

Alberta Official Statistics

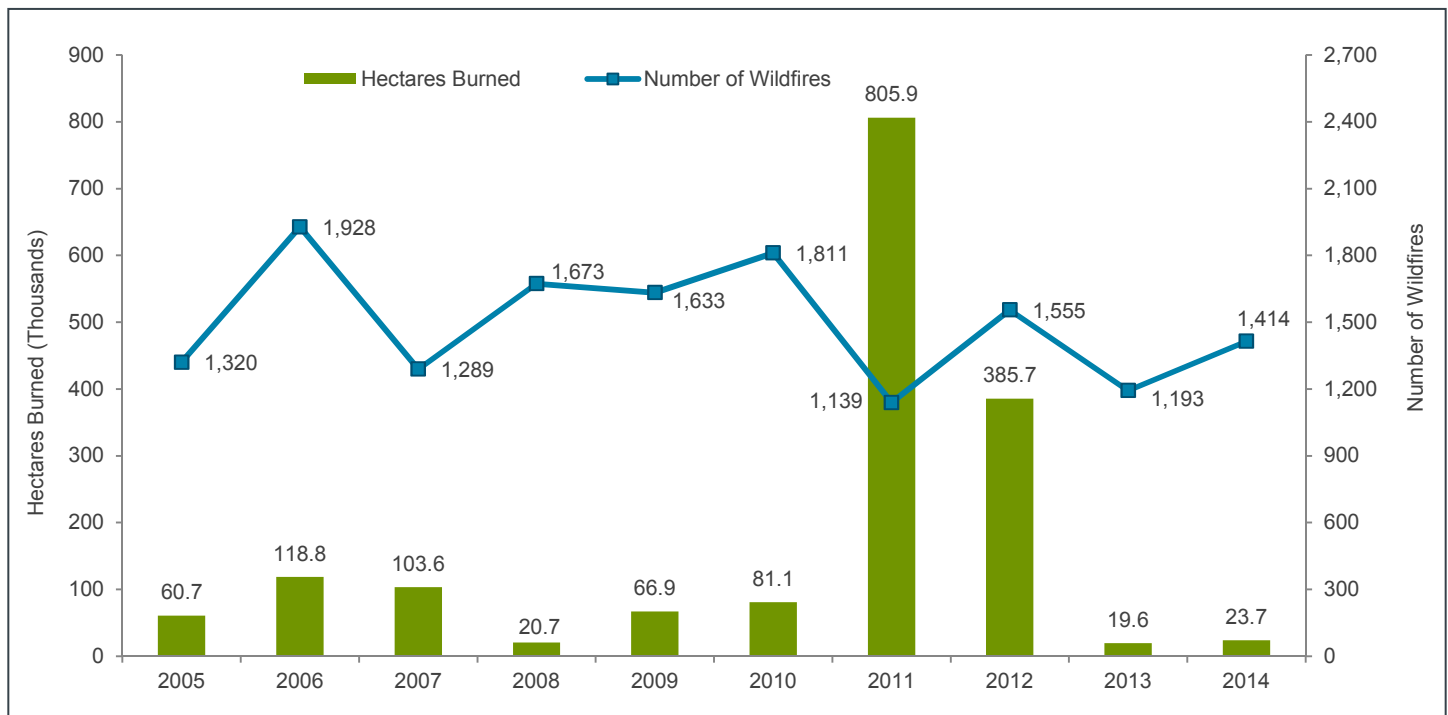
Hectares Burned from Wildfire during Fire Season, Alberta

- The Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) is responsible for detecting, assessing and responding to wildfires within the Forest Protection Area (the area of the province AAF is mandated to protect against wildfires). Municipalities have the jurisdiction to fight fires within their boundaries.
- In 2014, the number of wildfires increased from 1,193 to 1,414, remaining on par with the previous 5- year average of 1,422 (2010-2014).
- The area burned in 2014 saw a small increase from 19,572 to 23,716 hectares. The number of hectares burned for 2014 was lower than average when compared to other years.
- Despite above-average snowfall in the winter of 2011, short-term extreme weather in the middle of May fanned some of the most destructive wildfires in Canada's history. During the 2011 wildfire season, Alberta recorded 1,139 wildfires that burned more than 800,000 hectares of forest. The area burned in 2011 was almost 10 times the previous five-year average (2006-2010).

Note: A fire season is measured from April 1 to October 31 for each year.

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Source: Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Fire Resource Information System (FIRES)