan Schmoldt, Jane Schuchardt, Tony Smith, Tom Tate, and Randy Williams; with input from Richard Hood, Allan Smith, and Greg Crosby. [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/white_papers/pdfs/cultivating.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/white_papers/pdfs/cultivating.pdf)


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**Rural and Small Town Canada Bulletin**


Aquaponics in Alberta Add plants to boost profits, fish farmers told; But bankers won't fund aquaponics, farmer says (Edmonton Journal)

EDMONTON - A farmer whose sole product is fish can harvest bigger profits if a vegetable or herb crop is added to the system, said presenters at an aquaculture conference in Edmonton. This form of agriculture, called aquaponics, is still rare in Alberta, said Nick Savidov, a research scientist with Alberta Agriculture's Crop Diversification Centre in Brooks.

Environment and Economy: Essays on the Human Geography of Alberta
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The Pekisko Group is an association of many families bound together by the common vision of a healthy and prosperous future for all people in southern Alberta. They see themselves as
stewards of a land shaped by glaciers and thousands of years of rolling grasses and grazing buffalo. This land they oversee generates sustainable fresh water, clean air, and economic benefit for Albertans and will continue to do so indefinitely if we make the right choices now.

These families consider that the land they steward is a special place. Some of this land has been in the same family for several generations and over one-hundred years. Some of it is deeded land, but much of the grazing area is leased. Here they live the concept of sustainability, shepherding the native grasslands on which their livelihood depends. It takes knowledge, patience and a lot of work, but they do it because they love the land and the lifestyle. There is nothing short-term about their thinking or way of life. For many it would be easier to sell-out, pocket the money and find a comfortable place to live in a warm climate. Yet they stay on as owners and stewards.


RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENHANCING THE MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY OF GRANT AND CONTRIBUTION PROGRAMS TO THE COMMUNITY NON PROFIT SECTOR Submission to the Independent Blue Ribbon Panel on Grants and Contributions Programs by the Voluntary Sector Advisory Committee September 2006 http://www.actew.org/about/VSAC%20BRP%20Submission%20EN.pdf

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Encouraging the Social Economy through Public Policy: The Relationship between the Ontario Government and Social Economy Organizations Kathy L. Brock and Cheryl Bulpitt Queen’s University Paper prepared for the annual meetings of the Canadian Political Science Association University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan May 29-June 1, 2007

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Evidence-based decision making requires conceptualization, data development, and empirical research. This article explores each of these in turn, focusing especially on two data releases from 2004 that substantially increased the quality and quantity of the information available to support policy research and analysis of the social economy and related sectors.1

The 2004 Speech from the Throne committed the Government of Canada to foster the development of the social economy by creating the conditions for its success and an environment favourable to its growth. By late 2005, Cabinet had approved the Social Economy Pilot Initiative to implement targeted programs in support of projects to build community capacity for social economy activities. This pilot initiative emphasizes social economy enterprises, defined as those run like regular businesses, producing goods and services for the market economy, but managing their operations and redirecting surpluses in pursuit of social and community goals. The social and community economic development contributions of these enterprises are diverse, ranging from the employment of disadvantaged groups, to addressing local environmental challenges, to delivering training and skills development, and providing affordable housing.

The $132 million Social Economy Pilot Initiative consists of three components.

- the two-year $17 million Capacity Building Pilot initiative designed to enhance the capacity of organizations, communities, and social entrepreneurs to pursue and sustain social economy enterprises that contribute to the social and environmental goals of the community;
• the five-year $100 million Patient Capital Demonstration Fund, which on a regional basis, will make loan and patient capital financing available to social enterprises, taking into consideration their unique needs and responding to their specific start-up and growth challenges; and
• the five-year $15 million research fund to support research on the social economy and mobilize networks and knowledge transfer. (See below the description of the SSHRC activities by J. Halliwell.)

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Policy

• Earth Policy Institute
http://www.earth-policy.org/About/index.htm

Since the publication of Silent Spring and the birth of the modern environmental movement, the environmental community has worked hard to arrest the deterioration of the Earth’s health. Many battles have been won, but we are losing the war. The Earth’s capacity to support the economy continues to deteriorate. The gap between what we need to do to arrest the deterioration of the Earth and what we are doing continues to widen. Somehow we have to turn the tide. The purpose of the Earth Policy Institute is to provide a vision of what an environmentally sustainable economy will look like and a plan for how to get from here to there.

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Abstract: The organic industry in Canada is growing and Alberta organic grain producers have expressed a concern that the marketing system for organic grains in Alberta is poorly organized. This poorly organized system may hinder producers from optimizing market potential. This paper assesses different organizational structures that might assist Alberta organic grain producers in optimizing market potential. The authors identified five marketing strategies for review including two individual strategies - private company and sole proprietorship, and three collective strategies - new generation cooperative, association and private company. Producers, industry and government representatives identified the primary obstacles to marketing organic grain in Alberta as a lack of price and market information, poor communication, lack of government involvement, constraining regulatory bodies, lack of consensus on standards, and lack of local marketing infrastructure. Primary opportunities were identified as growing demand in the industry, the organic premium obtained from this high income niche market and the potential to work collectively. Focus group discussions showed a lack of cooperation in the market, which appears to stem from a lack of trust between participants in the market. The implications are that producers appear to want the benefits of working collectively, but unless they are willing to work together, an individual strategy may be the only option. All producers are currently using the individual strategy and appear to favor it because it involves no delivery commitment or financial investment. However for producers who are willing to operate in a collective fashion, the discussion results suggest that organic grain producers can best address the critical success factors with a marketing association. Although the association appears to be the choice of each of the focus groups, it is still constrained by a perceived lack of willingness to develop a more formal structure. (abstract written by S. McKinnon).

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