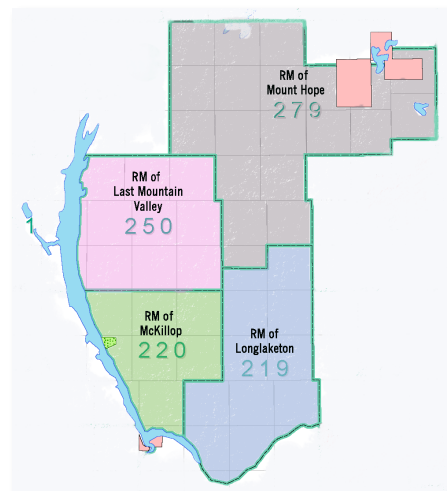


COMPARISON OF AGRICULTURE TAXES IN 4 RURAL MUNICIPALITIES—219, 220, 250 & 279

BULYEA, SK: At a recent RM of McKillop No 220 public meeting, concern was expressed about differences between tax costs of agricultural land (AG) in the RM of 220 and other neighbouring RMs. Research by the RM 220 RPA presents 2017 tax data from *Property Assessment & Taxation, Policy & Program Services Branch, Sask. Government Relations* (March 14th, 2018) and compares the assessments and levies of the RMs of Longlaketon No. 219, McKillop No. 220, Last Mountain Valley No. 250 and Mount Hope No. 279 (See RM map to right).



What is the percent of total municipal assessment (dollar value for tax purposes) of AG land in each RM?

In the 4 RMs, Last Mountain Valley 250 is ranked #1 with AG land making up 84.2% of total municipal assessment, followed by #2 Mount Hope 279 at 84%, #3 Longlaketon 219 at 49.4% and McKillop 220 is #4 at 28.2%.

How much does AG land contribute to the total municipal tax levy (revenue)?

Again Last Mountain Valley 250 is #1 with AG land contributing 83.2% of the RM revenue, #2 is Mount Hope 279 at 80.9%, #3 Longlaketon 219, 59% and #4 McKillop 220, 36.7% (See table below). All other revenue from municipal tax levies are categorized as either residential or commercial taxes by Sask. Government Relations.

2017 RM Tax Data		Municipal Taxable Assessment			Municipal Tax Levy		
2017 Rural Municipality	2016 Census	Agriculture	Total Municipal Assessment	AG % Total Municipal Assessment	Agriculture	Total Municipal Tax Levy	AG % Total Municipal Tax Levy
Longlaketon No. 219	1016	118,797,210	240,719,630	49.4%	1,024,626	1,736,538	59.0%
McKillop No. 220	732	76,311,245	270,180,848	28.2%	654,750	1,783,610	36.7%
Last Mountain Valley No. 250	275	105,452,250	125,265,450	84.2%	738,166	887,404	83.2%
Mount Hope No. 279	531	207,395,500	246,823,210	84.0%	1,742,122	2,153,395	80.9%
Total	2554	\$507,956,205	\$882,989,138		\$4,159,664	\$6,560,947	

Source: Property Assessment & Taxation, Policy & Program Services Branch, Sask. Government Relations, March 14, 2018

Which RM AG land has the highest municipal tax levy on a quarter section of crop land assessed at \$140,000?

Comparing apples to apples, 3 of 4 RMs have similar tax levies on this example quarter. An AG producer with this example quarter would pay the most in Longlaketon 219 followed by McKillop 220 and Mount Hope 279. The least expensive AG levy is found in Last Mountain Valley 250.

Notes: 1) All RMs would levy the same education tax of \$110.11 on this example quarter. 2) If there's a house on AG land then SAMA considers that there is a 3 acre residential yard site. The education and municipal tax levy on this 3 acre yard site would be \$485.89 in McKillop 220 and \$265.11 in Longlaketon 219. There would be no extra taxes in the RMs of Mount Hope 279 and Last Mountain Valley 250.

RM	Levy on Example Quarter	Education Tax	Total
219	\$663.74	\$110.11	\$773.85
220	\$660.66	\$110.11	\$770.77
279	\$646.80	\$110.11	\$756.91
250	\$539.00	\$110.11	\$649.11

BACKGROUNDER: The Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220 lies along the east shore of Last Mountain Lake, north of Lumsden. There are 732 permanent residents and approximately 2,000 ratepayers in the RM. The RM 220 RPA is a citizen's group dedicated to fair taxes, less waste and accountable RM of McKillop No. 220 Council spending.

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