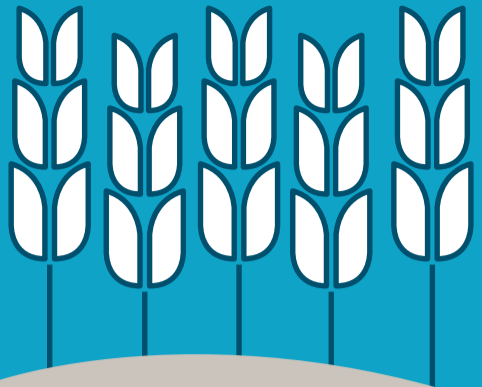
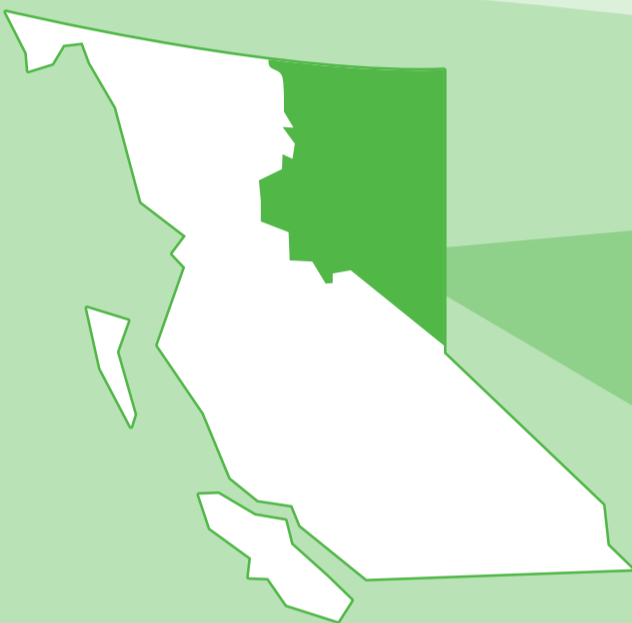


Site C and agriculture

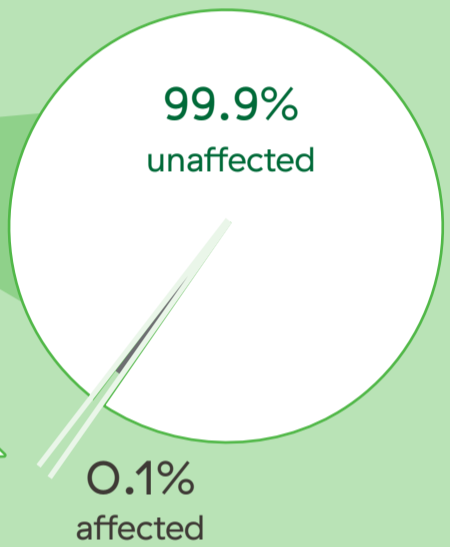
BC Hydro recognizes the important role agriculture plays in the Peace River region, and has studied the potential effects of the Site C project as part of an agricultural assessment.



More than **99%** of agricultural land rated as Class 1 to 5 in the Peace Agricultural Region will not be affected by Site C



Approximately **2,670,000 ha** of Class 1 to 5 lands will remain available for agricultural production in the region after Site C, compared to 3,800 ha that will be unavailable.



An independent Joint Review Panel concluded that:
“...the permanent loss of the agricultural production of the Peace River valley bottomlands included in the local assessment area of the Project is not, by itself and in the context of B.C. or western Canadian agricultural production, significant.”

Benefits to agriculture production



No changes are anticipated to the ability of the region to produce food to satisfy regional consumption.



BC Hydro's \$20 million agriculture compensation fund will benefit agriculture production in the region.

For a detailed breakdown of all Class 1 to 7 agricultural lands in the Project Activity Zone, Peace River Valley and Peace Agricultural Region, please see Table 20.17 in the Site C Environmental Impact Statement (Volume 3, Section 20).