Local Economic Snapshot

Perth County 2021

Summary

18% of Western Ontario Farm cash receipts

18% of Western Ontario Agri-food GDP

2.2% of Western Ontario population

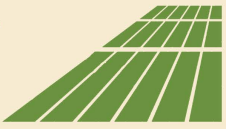
4% of Western Ontario Agri-food Employment

Perth Agriculture at a Glance

where

533,244 acres of farmland across **2,420** farms, averaging **220** acres per farm

UP 3% FROM 2016



400,616 acres (**75%**) are owned rather than rented

20% DOWN FROM 2016

13,800 acres of pastureland

UP 3% FROM 2016

468,573 acres of land in crops

Agri-food Sector Contributions

$1,212 million in Farm Cash Receipts

UP 45% FROM 2016

Hogs, Dairy Products, and Other Crops & Livestock

through

3,430 farm operators actively farming **533,244 acres** of farm area, and through **2,683** local agri-food business establishments employing **8,185** workers

supporting

$2,655 million in GDP and **7,995 employees** in the Agri-food sector across Ontario

Thriving in Abundance

Perth county cultivates a surplus beyond local needs in **24%** of its crop products, and **100%** of its animal products

UP 6% FROM 2016

8% of farms sell directly to the consumer

Perth's surpluses beyond local need include:

47x Rutabagas & Turnips

26x Dairy Products

14x Turkey

45x Wheat Flour

Looking to the Future

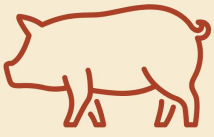
UP 145% FROM 2016

20% of farm operations use renewable energy producing systems

UP 36% FROM 2016

14% of farm operations have a written succession plan

UP 16% FROM 2016



Thenumber of farms with pigs has increased from 2016, as hogs remain a top commodity for the country

UP 5% FROM 2016

The number of farms selling value-added agricultural products directly to consumers has increased since 2016

County Agri Profile: https://data.ontario.ca/dataset/ontario-farm-data-by-county/resource/4f7327f8-7173-42d2-9664-0361002b4c45
Farm Cash Receipts by Crops & County: https://data.ontario.ca/dataset/ontario-farm-cash-receipts-by-county-and-crop
Key Impact Statement: https://data.ontario.ca/dataset/ontario-business-agri-food-and-farm-data-profiles-economic-impact-summary
MPAC Data by County: https://data.ontario.ca/dataset/ontario-total-farm-area

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