# Quick Facts: Irrigation in Alberta



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#### What is Irrigation?



Adding water to plants, to help them grow.

# Where is Alberta Irrigation?

82% is in southern Alberta



#### Why do we need to irrigate?

Because southern Alberta receives less rain and hotter temperatures than the rest of Alberta. Crops need irrigation to grow better.



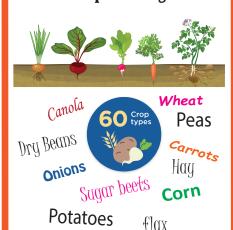
#### What are Reservoirs?

Artifical lakes where water is collected and stored for later use.



57 irrigation reservoirs in Southern Alberta

# What crops are irrigated?



#### Where do towns and cities get water?



Irrigation canals & pipelines supply water to 50 communities in southern Alberta

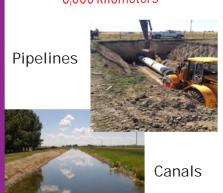
## 13 Irrigation Districts:

deliver water to farms, cities and towns, industry, wetlands and reservoirs through canals and pipelines.



### How does water get to the farms?

8,000 kilometers



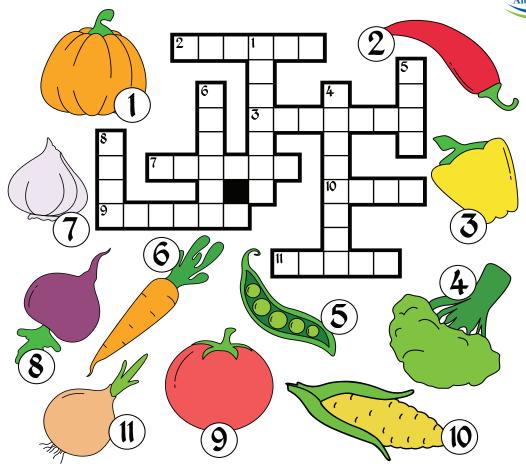
#### How do farmers water the fields?



**Pivots** 







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